



Beacon High School ~ 2025 School Profile ~

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Enrollment: 834 Senior Class: 189

OUR COMMUNITY

Beacon High School is located in the City of Beacon. Beacon is one of 57 small city school districts in New York State. Located 65 miles north of NYC along the eastern banks of the Hudson River. The Beacon City School District covers the City of Beacon and portions of Fishkill and Wappinger Falls. Beacon has an estimated population of 14,523 according to the most recent United States census estimates. In 1915, the first class entered Beacon High School, which is located in the former high school building on Fishkill Avenue. Today, Beacon High School is housed in a state-of-the-art facility located on Matteawan Road. There are historical sites within the city limits: Madam Brett's Homestead, the Howland Cultural Center, and Van Wyck Homestead. The Dia Art Foundation is located in Beacon. On the outskirts of Beacon are the Stony Kill Farm, the Mount Gulian Historic Site and the Heritage Financial Park —home of the Hudson Valley Renegades. Other historical sites are the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites, Youth - Morse Historic Site, Mills Mansion State Historic Site, Montgomery Place Historic Estate, Bannerman Castle on Pollepel Island, Breakneck Ridge, FDR's Estate and Library, Fahnestock State Park. Vassar College, Marist College, and Dutchess Community College are located in nearby Poughkeepsie. Mount Saint Mary College, SUNY New Paltz, The Culinary Institute of America, Bard College and the United States Military Academy at West Point are located in the surrounding area.

OUR SCHOOL

We are a comprehensive public high school for grades 9 through 12, with an approximate enrollment of 840 students. Approximately 85% of our senior classes pursue higher education upon graduation. The building is serviced by a faculty of 85 and support staff of 25. Beacon High School has a tradition of excellence in academics, fine and performing arts, interscholastic athletics and cocurricular programs.

ACADEMICS

Beacon High School students benefit from a rich curriculum including courses in Art, Business, Computer Science, Career and Life Science, Health, English Language Arts, Mathematics,

Music, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Technology, and World Languages (Italian and Spanish).

GRADING/RANKING:

Averages reported to colleges and universities are weighted along with the class rank.

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| Regents Course Weight | 1.05 |
| Honors Course Weight | 1.07 |
| Advanced Placement/College Course Weight | 1.10 |

Course grading is based on a 100 point scale, with a minimum Honors grade of 85% and a minimum 65% passing grade.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

In 2025, 278 Beacon High School students participated in a total of 18 different AP exams. 88% scored three or higher on a 5-point scale.

AP Courses for 2024-2025

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| AP African Studies AP Biology AP Computer Science Principles AP Drawing AP Environmental Science AP Human Geography AP Language & Composition AP Literature & Composition AP Music Theory AP United States History |
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| 2024-2025 TOTAL MEAN SCORES: SAT SCORE (Number of seniors tested: 77) Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing 574 Math 537 , Total Score 1111 |
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COLLEGE PROGRAM (Concurrent Enrollment)

Beacon High School has a strong concurrent enrollment program. Last year Beacon students took college classes on our campus through agreements with Dutchess Community College, BARD College, Mount St. Mary College, and SUNY Albany.

CONCURRENT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT COURSES

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| DCC Calculus | DCC Pre-Calculus College |
| DCC Developmental Psychology | DCC Psychology |
| DCC Economics | DCC Spanish |
| DCC Elementary Statistics | DCC Statistics |
| DCC English 101&102 | Introduction to Teaching |
| DCC Government | Junior Science Research |
| DCC Italian | |

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined by computing the weighted cumulative averages of the candidates for seven (7) semesters.