



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

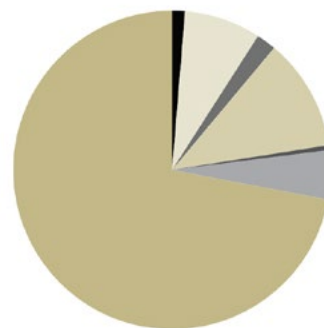
Class of 2026: 896

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 not calculated or reported on transcripts. The school board discontinued the practice on October 21, 2025.

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*	
AP Literature & Composition*		Introduction to Healthcare
Concurrent Credit Composition I-II*	Spanish I-IV	Medical Terminology
Professional Communication	Spanish for Heritage & Native Spk I-II	Anatomy & Physiology
Concurrent Credit Oral Comm*	AP Spanish Language*	Exercise Science
	AP Spanish Literature*	Sports Injury Assessment
	IB Spanish*	Emergency Medical Responder
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		
Algebra III	PE	Introduction to Computer Science
Algebra III w/ Concurrent College Alg*	Health	AP Computer Science Principles*
Technical Math	Aerobics	Information Tech & Security
Critical Algebra	Life Fitness & Conditioning	AP Cybersecurity*
Geometry Lab	Outdoor Pursuits	Cybersecurity*
AP Pre-Calculus*	Athletics	Robot: Physical Computing w/ Embedded Systems
AP Calculus AB*		Robotics: Advanced
AP Calculus BC*	Visual Art Appreciation	AP Computer Science A*
AP Statistics*	Visual Art Foundations I-III	Desktop Application Development*
IB Math App and Interpretations I-II*	Ceramics I-II	Computer Science Internship*
Concurrent Credit College Algebra*	Sculpture	Concurrent SWIFT Programming*
Concurrent Credit College Finite*	Pre-AP Visual Arts	Concurrent GRFX Programming*
Concurrent Credit College Trig*	AP Drawing*	
	AP Art History*	
	AP 2-D Art and Design*	
	AP 3-D Art and Design*	
	IB Visual Arts SL*	
	Concurrent Credit Art Appreciation Online*	
Civics		Concurrent Intro to Education*
Pre-AP World History and Geography	Theatre Appreciation	Concurrent Educational Technology*
United States History	Theatrical Makeup	Concurrent Child Growth & Development*
Sociology	Costume Design I	Child Growth Development
Economics w/Personal Finance	Theatre I-IV	
AP World History*	Technical Theatre I-IV	
AP United States History*	Pre-AP Theatre	
IB HOTA II*	Theatre Production & Management	
AP Government & Politics*	IB Theatre I-II*	
AP Microeconomics*		Food Safety & Nutrition
AP Macroeconomics*		Nutrition Science I-II
AP Psychology*		Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management I-II
IB Psychology II*	Band I-IV	
AP Human Geography*	Jazz Band I-IV	
Concurrent Credit World History*		Unmanned Aerial Systems
Concurrent Credit American History*		NJROTC I-IV
Concurrent Credit Civics*		JROTC Drill Team
Concurrent Credit Economics*		JAG I-II, WBL
Concurrent Credit Psychology*		
AP European History*		Ignite Professional Studies Classes
IB World Religions*		NWACC Classes - Concurrent Credit*
		NWTI Classes - Concurrent Credit*
		UAPTC Classes - Concurrent Credit*
		Concurrent Credit - Various*

*Weighted Credit Courses Designated by ADE