



Bethlehem

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2025-26 PROFILE

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ABOUT BETHLEHEM CENTRAL

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 1,314 and an instructional staff of approximately 120 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 returned for daily in-person instruction in 2021-22 and have continued to receive in-person instruction.

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 seven years in a row by *U.S. News & World Report* 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.

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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL: AT-A-GLANCE

K-12 Enrollment

► 4,127

2025-26 Budget

► \$116,623,936

Faculty and staff

► 853

ACADEMICS, CHARACTER, COMMUNITY & WELLNESS

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

■ 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.

Bethlehem Central High School

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 1,314 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 44-minute instructional periods.

Twenty-one seniors are enrolled in innovative "Lab School" that provides 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 students complete the mandates for New York State Regents exams. Lab School curriculum demands independent research, an 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.

NYS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS OF 2026

Regents Diploma		Advanced Regents Diploma	
English	4 credits	English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	Social Studies	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits	Science	3 credits
World Lang.	1 credit	World Lang.	3 credits
Art/Music	1 credit	Art/Music	1 credit
Health	1/2 credit	Health	1/2 credit
Physical Ed.	2 credits	Physical Ed.	2 credits
Electives	3 1/2 credits	Electives	1 1/2 credits

REQUIRED EXAMS (Passing score of 65 and above)

Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
English Language Arts	English Language Arts
One Mathematics Exam	Algebra I
Global History & Geography	Geometry
U.S. History & Government	Algebra II
One Science Exam	Global History & Geography
Language Checkpoint A	U.S. History & Government
	Living Environment
	One Physical Setting Exam
	Language Checkpoint B

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.

2025-26 COURSES

AP COURSES

ART

AP Studio Art 2D/3D Design

ENGLISH

AP English (Literature)
AP English Language & Composition

MATH

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Pre-Calculus AB
AP Pre-Calculus BC
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

WORLD LANGUAGES

AP French
AP Spanish

HONORS COURSES

ENGLISH

British Literature Honors
English 9 Honors
English 10 Honors
Lab School Humanities Honors

MATH

Honors Algebra II BC
Honors Geometry BC
Honors Pre-Calculus BC

SCIENCE

Honors Earth Science
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Lab School Research 10 Honors
Lab School Research 11 Honors
Lab School Research 12 Honors
Lab School STEM Honors

SOCIAL STUDIES

Global History 9 Honors

WORLD LANGUAGES

Intermediate French Honors
Intermediate Spanish Honors
Advanced French Honors
Advanced Spanish Honors

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS: Student Performance

In 2025, 541 students took 1,248 exams; 94% scored 3 or above.

Academic area	SCORE					Written
	5	4	3	2	1	
2D Art & Design	0	1	1	0	0	2
3D Art & Design	0	0	1	2	0	3
Art History	3	2	10	1	0	16
Biology	30	27	4	0	0	61
Calculus AB	6	11	8	11	0	36
Calculus BC	6	11	11	8	3	39
Chemistry	9	5	0	0	0	14
Chinese Language & Culture	1	0	0	0	0	1
Computer Science A	8	4	3	0	0	15
Computer Science Principles	21	20	18	3	2	64
Drawing	0	3	5	2	0	10
English Language & Composition	39	40	15	2	0	96
English Literature & Composition	33	31	13	0	0	77
Environmental Science	16	27	15	7	1	66
French Language	0	11	11	2	0	24
Human Geography	26	13	6	1	0	46
Macroeconomics	14	16	15	3	0	48
Microeconomics	18	26	18	6	0	68
Music Theory	0	1	1	0	0	2
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	0	2	1	4	0	7
Physics C: Mechanics	1	4	3	1	1	10
Pre-Calculus	97	37	15	0	0	149
Psychology	11	30	21	4	1	67
Spanish Language	3	6	7	2	1	19
Statistics	19	27	14	5	1	66
U.S. History	40	70	27	1	0	138
World History: Modern	51	42	7	3	1	104

SAT and ACT Score Information

CLASS OF 2025 SAT Score Report	
SAT Scores	Percentage of Students
1400 – 1600	19%
1200 – 1390	44%
1000 – 1190	27%
800 – 990	9%
600 – 790	1%
400 – 590	0%
Overall Mean Scores	
Mean Scores	1237
Mean Reading & Writing Scores	619
Mean Math Scores	618

Number Taking SAT = 248

CLASS OF 2025 ACT Score Quartile Values					
QUARTILE	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
75th Percentile =	31	31	32	32	31
50th Percentile =	28	29	29	27	28
25th Percentile =	21	23	21	23	23

Number Taking ACT = 15

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2025 Post Graduation Plans

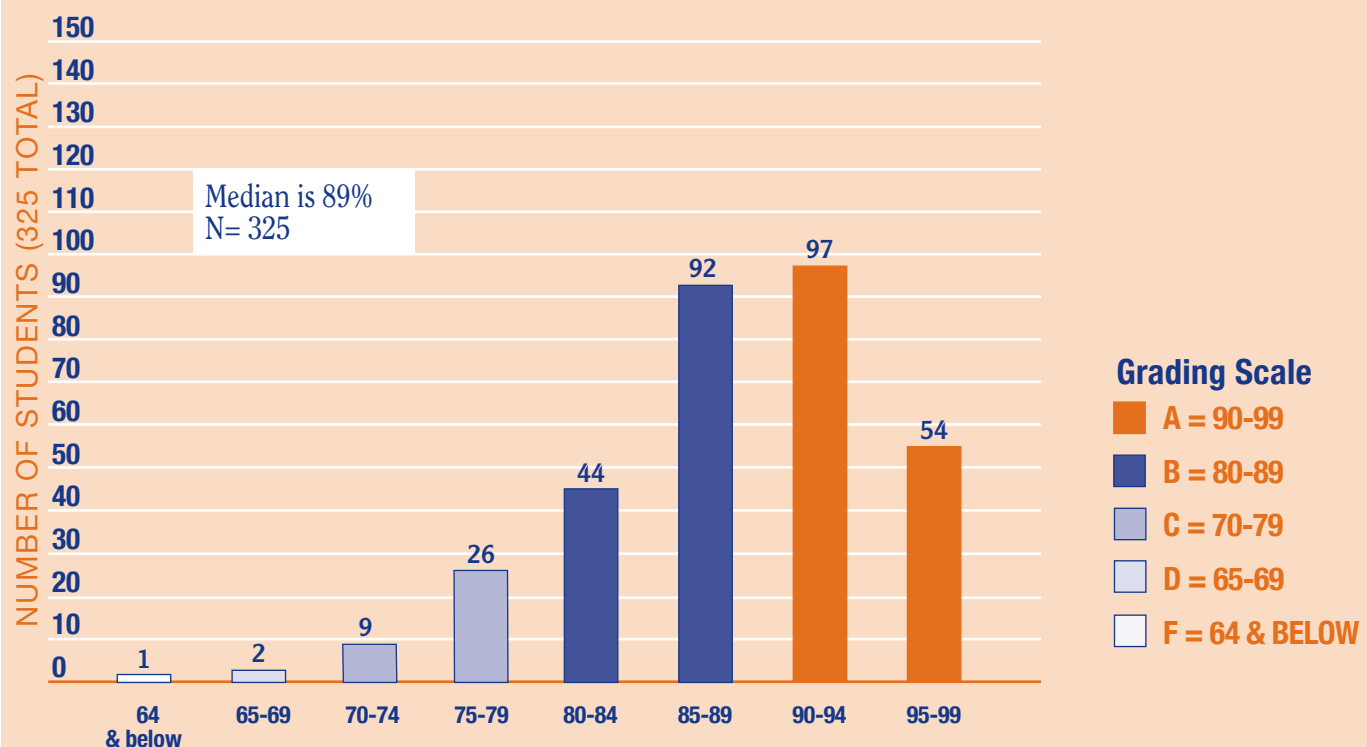
Four-year college or university74%

Two-year college11%

Military, Employment and Other15%

Class of 2026 Academic Averages

Class of 2026 — 3-year Unweighted Academic Averages



BCHS Student Achievement

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.

- In the Class of 2025, three students were National Merit Scholarship finalists and 10 were National Merit Commended Students.
- 2025 AP scholars: 128 scholars with distinction, 66 scholars with honors, 77 scholars.
- Bethlehem Central High School was rated the top high school in the Albany metro area by U.S. News & World Report in 2025.
- The Science Bowl team consistently finishes in first or second place in regional tournaments.
- In 2025, two students earned first and second place in New York State in the SIFMA Stock Market Game, out of more than 4,500 competitors.
- In 2025, 77 students were honorees and/or medalists in the National Spanish Exam; 68 students were honorees and/or medalists in the National French Contest.
- In 2025, 55 students were awarded the Seal of Biliteracy for achieving proficiency in more than one language.
- Ten students had artwork featured in The Festival of Young Artists at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.
- Two students were NYSSMA Conference All-State Musicians in 2024-2025. Thirteen more were selected as Area All-State musicians.
- Nine students featured at the 26th Annual High School Regional, a juried art show held at the Albany Center Gallery.
- A team of students finished in the top five in the 37th annual Siena College High School Computer Programming Contest in 2025.
- In 2025, a student earned second place in the Empire State Youth Orchestra's Annual Concerto Competition and performed a movement from their winning concerto with the Empire State Repertory Orchestra.
- More than two dozen high school students are trained as peer leaders through the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI). They offer peer-led Kindness Assemblies to middle school students twice a year.
- In 2025, 85 students were awarded the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness.

Colleges and Universities accepting Bethlehem Central High School Graduates

The 2022-2025 graduates were accepted to over 150 colleges including:

Adelphi University
University of Alabama
Albany College of Pharmacy
Alfred University
American University
Amherst College
Appalachian State University
Bard College
Bennington College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Canisius University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
University of Central Florida
Champlain College
College of Charleston
Clark University
Clarkson University
Coastal Carolina University
Clemson University
College of the Holy Cross
University of Colorado
Columbia University
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
University of Delaware
University of Denver
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Elmira College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Florida State University

Fordham University
The George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Hartwick College
University of Hartford
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross
Iona University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Keenan State College
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Keuka College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Le Moyne College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, Maryland
University of Maine
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
McGill University
Merrimack College
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Montclair State University
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College

Nazareth University
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
New Jersey Institute of Technology
University of North Carolina
Niagara University
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
University of Notre Dame
Pace University
University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pittsburgh
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Salve Regina University
Savannah College of Art &
Design
Seton Hall University
Siena University
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
St. Bonaventure University
St. John Fisher College
St. John's University
St. Lawrence University
Stonehill College

St. Michael's College
The College of Saint Rose
SUNY
All 4-Year Campuses
Adirondack Community College
Hudson Valley Community
College
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Temple University
The Sage Colleges
Tufts University
Union College
Utica University
Vassar College
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
Villanova University
University of Oregon
University of Virginia
Vermont State University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western New England University
Williams College
University of Wisconsin
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

