Mission

**BIHS**: The mission of The Brooklyn International High School is to help English Language Learners (ELLs) to develop their language, intellectual, cultural, and collaborative abilities so that they may become active participants in today’s interdependent world. We strive to help every student reach his or her potential by fostering academic growth, personal growth, and tolerance.

**Bridge to Work**: Internship provides students with the opportunity to explore a particular career interest; gain core employability skills; develop their English skills (and in some cases their native language skills); enhance their confidence and independence; and become more active participants in their communities.

Who We Are

- Immigrants from **30+ countries**
- Speaking **35+ languages**
- **80–90 students** each spring semester

“Over the past three years we have had 30 students learn welding, carpentry, electronics and other transferable real world skills in service of collaborating on big projects. We have formed a great partnership with the program and had such success with the students that we’ve hired many of them as assistants in our summer and afterschool programs.”

**Brian Cohen**, Executive Director, Beam Center

“Internship at BIHS was an important part of high school because for one, it tested my maturity and ability to adapt in a new environment, and it helped strengthen the type of career I may want to pursue in the future. I learned to be professional, responsible, social, and get out of my comfort zone.”

**Wilfried, Class of 2016**
I can’t say enough great things about my experience with BIHS internship program! It’s a reminder that our community and country are made up of such a beautifully diverse group of hardworking individuals. The students have been enthusiastic about participating, engaged in the work, and brought such light and joy to my BrandNewNoise work experience.”

Richard Upchurch, Owner, Brandnewnoise

Community Partners
We cannot do this without our incredible community partners/ internship mentors/ sites. To learn more about Bridge to Work or become an employer partner, please contact growthteachers@mybihs.org

What We Do

THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:
1. Extends learning outside the classroom walls AND
2. Gives students the opportunity to gain core employability skills, including:
   • Collaboration  • Problem Solving
   • Personal Mindset  • Professional Attitude
   • Planning for Success  • Social Awareness
3. Internships are unpaid and for graduation credit. We begin mid-March and end early June (10 weeks, 15 hours per week).

Our Impact on Immigrant Youth
• Improved communication and English language skills
• Increased professionalism and employability skills
• Expanded peer and professional network
• Stronger vision for college and careers