In the Class of 2020, 6 students are National Merit Scholarship Semiﬁnals and 16 students have received Letters of Commendation.

2019 AP Scholars: 17 National Scholars, 78 Scholars with Distinction, 60 Scholars with Honors, 55 Scholars.

Science Olympiad: 2019 NYS Qualiﬁers, State Competition, 16th place overall, 15 state medals.

Science Bowl: 2019 Regional Winner, Competed at Nationals in Washington DC for the ﬁfth straight year.

2019 National History Bowl Champions; Scholarship, Varsity Middle Bracket Group; 2019 Lower Hudson History Bowl: Semifinalist, Varsity Division.

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.

- Masterminds Academic Competition: 2019 won local league; New York State Champions (5 out of the last 7 years).
- In 2019, the BCHS community hosted a group of high school students and teachers from Oyonnax, France.
- 2019 National Spanish Exam, Study Abroad Scholarship Winner; 2019 Societad Hispanica Honoraria Student Publication Winner.
- Eight NYSSMA 2019 Conference All-State Musicians.
- 2019 Capital Region & PMCC High School Regional Art 1st Place Winners; 2019 Delmar Progress Club Art Competition Winners & State Scholarship Winners; 2019 Capital Region Media Arts Festival Award Film & Photography Winners; 2019 NYSSMA Art Show selections for The Legislative Art Show & The NYSSMA Art Show; 2019 Congressional Art Competition Awards.
- 2019 Poetry Out Loud Regional Competitions: Two students qualiﬁed, one advanced to the ﬁnal round.

BCHS Student Achievement

The 2017–2018 graduates were accepted to over 350 colleges including:

- Albany College of Pharmacy
- Alfred University
- The American Musical & Dramatic Academy
- American University
- Arizona State University
- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Bates College
- Bentley College
- Berekeke College of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UCLA
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC San Diego
- California Institute of Technology
- Carleton College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University
- Champlain College
- University of Chicago
- Clark University
- Clarkson University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Colgate University
- College of William & Mary
- Columbia University
- University of Colorado
- Columbia University
- University of Connecticut
- Connecticut College
- Cornell College
- University of Maryland, College Park
- Curry College
- University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Dartmouth College
- University of Delaware
- Dillard University
- Dickinson College
- Duke University
- Binghamton University
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- Boston College
- Bentley University
- Bard College
- Arizona State University
- American University
- Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

BCHS Central High School Graduates

BCHS Central High School

Colleges and Universities accepting Bethlehem Central High School Graduates

Located just three miles from Albany, Bethlehem is a suburban community of over 35,000 residents. The school district serves over 4,300 students in kindergarten through grade 12 in Bethlehem and parts of two neighboring communities. The average class size in the district is 20 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 1,513 and an instructional staff of approximately 120 professionals.

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

Bethlehem Central

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Chief Business and Financial Ofﬁcer

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Director, Special Education

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Assistant Principals

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Mrs. Heather Culnan

Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Judith Kehoe

Schools

Dartmouth College
Culinary Institute of America
Cornell University
University of Connecticut
Colby College
Clark University
Catholic University
Case Western Reserve University
Carnegie Mellon University
Carleton College
UC Santa Barbara
Bucknell University
Brown University
Brandeis University
Boston University
Bentley University
Bard College
Arizona State University
American University

Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Academics
- Academics: Delivering instructional and assessment practices that are aligned to a strong and relevant curriculum.
- Character: Fostering positive character traits that are essential to becoming contributing members of society.
- Community: Strengthening family, school, and community partnerships through transparent communication.
- Wellness: Enhancing social-emotional wellness and balance for students and staff by supporting active, healthy lifestyles and promoting positive behavior.

ABOUT BETHLEHEM CENTRAL

The district’s four enduring goals — and its pledge to students and community — are academics, character, community and wellness.

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K-12 Enrollment

4,354

2018-19 Budget

$100,892,000

Faculty and staff

839

ACADEMICS, CHARACTER, COMMUNITY & WELLNESS

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL

At-A-Glance

2019-2020

PROFILE
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 1,513 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 includes eight 43-minute instructional periods.

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. Students who demonstrate strong ability and motivation may be selected for honors courses in all subject areas.

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 70 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.

SAT and ACT Score Information

The Class of 2019 SAT Score Report shows that in 2019, 477 students took 958 exams; 89% scored 3 or above.

SAT Scores
- 1400 – 1600: 18%
- 1200 – 1390: 40%
- 1000 – 1190: 37%
- 800 – 990: 5%
- 600 – 790: 1%
- 400 – 590: 0%

Overall Mean Scores
- Mean Scores: 1256
- Mean Reading & Writing Scores: 615
- Mean Math Scores: 621

Number Taking SAT = 323

Class of 2019 Post Graduation Plans

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