Bernards High School

PROFILE
2026-2027

CEEB #310095

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Established in 1904

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Brian Brotschul
Superintendent

Dr. Scott Neigel
Principal

Dr. Jaime Walker
Director of School Counseling, K-12

COUNSELORS

Ms. Amanda Ellis
Ms. Victoria Resnick
Ms. Anna Sosely
Ms. Lizabeth Stolarz

COMMUNITY

The Somerset Hills School District is located in a rural, suburban setting in the northernmost section of Somerset County, 35 miles west of New York City, with a population of over 10,000 residents. Bernards High School serves approximately 640 students in grades 9 to 12 from Bernardsville, Far Hills, Peapack-Gladstone and Bedminster; 194 students graduated in the Class of 2026.

ACCREDITATION

Bernards High School is accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education and is a member of the College Entrance Examination Board and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

FACULTY

The professional staff includes 76 teachers, counselors, librarians/media specialists, and special educators. Eighty-one percent of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Four (4) counselors work with students and groups in academic, career and personal matters. The counseling staff is supported by the Student Assistance Counselor, Mental Health Counselor, the Child Study Team, the Intervention and Referral Services Team and the 504 Committee.

STUDENTS

Bernards High School students actively participate in school activities in many areas:

- More than 74% of the student body participate on one or more of the 29 interscholastic teams
- All of the students participate in community service activities
- The students produce award-winning newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine publications
- Students compete in academic competitions in science, mathematics, world languages, and debate
- High quality vocal and instrumental programs lead to student participation in All-State and Regional performance groups
- There are two major theatrical performances per year
- Students compete in art and photography competitions
- Student Council and class officer groups regularly meet with administration to strategize and plan
- Ethnic breakdown: 61% White, 26% Hispanic, 8% Asian, 1% Black, 4% Multi-racial/Other
- Madrigals and Jazz Band are auditioned, award-winning musical ensembles

CLASS OF 2026

POST-SECONDARY.....88%
Four Year Colleges.....81%
Two Year Colleges..... 7%
Vocational/Technical/Military.....7.5%
Employment.....4.5%

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

Class of 2025	*Class of 2026*
11 Commended Students	9 Commended Students
1 Finalist	1 Winner

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

(May 2026)

% with scores of 3 or Higher

*AP classes and exams are open to all students

#of students		%
**	Art 2-D	100
44	Biology	82
20	Calculus AB	70
30	Calculus BC	97
32	Chemistry	97
15	Comp Science A	73
16	Comp Science Principles	81
60	Economics - Micro	68
60	Economics - Macro	72
31	English Language	100
68	English Literature	88
29	Enviornmental Science	59
24	Human Geography	83
38	Physics 1	87
27	Physics C: E/M	96
27	Physics C: M	100
91	Psychology	84
11	Spanish Language	100
48	Statistics	77
12	US Govt and Politics	100
38	US History	92
47	World History	81

**fewer than 5 students

AP SCHOLARS

70 AP Scholars with Distinction

30 AP Scholars with Honor

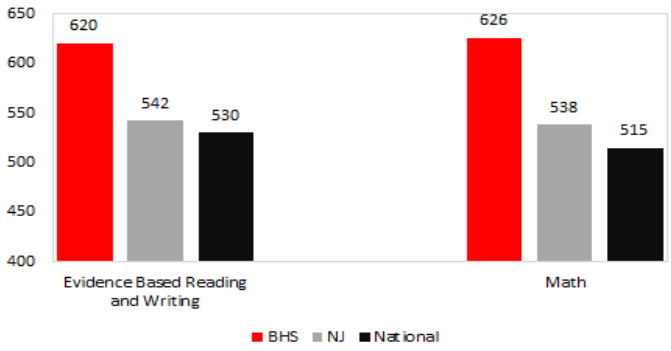
34 AP Scholars

1 AP International Diploma

SAT SCORES

Total Tested: 120 (cohort)

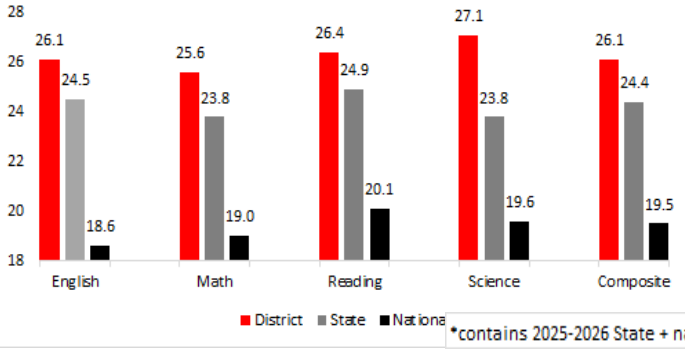
Mean Scores - Students' Highest Individual Scores



ACT SCORES

Total Tested: 103

Mean Scores - Students' Highest Individual Scores



*contains 2025-2026 State + national data

STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

GRADING SCALE

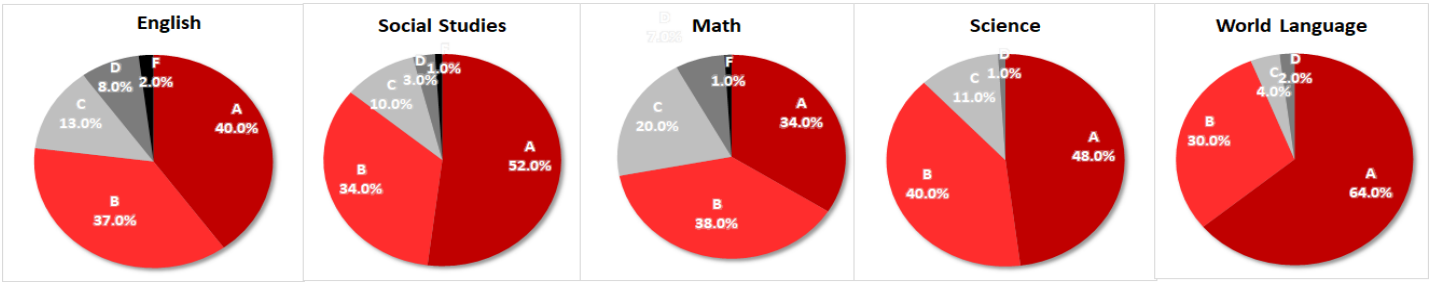
Grading Scale	Quality Points	Honors	AP
97-100=A+	4.33	4.83	5.33
93-96=A	4.00	4.50	5.00
90-92=A-	3.67	4.13	4.67
87-89=B+	3.33	3.83	4.33
83-86=B	3.00	3.50	4.00
80-82=B-	2.67	3.13	3.67
77-79=C+	2.33	2.83	3.33
73-76=C	2.00	2.50	3.00
70-72=C-	1.67	2.13	2.67
67-69=D+	1.33	1.33	1.33
63-66=D	1.00	1.00	1.00
60-62=D-	0.67	0.67	0.67
0-59=F	0.00	0.00	0.00

SIX SEMESTER WEIGHTED GPAs Class of 2026

GPA	2026
Above 4.5	17%
4.5 - 4.0	25%
3.9 - 3.5	24%
3.4 - 3.0	20%
2.9 - 2.5	7%
2.4 - 2.0	5%
Below 1.9	2%
Median GPA	3.834

Bernards High School does not rank

11th GRADE DISTRIBUTION -- CLASS OF 2026



English *Social Studies* *Math* *Science* *World Languages*

The high school has a long tradition of academic excellence, preparing students for college and the workplace, balanced with a strong elective program in vocal and performing music, theatre, publications, and design and technolgy. The typical academic load is 7-8 courses. A full year course equals 5, 6, or 7 credits; a half-year course equals 2.5 credits. We follow a modified rotating block schedule with 56 minute long periods. Additionally, we have dual-enrollment course partnerships with University of Delaware, Kean University, Seton Hall University and Raritan Valley Community College.

To graduate, students must complete the following:
• Four years of English • Three years each of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies • One year each of World Language and Visual/Performing Arts • One year of physical education for every year enrolled in Bernards High School • One semester of Technology and Research, and one additional semester of Technology • One semester of Financial Literacy • One quarter each of Life Skills 1, Life Skills 2, First Aid and Auto Safety

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

ENGLISH

AP
Composition & Language
Composition & Literature

Honors
English I, II, III, IV

Accelerated
English I, II, III, IV Advanced
ESL English Introduction to
Journalism Advanced
Journalism Publications
Creative Writing
Public Speaking
Debate

Academic
English 1, 2, 3, 4
Beginning English ESL
Intermediate English ESL
Techniques of Writing
Skills Improvement
Program (SIP)

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS

AP
Studio Art

Honors
Art II, III
Jazz Ensemble
Orchestra
Madrigals
Digital Arts II
Digital Photography II

Accelerated
Orchestra
Band
Chorus/Chorale
Concert Choir/Choral Found.
Theatre Arts I, II
Acting Troupe
Music Tech I, II
Music Theory I, II
3-D Sculpture & Ceramics
Art I, II
Digital Arts I
Digital Photography I
Global Artisans

SCIENCE

AP
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics 2
Physics C

Honors
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Anatomy & Physiology

Accelerated
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Science
Anatomy & Physiology

Academic
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Anatomy for Life

WORLD LANGUAGES

AP
French Language
Latin
Spanish Language

Honors
French III, IV
Latin III, IV
Spanish III, IV, V
Culture & Communication

Accelerated
French I, II, III, IV
Latin I, II
Spanish I, II, III, IV

Academic
Spanish Language 1
Spanish Language 2

MATHEMATICS

AP
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Computer Science A
Computer Principles

Honors
Geometry
Algebra II
PreCalculus
Calculus
Multivariable Calculus

Accelerated
Algebra I, II
Geometry
Probability & Statistics
Pre-Calculus

Academic
Algebra 1, 2
Algebra I, II
Geometry
Math Concepts
Skills Improvement Program

TECHNOLOGY

Honors
Engineering II

Accelerated
Technology & Research
Web Page Design
Multimedia Technology 1,2,3,4
Architectural Drafting
Introductory Woodworking
Advanced Wood Processes
Machine Woods
Cabinet Making & Manufacturing
Engineering & Problem Solving
Engineering II

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP
Economics (Macro & Micro)
European History
Human Geography
Psychology
US Government & Politics
US History
World History

Honors
World History
US History I, II
Entrepreneurship (H)

Accelerated
World History
US History I, II
Psychology
Economics
Sociology
20th Century History through Film
Popular Music in US History
Comparative World Religions
Global Politics & Conflicts
Contemporary Global Issues
Law, Civics & Citizenship
Untold Histories

Academic
World History
US History I, II

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Study Skills/Transition Skills
Beginning & Intermediate ESL
Financial Literacy
Leadership Development & College Readiness

VIRTUAL ACADEMY

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Multivariable Calculus (H)--Raritan Valley Community College

Tomorrow's Teachers (H) --Kean University

Entrepreneurship (H)--University of Delaware

French IV (H), Latin IV (H), Spanish V (H), Journalism 2 (H)--Seton Hall University

BHS Graduates Enrolled in Post Secondary Education

Graduates of the classes of 2025 and 2026 matriculated at the following colleges/universities :

University of Aberdeen
University of Arizona
Auburn University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Boston University
University of British Columbia
Brookdale Community College
Brown University
Bucknell University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Cincinnati
Citadel Military College of S.C.
Clark University
Clemson University
Colgate University
Colorado College
University of Colorado at Boulder
Connecticut College
Cornell University
County College of Morris
Dartmouth College
University of Delaware
Denison University
University of Denver
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Metro.
Florida State University
University of Florida
Fordham University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Franklin & Marshall College
Hamilton College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hillsborough Community College
Hillsdale College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
University of Illinois- Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University at Bloomington
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Kean University
University of Kentucky
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Liberty University
Marist University
Marquette University
University of Maryland-College Park
McGill University
Miami University
University of Miami
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Middlesex College
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Moravian College
Muhlenberg College
Neumann University
University of New Haven
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina, Wilmington
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Old Dominion University
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
Pace University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Ramapo College
Raritan Valley Community College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Richmond
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Rowan University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Rutgers University-Newark
Sacred Heart University
San Diego State University
The University of Scranton
Seton Hall University
University of South Carolina
St. John's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockholm School of Economics
Stockton University
SUNY Purchase
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Temple University
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The American University of Paris
The Catholic University of America
The College of New Jersey
The Ohio State University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
Union College of NJ
Universal Technical Institute
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
United States Air Force Academy
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Washington & Lee University
Washington University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
William Paterson University
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University