Located just three miles from Albany, Bethlehem Central is a suburban community of more than 35,000 residents.

The school district serves over 4,100 students in kindergarten through grade 12 in the town of Bethlehem and the town of New Scotland. 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 1,425 and an instructional staff of approximately 130 professionals.

Following a year of hybrid instruction for secondary students in 2020-21 due to COVID-19, all students in all grades K through 12 have returned for daily in-person instruction in 2021-22.

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 years in a row by the Albany Business Review and are consistently among the top performing schools in New York state.

BC enjoys the support of active, involved residents who recognize their schools as the heart of their community.
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 1,425 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 42-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.

| WORLD LANGUAGES | AP French | AP Spanish |
| APA COURSES | | |
| ENGLISH | AP English (Literature) | AP English Language & Composition |
| MATH | AP Calculus AB | AP Calculus BC |
| AP Computer Science | AP Computer Science Principles |
| AP Statistics | |
| MUSIC | AP Music Theory | |
| SCIENCE | AP Biology | AP Chemistry |
| AP Environmental Science | |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | AP American History | AP Art History |
| AP Human Geography | AP Macro/Micro Economics |
| AP Psychology | AP World History |

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 82 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 EXAMS: Student Performance

In 2021, 447 students took 847 exams; 81% scored 3 or above.

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### SAT and ACT Score Information

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#### BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Class of 2021 Post Graduation Plans**

- Four-year college or university ............72%
- Two-year college .................................21%
- Military, Employment and Other ............7%

### Class of 2022 Academic Averages

#### Class of 2022 — 3-year Unweighted Academic Averages

**Median is 89%**  
N= 385

**Grading Scale**

- A = 90-99
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 65-69
- F = 64 & BELOW
In the Class of 2021, one National Merit Scholar, three National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and 13 students received letters of commendation.

- 2021 AP scholars: 66 scholars with distinction, 29 scholars with honors, 55 scholars.
- Science Olympiad: 2021 regional winner, 9th place in NYS competition, top upstate finisher, 13 NYS medals.
- Science Bowl: 2021 regional winner, competed at nationals, finished 20th in nation.
- Masterminds Academic Competition: 2021 team won local league; New York State runner-up (team has won NYS championship seven times since 2006).
- A student received honors designation on the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam, sponsored by the American Chemical Society (ACS).
- In 2021, there were 39 students who were honorees and/or medalists in the National Spanish Exam; 44 students were honorees and/or medalists in the National French Contest.
- Twenty-seven students were awarded the Seal of Biliteracy for achieving proficiency in more than one language.
- 2021 SIFMA Stock Market Game: Two students finished in the top 10 of the virtual investment challenge, with stock portfolios outperforming nearly 4,000 others in New York State.
- Two students were NYSSMA Conference All-State Musicians in 2020-2021.
- Five students featured at the 22nd Annual High School Regional, a juried art show. Two students featured at the 2021 Festival of Young Artists at Saratoga Performing Arts Center.
- Students in the Ad Agency class designed logos and branding for local businesses and non-profits.
- 2021 Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition: Two students qualified, one advanced to NYS competition.
- 2021 New York State FBLA Spring Leadership Conference: Seven students were medalists/honorees. One student earned a top-10 award in the National Leadership Conference.

Colleges and Universities accepting Bethlehem Central High School Graduates

The 2019-2021 graduates were accepted to over 250 colleges including:

- Albright College
- Adrian College
- The American Musical & Dramatic Academy
- American University
- Amherst College
- Arizona State University
- Barnard College
- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowie State University
- Brandeis University
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- UIC Berkeley
- UCLA
- California Institute of Technology
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Castleton University
- Cazenovia College
- Champlain College
- Chapman University
- University of Chicago
- Clark University
- Clarkson University
- Clemson University
- Colgate University
- College of the Holy Cross
- University of Colorado
- Columbia University
- Columbia College
- Concordia University
- University of Connecticut
- Cornell University
- CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College
- CUNY City College
- CUNY Queens College
- Dartmouth College
- University of Delaware
- Duke University
- Emerson College
- Emmanuel College
- Emory University
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Fordham University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Franklin W. Olin College
- George Mason University
- The George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College
- Hamilton College
- Hartwick College
- University of Hartford
- Harvard University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- College of the Holy Cross
- Iona College
- Ithaca College
- Johns Hopkins University
- King's College
- Lafayette College
- Lake-Sumter State College
- Lehigh University
- Le Moyne College
- Liberty University
- Long Island University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University, Maryland
- University of Maine
- Maine College of Art
- Manhattan College
- Manhattanville College
- Maria College
- Marist College
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Massachusetts Institute of Art & Design
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- Miami University
- University of Michigan
- Middlebury College
- Middle Georgia College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Nazareth College
- University of New England
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New England
- University of New Haven
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New York University
- University of North Carolina
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Norwich University
- University of Notre Dame
- Oberlin College
- Ohio State University
- Old Dominion University
- Pace University
- Paul Smith's College
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Queen's University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- Roger Williams University
- Sacred Heart University
- University of San Diego
- San Diego State University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Schenectady Community College
- Siena College
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Florida
- Springfield College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. Francis University
- St. John Fisher College
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Joseph's University
- St. Michael's College
- The College of Saint Rose
- Salve Regina University
- San Antonio College
- Seton Hall University
- Seton University
- Skidmore College
- Stockton University
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk University
- SUNY - All 4-Year Campuses
- SUNY Community Colleges
- Adirondack
- Columbia Greene
- Dutchess
- Fulton-Montgomery
- Hudson Valley
- Mohawk Valley
- Schenectady County
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- University of Tampa
- Temple University
- University of Tennessee
- The New School
- The Sage Colleges
- University of Toronto
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- Union College
- University of Utah
- United States Air Force Academy
- Vassar College
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- University of Virginia
- University of Utah
- Valencia College
- Wake Forest University
- University of Washington
- Western Connecticut State University
- Western Kentucky University
- Wheaton College
- University of Wisconsin
- Western New England University
- Williams College
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University