

# FAQ



## Get to Know the Brookline High School Innovation Fund

### *What is the Innovation Fund?*

The BHS Innovation Fund fosters a culture of innovation at BHS by supporting the development of new interdisciplinary courses and school-wide programs that prepare our students to thrive in the 21st Century.

Since 1998, the BHS Innovation Fund has invested \$6M in 30+ programs.

### *Why is it important to BHS?*

The BHS Innovation Fund provides funding for initiatives that are designed to improve academic achievement for all students at BHS. These programs and courses enrich the learning culture at BHS, prepare students to thrive in an increasingly global and complex world, and energize faculty by encouraging new curriculum development and experimentation.

### *How does the process work?*

Through an annual grant application process, faculty and administrators submit proposals to research and develop new innovative courses and programs that advance education and enhance the BHS school culture.

### *Who supports the Innovation Fund?*

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Innovation Fund is solely supported by contributions from parents, alumni, local businesses, and members of the community. While public tax dollars finance the major operational and capital needs at Brookline High School, they do not cover supplemental faculty time to explore and create courses and programs with a particular focus on innovative approaches to education. All charitable gifts are tax-deductible.

### *Can anyone get involved?*

Yes! Our volunteers work in collaboration with the Fund's Director, BHS administrators and faculty, and town officials to support the organization's mission. We always seek new volunteers to participate or serve on committees. We also welcome all parents to attend our events throughout the year.

## Connect with the BHS Innovation Fund

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including:**

## KEY

(**GRADE**) – Denotes  
grades the class or  
program is offered.

## New/Interdisciplinary Courses

Brookline Lens (10th, 11th, 12th)  
Drawing for Understanding in Field Science (ALL)  
Engineering by Design (10th, 11th, 12th)  
Engineering Innovation & Design (12th)  
EPIC (Experiential Project-based Innovative Capstone) (12th)  
Film as History/History as Film (12th)  
Global Leadership (10th, 11th, 12th)  
Perspectives of a Mathematical Mind (12th)  
Racial Awareness Seminar (10th)  
Social Justice Leadership Program (10th, 11th, 12th)

## Foundations for Achievement

Arts Infusion Lab (ACE, Winthrop House, CBC) (ALL)  
African-American and Latino Scholars Program (ALL)  
BHS Tutorial (ALL)  
BHS Writes/The Writing Center (ALL)  
Experiential Physics (9th)  
Medical Interpretation and Translation (12th)

## School-Wide Reach (ALL)

Finding Yourself in the Curriculum  
Advisory/Hub  
Mindfulness Initiative

## Faculty Inspiration

BHS Innovation Fund Fellowship  
Faculty Innovation Summits  
Teachers Mentoring Teachers  
Headmaster Action Plan

See our website  
for a complete list  
of all Programs:

**[bhsinnovationfund.org](https://bhsinnovationfund.org)**

**Our Mission:** The mission of the Innovation Fund is to empower the BHS faculty and community by fostering a culture of innovation and supporting the development of new ideas and initiatives that will enable our students to thrive in the 21st Century.

