



BENTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027 PROFILE

Bentonville High School

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Accreditation

Bentonville High School is
accredited by the Arkansas
Department of Education.

COMMUNITY

Bentonville High School is located in Bentonville, Arkansas, which has a total population of 61,791. Bentonville is part of Northwest Arkansas (NWA), a metropolitan area including four of the ten largest cities in the state. NWA is in the top 100 most populous metropolitan statistical areas in the United States and is the 13th fastest growing region in the country. We are located 30 miles north of the University of Arkansas, and the region is home to the headquarters of Walmart, Tyson Foods, J.B. Hunt, and Sam's Club.

SCHOOL

Bentonville High School is one of two high schools in the Bentonville School District. It is the district's original high school and is over 150 years old. The school operates on an A/B block schedule offering four 90-minute periods per day.

CURRICULUM

Bentonville High School is one of only three high schools in Arkansas to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. The high school also offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses on site and college courses through Northwest Arkansas Community College.

Total Student Enrollment: 3,637

Counselors: 11

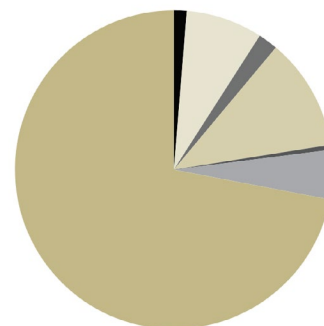
Class of 2026: 896

Student to Counselor Ratio: 331:1

DEMOGRAPHICS

Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch: **26%**

- American Indian or Alaska Native 1.3%**
- Asian 7.8%**
- Black or African American 2%**
- Hispanic/Latino/a/x 11.4%**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .5%**
- Two or More Races 5%**
- White 72%**



POST-SECONDARY PLANS

51%

Four-Year
College
Attendance

13%

Two-Year
College
Attendance

36%

Technical Trade
School/Military
or Work/Other

CLASS OF 2026 HONORS

17 National Merit Finalists

17 National Merit
Semifinalists

11 National Merit
Commended Students

83 AP Scholars

40 AP Scholars
with Honors

109 AP Scholars
with Distinction

10 AP Capstone
Diplomas

9 Associate
Degrees

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22 credits are required

English	4	Health	.5
Math	4	Communications	.5
Science	3	Visual and Performing Arts	.5
Social Studies	3	Computer Science	1
PE	.5	Electives	5

Note: World language is not required for graduation in the state or the district. Two years are required to qualify for Honors and High Honors.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Composite Score Average for the Class of 2026

ACT* BHS: 22.7 State: 18.5 National: 19.4

*ACT District Testing is offered annually in February.

GPA WEIGHTING

In general, the following types of courses are given additional weight by the state of Arkansas: AP, IB, and college courses. Students must take AP and IB exams in order to get the weight added to their cumulative weighted GPA. **However, determination of weight can change at any point by the state, even during the school year. An unweighted course one year for the graduating cohort could be weighted the following year for the next cohort (but not retroactively applied for students who had already completed the course).**

CLASS RANKING

Class rank is based on a 5.0 weighted GPA. All courses taken are included in the GPA.

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Unweighted Classes	State Approved Weighted Classes
A	90-100	4 pts	5 pts
B	80-89	3 pts	4 pts
C	70-79	2 pts	3 pts
D	60-69	1 pt	2 pts
F	0-59	0 pt	0 pts

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

In addition to Advanced Placement courses and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, BHS offers Ignite Professional Studies. It is a Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program for students in 11th and 12th grades. Students interview for acceptance into the program. Once admitted, they take college courses and participate in internships and projects for business partners. Ignite is a signature and elite program, respected by area businesses and foundations, providing hands-on education in the medical field, technology, and other industries.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Pre-AP English I-II	Physical Science-Integrated	Introduction to Agriculture
Pre-AP English I w/ Personal Communication	Biology-Integrated	CASE Animal Science*
English III	Pre-AP Biology	Veterinary Science
Transitional English IV	Chemistry-Integrated	CASE Plant Science*
ESL English 9-12	Pre-AP Chemistry	Introduction to Outdoor Recreation
IB English III-IV SL*	Physics	
Mythology	Environmental Science	Introduction to Digital Arts
Creative Writing	Anatomy & Physiology	Digital Design I-II
Journalism I-IV	Zoology	Digital Media I-II
Debate I-IV	Astronomy	Introduction to Business
Forensics I-IV	AP Biology*	AP Business w/ Personal Finance*
Literary Magazine I-III	AP Chemistry*	Management & Entrepreneurship
Media Literacy	AP Environmental Science*	Small Business Operations
Strategic Reading 9-10	AP Physics I-II*	Supply Chain Logistics I-II
Academic Reading 9-12	AP Physics C: Mechanics*	Banking & Finance I-II
English Learner Services	IB Physics I-II*	IB Business Management*
AP Seminar*	IB Biology I*	Personal Finance
AP Research*	Concurrent Chemistry I-II*	
AP Language & Composition*	Concurrent Credit College Biology*	Introduction to Healthcare
AP Literature & Composition*		Medical Terminology
Concurrent Credit Composition I-II*	Spanish I-IV	Anatomy & Physiology
Professional Communication	Spanish for Heritage & Native Spk I-II	Exercise Science
Concurrent Credit Oral Comm*	AP Spanish Language*	Sports Injury Assessment
	AP Spanish Literature*	Emergency Medical Responder
	IB Spanish*	
Pre-AP Algebra I	Chinese I-IV	Intro to Engineering PLTW
Pre-AP Geometry	IB Chinese SL*	Engineering II PLTW
Advanced Pre-AP Geometry		Engineering Capstone PLTW
Statistics	French I-III	Introduction to Architecture & Civil Engineering I-II
Algebra II	AP French Language*	Introduction to Construction
Advanced Algebra II	IB French SL*	
Quantitative Reasoning		Introduction to Computer Science
Algebra III	PE	AP Computer Science Principles*
Algebra III w/ Concurrent College Alg*	Health	Information Tech & Security
Technical Math	Aerobics	AP Cybersecurity*
Critical Algebra	Life Fitness & Conditioning	Cybersecurity*
Geometry Lab	Outdoor Pursuits	Robot: Physical Computing w/ Embedded Systems
AP Pre-Calculus*	Athletics	Robotics: Advanced
AP Calculus AB*		AP Computer Science A*
AP Calculus BC*	Visual Art Appreciation	Desktop Application Development*
AP Statistics*	Visual Art Foundations I-III	Computer Science Internship*
IB Math App and Interpretations I-II*	Ceramics I-II	Concurrent SWIFT Programming*
Concurrent Credit College Algebra*	Sculpture	Concurrent GRFX Programming*
Concurrent Credit College Finite*	Pre-AP Visual Arts	
Concurrent Credit College Trig*	AP Drawing*	
	AP Art History*	
Civics	AP 2-D Art and Design*	
Pre-AP World History and Geography	AP 3-D Art and Design*	
United States History	IB Visual Arts SL*	
Sociology	Concurrent Credit Art Appreciation Online*	
Economics w/Personal Finance		Concurrent Intro to Education*
AP World History*	Theatre Appreciation	Concurrent Educational Technology*
AP United States History*	Theatrical Makeup	Concurrent Child Growth & Development*
IB HOTA II*	Costume Design I	Child Growth Development
AP Government & Politics*	Theatre I-IV	
AP Microeconomics*	Technical Theatre I-IV	
AP Macroeconomics*	Pre-AP Theatre	
AP Psychology*	Theatre Production & Management	
IB Psychology II*	IB Theatre I-II*	
AP Human Geography*		Food Safety & Nutrition
Concurrent Credit World History*		Nutrition Science I-II
Concurrent Credit American History*		Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management I-II
Concurrent Credit Civics*		
Concurrent Credit Economics*	Band I-IV	
Concurrent Credit Psychology*	Jazz Band I-IV	
AP European History*		Unmanned Aerial Systems
IB World Religions*		NJROTC I-IV
		JROTC Drill Team
		JAG I-II, WBL
		Ignite Professional Studies Classes
		NWACC Classes - Concurrent Credit*
		NWTI Classes - Concurrent Credit*
		UAPTC Classes - Concurrent Credit*
		Concurrent Credit - Various*

*Weighted Credit Courses Designated by ADE