



**ENROLLMENT APPLICATION**

Please submit one application per child. **Deadline for 2016-2017 enrollment: Friday, February 5, 2016.** Lotteries are held at 2 p.m. at the school. **Deadline for 2015-2016 enrollment: Friday, February 12, 2016.** New applicants are accepted on Fridays when there is a vacant seat in the grade for which they are applying. If there are no open seats, a lottery is held for the remaining seats or placement on our waitlist. Lotteries are held at 2 p.m. at Adams Town Hall. **Return completed application to: BART Charter Public School, Attn: Monique Nottke, One Commercial Place, PO Box 267, Adams, MA 01220. Phone: 413-743-7311 Fax: 413-743-7327 [www.BARTcharter.org](http://www.BARTcharter.org)**

*Atención: Si usted necesita una traducción al Español de este o cualquier otro documento, por favor póngase en contacto con Erin Hattaway, profesora de Español. Teléfono: 413-684-8107.*

<b>Student Last Name, First Name &amp; Middle Name</b> <small>(Fill out one form for each student participating in the enrollment process)</small>			<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	<b>Town of Birth:</b>	<b>Year Applying For:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2015-2016 <input type="checkbox"/> 2016-2017		<b>Grade Applying For:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Residential Address:</b>		<b>Town:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		<b>Town:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Current School Name:</b>		<b>Location:</b>	<b>Home Phone Number:</b>	
<b>School Name and Grade Student Attended Previous School Year:</b>			<b>Location of School Student Attended Previous Year:</b>	
<b>Is your child Hispanic or Latino?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
<b>Please indicate the racial/ethnic category that best describes your child (check one only):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White				
<b>Does enrolling student have a sibling currently attending BART?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
<b>Name(s) of BART Student(s):</b>				
<b>Is your child currently eligible for free or reduced priced meals?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not Know				
<b>Does your child currently receive any student support services?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not Know				
<b>If Yes, what services does your child receive (check all that apply):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Spec. Ed (IEP) <input type="checkbox"/> 504 Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Title 1 <input type="checkbox"/> English as 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lang. <input type="checkbox"/> OT <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted & Talented <input type="checkbox"/> Speech Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
<b>Please list any additional medical, learning, physical or other special needs your child has:</b>				
<b>Has your child been expelled from another school district pursuant to GL c 71 §37H or 37H½?</b>				

<b>Why does your CHILD want to attend the Berkshire Arts &amp; Technology Charter Public School (check all that apply):</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> My child wants to attend college	<input type="checkbox"/> My child is interested in arts & technology	<input type="checkbox"/> My child's friend(s) or family is enrolled	
<input type="checkbox"/> My child wants to attend a smaller school	<input type="checkbox"/> My child is not happy with his or her current school	<input type="checkbox"/> My child wants better grades	
<input type="checkbox"/> My child doesn't know why he/she wants to attend	<input type="checkbox"/> My child doesn't want to attend but I want him/her to		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<b>Why do YOU want your child to attend the Berkshire Arts &amp; Technology Charter Public School (check all that apply):</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I want my child to attend college	<input type="checkbox"/> I want my child to learn arts & technology	<input type="checkbox"/> My child's friend(s) or family is enrolled	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want my child to attend a smaller school	<input type="checkbox"/> My child is not happy with his or her current school	<input type="checkbox"/> I want more discipline & structure for my child	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure why. My child requested to enroll	<input type="checkbox"/> I am unsatisfied with my child's current progress		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<b>Please list any special interests or lessons your child is currently taking (ex: music/instrument, dance, chorus, drama, etc.):</b>			
<b>Primary Guardian Name:</b>			<b>Relationship to Child:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		<b>Residential Address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>E-Mail:</b>
<b>Home Phone Number:</b>	<b>Day Phone Number:</b>		<b>Cell Phone Number:</b>
<b>Highest level of education the student's primary guardian has obtained (Check one):</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Did not complete high school	<input type="checkbox"/> High school degree/GED	<input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree	
<b>Secondary Guardian Name ( <input type="checkbox"/> Check here to be sent additional copy of all mailings.)</b>			<b>Relationship to Child:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		<b>Residential Address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>E-Mail:</b>
<b>Home Phone Number:</b>	<b>Day Phone Number:</b>		<b>Cell Phone Number:</b>
<b>Highest level of education the student's secondary guardian has obtained (Check one):</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Did not complete high school	<input type="checkbox"/> High school degree/GED	<input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree	
<b>How did you hear about BART (check all that apply):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Relative <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Radio News Story			
<input type="checkbox"/> Online Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Advertisement	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Article	<input type="checkbox"/> District School Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<b>In the event that an admissions lottery is necessary, the school will announce students' names as they are drawn in a public forum. If you would prefer to have your child's name withheld from public mention, please indicate so here:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, withhold my child's name			
<b>Please indicate if Parent/Guardian is a Military Family Member:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<i>I have read and understand the enrollment process &amp; school program provided to me and would like to enroll my child into the BART Charter Public School. This form is not valid without the signature of the parent/legal guardian.</i>			
Parent/Guardian Signature:			Date: <span style="float: right;">Revised 7/8/2014</span>

BART does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language or a foreign language or prior academic achievement. In order to be accepted into the school's admissions lottery, families need only to demonstrate proof of residency and proof that their child completed the prior grade. All other information collected in this application is for planning purposes only.



**NOTIFICATION OF POLICY REGARDING RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION**

According to Massachusetts Law, (603 CMR 23.07(4)(a)) the school may release **Directory Information** to third parties without consent. Listed below is a “Third Parties List” to whom the Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School seeks authorization for the release of directory information. Directory information may include the students’ name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, weight and height of members of athletic teams, class, participation in recognized school activities and sports, degrees, honors, awards, and post-high school plans. Except for information described in 603 CMR 23.07 (4)(a), personally identifiable information from a student record shall only be released to a third party on the condition that he/she will not permit any other third party to have access to such information without the written consent of the eligible student or parent.

**BART School Volunteers  
BART Parent Advisory Council  
School Fundraising Programs  
Contractors Working for BART (e.g., Dufour Bus)  
Sending district school (e.g., North Adams Public Schools for Residents of North Adams)  
MA Charter Public School Association  
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

BART Charter Public School will not release any information to any third party not listed above without providing a public notice to parents and eligible students about the type of information it may release under 603 CMR 23.07 and allow a reasonable time after such notice to request that this information not be released without the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student.

To learn more about laws pertaining to student records, visit [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu) or you can obtain a copy of the “Education Laws & Regulations/Student Records” in our main office.

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- I give BART Charter Public School consent to release directory information to the list of approved third parties above. I further understand that BART Charter Public School will notify me in accordance with 603 CMR 23.07 with any intent to release directory information to third parties that were not previously listed and provide me with the opportunity to opt out.
  
  - I do not want my information shared with any third party organization, though I understand that the school is required to share some student information with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Student Name)

Parent/Guardian Signature (If student is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature (if over 14 or is in grade 9 or higher): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**BERKSHIRE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
Updated by Board of Trustees on July 16, 2012**

The Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School (BART) is a free public school serving students in grades 6-12. Our mission is to prepare students for college by promoting mastery of academic skills and content through the integration of the arts and technology in core subjects. The school provides middle and high school students in northern Berkshire County with an educational community that regards everyone, including teachers and parents, as lifelong learners.

**Eligibility:**

**Demographics:** Any student who is eligible to attend a Massachusetts district school at the time of application is eligible to enroll at BART. BART does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language or a foreign language, or prior academic achievement.

**Geography:** BART is designed to serve students in Northern Berkshire County—Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanesborough, New Ashford, North Adams, Pittsfield, Savoy, and Williamstown. If BART does not fill its seats with students from Northern Berkshire County, it may enroll students from other Massachusetts communities using a random lottery. Applicants must be a resident of Massachusetts at the time of application.

**Attainment:** Students must have completed the grade prior to the one in which they are to enroll. For example, a student who wishes to enroll in the 6th grade must have completed 5th grade by the time he or she enters BART. The school does not administer tests to potential applicants nor does the school base enrollment decisions on the results from any test or prior achievement.

**Grade Level:** BART enrolls new students into grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. While BART offers grades 10 through 12, only students continuously enrolled at BART since grade 9 are eligible to enter those grades. Students who have passed a grade at another school but whose parents would like them to repeat the grade may only repeat that grade upon entering BART if they are accepted into and enrolled at BART before starting the next grade at their other school.

**Timing:** BART enrolls new students throughout the school year up and until February 15<sup>th</sup>, should a space be available or become available in grades 6 through 9. Should a space become available after February 15<sup>th</sup> in grades 6, 7 or 8, that space will be filled the following September.

**Enrollment:**

All students entering BART must complete an enrollment process. The enrollment process follows strict guidelines set by the Massachusetts State Legislature and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and includes the following steps:

1. BART determines number of vacant seats in each grade (required)
2. BART publicizes available openings at school (required)
3. Student / family attends information session (optional)
4. Student and parent complete application form (required)
5. Application form mailed, e-mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to BART offices by application deadline (required)
6. If necessary, student / family attends admissions lottery (optional)
7. Student offered admission or placed on waitlist (required)

8. Student / family accepts offer of admission (required)
9. Student and family complete additional registration forms (required for attendance)

**1. BART determines number of vacant seats in each grade (required)**

Each February, BART will determine the number of seats available in each of grades 6 through 9 for the following September. The number of seats in each of grades 7 through 9 will be no less than the number of students enrolled in grades 6 through 8 on February 15<sup>th</sup>. If a vacancy in a grade is created after February 15<sup>th</sup> in grades 6, 7 or 8, it will be considered an open seat in the subsequent grade for the following September.

Throughout the school year, the minimum number of seats in each grade level will be determined by the number of students present in that grade on the first day of school. If a student stops attending BART for any reason in grades 6 through 9, the school will attempt to fill that vacant seat up until February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2. BART publicizes available openings at school (required)**

Each February and throughout the year as needed, BART will determine the number of spaces available in each grade level. BART will publicize open enrollment periods during which families may submit enrollment forms. The school will use a variety of media to let families know about the enrollment process and deadlines, and make an effort to reach families who might most need a different public school option. Publicity for the enrollment process will be made at least one month prior to the day enrollment forms are due. If a lottery is necessary, that fact will be publicized a least one week prior to the lottery date.

BART maintains and implements a student recruitment and retention plan as outlined in M.G.L., Section 89(f) and CMR 603 1.05(f).

**3. Student/ family attends information sessions (optional)**

BART holds information sessions periodically throughout the calendar year. These information sessions are advertised at least one week in advance through, at a minimum, press releases, public access television and on our website. Details about information sessions are also available at the school. Families can also set up an appointment with the Enrollment Counselor to learn more about the school and take a tour.

Attendance at an informational meeting is encouraged, but not required, as a condition of enrollment.

**4. Student/family completes application (required)**

Applications can be obtained by calling or visiting the BART offices or by downloading one from BART's website. Applications are also available at all information sessions. All applications need to be signed and dated by a parent/guardian.

Information requested on the application form, including race, language spoken at home, special education status and income level, is not intended and will not be used to discriminate in the enrollment process.

Two items that prove Massachusetts residency must be included with the application. Documents that prove residency include a lease, mortgage statements, utility bills, driver's license, state ID card or other document that identifies the home address of the family. Homeless students are not required to provide proof of residency.

**5. Application form mailed, e-mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to BART offices by application deadline (required)**

Applications need to be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or hand-delivered to BART offices by the application deadline listed on the application form. There are multiple application periods prior to each school year; applications received after each deadline will be included in the following application period. Once the school year begins, the application deadlines for the current school year will occur every Monday at 12noon, with a lottery to follow at 4:30pm if more students apply than space available. These deadlines will be publicized in accordance with section 2 above and posted on the school's website on the "Enrollment" page.

All applications submitted for future academic years will be considered for admission in the first application cycle prior to that academic year.

**6. Student / family attends admissions lottery (optional)**

BART is non-selective, and does not require students to have a certain grade point average or ask students to pass any kind of entrance exam or audition. If the number of enrollment forms submitted by the deadline is equal to or less than the number of seats available in each grade level, all of those students will be enrolled for the following school year. If the number of enrollment forms submitted is greater than the number of seats available in each grade level, a random lottery will be conducted in public at the school to determine which students will be enrolled and which will be placed on the waiting list. Families of applicants are encouraged but not required to attend the admissions lottery.

In the event a lottery is required, a disinterested party will draw names. Families who wish to keep their children's names private in the lottery should indicate this on the enrollment application. Every name will be drawn and placed on either the enrollment list or the waiting list according to enrollment preference/priority.

**Sibling Preference:** Siblings of students who are already in attendance at BART in the year of application are given preference for admission over non-siblings. This applies to students both within and outside of the school's chartered region. However, siblings must also be residents of Massachusetts.

**Regional Priority:** Students who reside within the region specified in the BART charter application (Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanesborough, North Adams, Pittsfield, Savoy, and Williamstown) have enrollment preference over students who reside in other Massachusetts towns or cities.

**Sending District Tuition Cap:** For each district there is an enrollment cap determined by the state in accordance with state law that limits the percentage of net school spending from each district that may be transferred to a charter school. The Massachusetts Department of Education provides this data to charter schools by February 15. As each name is drawn, the student's residence will be identified in order to determine if that student is eligible for enrollment under the cap. If that particular town has reached its enrollment cap, that student will be placed on the waiting list. This may result in some subsequently drawn students from other towns being enrolled after some students are placed on the waiting list.

The only exception to this rule is if a sibling of a student who is already attending BART is drawn in the lottery and is above his or her district cap, that student may still be enrolled and his or her tuition will be paid by the State of Massachusetts rather than his or her sending district, subject to appropriation.

If the principal enrollment process fails to produce an adequate number of enrolled students, enrollment and lottery process may be repeated, following the same public notification and deadline requirements.

**7. Student offered admission or placed on waitlist (required)**

Families will be notified by mail within one week of the lottery regarding the status of the student.

If a student was placed on a waitlist at a lottery, and subsequently a space becomes available, students will be drawn from the waiting list in the order they were placed on it. (With two notable exceptions listed below, under "Waitlist Procedures.") Students will be notified by both phone and mail if they have been admitted from the waiting list.

**8. Student / family accepts offer of admission (required)**

In order to accept their offer of admission, a parent must sign and return the admissions acceptance statement within 2 weeks of receipt. Any student or family who fails to return this statement within 2 weeks of receipt may lose his/her offer of admission.

**9. Student and family complete additional registration forms (required for attendance)**

Once a student has accepted his/her offer of admission, BART will send additional forms to be completed prior to entering BART. These forms will have specified deadlines for completion. Students will not be allowed to attend BART until these forms are completed.

Throughout the enrollment and registration process it is the responsibility of the student and the student's family to ensure that BART has up-to-date contact information on file for the student and the student's family. BART employees will make all reasonable attempts to contact families with the contact information provided. However, if BART employees have tried all reasonable methods to communicate with a family to no avail, or if BART receives incontrovertible evidence that the enrolled child will not attend BART, BART reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of that student and offer admission to the next student on the waitlist.

If a student is chosen in the lottery and completes all necessary registration forms but fails to meet eligibility criteria (completion of prior grade or demonstration of Massachusetts residency), that student will be removed from the student roster of BART and the next student on the waiting list will be offered admission.

**Waitlist Procedures**

All students not accepted in the enrollment lottery are placed on a waiting list in the order the names were selected while also taking into account sibling and resident preference, and sending district tuition cap limits as described above.

If a student previously admitted through the enrollment process declines enrollment or stops attending BART, the next available student on the waitlist for that grade will be offered admission until the vacant seat is filled.

The school will keep a record of students on the waiting list, including the name, home address, telephone numbers, e-mail and grade levels of students who entered the lottery but did not gain admission. It is the responsibility of the family to update the school should contact information change while a student remains on the waiting list.

When a vacancy opens and a student is invited to enroll at BART from the waiting list, the school will call and e-mail the family to issue the invitation. If the school is unable to contact the family through these methods, the school will send a letter via USPS and with a delivery confirmation, notifying the family of an opening and setting a deadline of 1 week to accept or decline admission.

Waiting lists will roll over to subsequent years. For example, if a space becomes available in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, a student who was first on the waiting list for the previous year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be offered admission first.





### **Declining Admission**

Students who, after receiving an offer of admission to BART, decide to decline their offer should notify BART as soon as possible of their decision, ideally in writing.

### **Disclosure of Student Information**

BART will not release any information about a student to a third party without prior notice given to the eligible student or parent, including sufficient time for a parent to “opt out” of sharing their information. After notice is given to parents, directory information may be shared with third parties and may include: a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, weight and height of members of athletic teams, class, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, degrees, honors and awards, and post-high school plans.

Personally identifiable information from a student record shall only be released to a third party on the condition that s/he will not permit any other third party to have access to such information without the written consent of the eligible student or parent.

BART will release information to the following third parties or third party mailhouses for mailings, upon request, unless the eligible student or parent requests that the school withhold his/her child's information:

- BART Community and Family Advisory Council (CFAC)
- Contractors working for BART (e.g., Dufour Bus)
- Sending District Schools (e.g., North Adams Public Schools for Residents of North Adams)
- BART School Volunteers

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