ABOUT BETHLEHEM CENTRAL

Located just three miles from Albany, Bethlehem is a suburban community of over 35,000 residents. The school district serves over 4,400 students in kindergarten through grade 12 in Bethlehem and parts of two neighboring communities. The average class size in the district is 21 students.

Bethlehem Central includes five elementary schools, a middle school that serves grades 6 through 8, and a comprehensive 9-12 high school which has an enrollment of 1,558 and an instructional staff of 154 professionals.

Well known throughout the region for exemplary and innovative educational programs, BC is dedicated to preparing students to meet success in the classroom today and in the opportunities they will find tomorrow.

Bethlehem’s schools have been ranked #1 among Albany area school districts six out of the last eight years by the Albany Business Review and are consistently among the top performing schools in the state.

BC enjoys the support of active, involved residents who recognize their schools as the heart of their community.

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL: AT-A-GLANCE

K-12 Enrollment 4,451
2018-19 Budget $98,790,000
Faculty and staff 845

KNOWLEDGE, CHARACTER & VALUE

The district’s three enduring goals – and its pledge to students and community – are knowledge, character and value.

- **Knowledge**
  Empowering all students to learn to the best of their ability.

- **Character**
  Building school culture that promotes integrity, respect, and social responsibility.

- **Value**
  Delivering high quality programs and services that merit the community’s investment.
Bethlehem Central High School is a comprehensive 9-12 high school that enjoys local and national recognition for excellence. In addition to academic success, the school emphasizes community building and social, physical and emotional growth. Twenty hours of community service are required of every senior for graduation. Bethlehem Central High School features a wide array of extracurricular activities and organizations, including music and drama programs that are renowned in the community and a full breadth of interscholastic sports.

The 1,558 students self-select from a wide range of curricular offerings including AP and honors courses. The entire curriculum handbook with complete course descriptions is available on our website. The school day consists of eight 43-minute instructional periods.

An innovative “Lab School” is available for students in grades 9-12 seeking a rigorous interdisciplinary program in a “small school” environment. Lab School graduates complete four years of selected units that emphasize math, science, history, English and a world language. The 79 Lab School students complete the mandates for New York State Regents exams. The curriculum demands independent research, a rigorous examination process employing outside evaluators, and a senior year project and internship.

An option for 9th and 10th grade students who would benefit from smaller classes and further skill development is the EXCEL program. It offers interdisciplinary team taught instruction in the four major subject areas.

**Advanced Placement and Honors Courses**

Students who demonstrate strong ability and motivation may be recommended for honors, AP, or college level courses. Students may also “self-select” for these courses. While the AP exam is required of all those enrolled in an AP course, each year some students elect to take an AP exam without having taken the formal corresponding course.

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**ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS: Student Performance**

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**NYS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS OF 2019**

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SAT and ACT Score Information

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Number Taking ACT = 200

**BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**Class of 2018 Post Graduation Plans**

Four-year college or university ............74%
Two-year college .........................19%
Military, Employment and Other ...........7%

**Class of 2019 Academic Averages**

**Class of 2019 — 3-year Unweighted Academic Averages**

Median is 89%

N=389

Grading Scale

- A = 90-98
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 65-69
- F = 64 & BELOW
BCHS Student Achievement

In the Class of 2019, 7 students are National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and 13 students have received Letters of Commendation.

2018 AP Scholars: 16 National Scholars, 80 Scholars with Distinction, 32 Scholars with Honors, 76 Scholars.

Science Olympiad: 2018 NYS Qualifiers, State Competition, 16th place overall, nine state medals.

Science Bowl: 2018 Regional Winner, Competed at Nationals in Washington DC for the fourth straight year.

Masterminds Academic Competition: 2018 won local league; New York State Champions (5 out of the last 6 years).

National Language Exams: French, gold, silver and bronze medalists; Latin, cum laude, magna cum laude, gold and silver and bronze medalists, Perfect Paper award; Spanish, gold, silver, bronze medalists, National Spanish Exam Scholarship Award Winner.

First place InvestWrite Competition

2018 New York Econ Challenge: 3rd place New York State.

11 NYSSMA 2018 Conference All-State Musicians.

2018 Capital Region & FMCC High School Regional Art 1st Place Winners; 2018 Delmar Progress Club Art Competition Winners & State Championship Winners; 2018 Capital Region Media Arts Festival Award Film & Photography Winners; 2018 NYSSATA Art Show selections for The Legislative Art Show & The NYSSBA Art Show; 2018 Congressional Art Competition Awards.

2018 Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition: Two students qualified, one finalist.

BCHS students distinguish themselves on stage and in the visual arts; in the classroom and in extracurricular settings; and through various acts of community service and involvement. Below is a sampling of BCHS students’ accomplishments in recent years.

Colleges and Universities accepting Bethlehem Central High School Graduates

The 2016-2018 graduates were accepted to over 350 colleges including:

- Albany College of Pharmacy
- Alfred University
- American University
- Arizona State University
- Bard College
- Bates College
- Bentley University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawer College
- Bucknell University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UCLA
- UC Santa Barbara
- California Institute of Technology
- Carleton University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University
- Champlain College
- University of Chicago
- Clark University
- Clarkson University
- Clemson University
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- University of Colorado
- University of Connecticut
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- Culinary Institute of America
- Dartmouth College
- Dickinson College
- Duke University
- Eastman School of Music
- Eckerd College
- Elon University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- University of Florida
- Fordham University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College
- Hamilton College
- Hartwick College
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Haverford College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- High Point University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Hofstra University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Hudson Valley Community College
- Ithaca College
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Le Moyne College
- Loyola University-Maryland
- University of Maine
- Manhattan College
- Manhattan School of Music
- Maria College
- Marist College
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McDaniel College
- McGill University
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Mt. Holyoke College
- The New England Conservatory of Music
- University of New Hampshire
- New York University
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- Oberlin College
- Old Dominion University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- University of Rhode Island
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rice University
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- Roger Williams University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Sage Colleges
- Salve Regina University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Schenectady Community College
- School of Visual Arts
- University of Scranton
- Siena College
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern California
- Springfield College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John Fisher College
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- The College of Saint Rose
- Stetson University
- Stonehill College
- Suffolk University
- SUNY Albany
- Binghamton
- Brockport
- Buffalo
- Buffalo State
- ESF
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Fredonia
- Geneseo
- New Paltz
- Oneonta
- Oswego
- Plattsburgh
- Polytechnic Institute
- Potsdam
- Purchase
- Stony Brook
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- University of Tampa
- Temple University
- Trinity College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- Union College
- United States Air Force Academy
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- University of Virginia
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Wesleyan University
- Western New England University
- Williams College
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- College of William & Mary
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University