



# BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Comprehensive Four-Year

Public High School

### Enrollment:

Class of 2024: 196

Class of 2025: 227

Class of 2026: 213

Class of 2027: 231

CEEB Code: 220112

Accredited by NEASC & MA  
Department of Education

Bedford is a New England town with a population of 14,000. Located 14 miles northwest of Boston, the town is home to Hanscom Air Force Base (HAFB) and is a center for high technology. HAFB is a leader in aerospace research and an integral part of Bedford's social and technological vitality. The district has two elementary, one middle, and one high school servicing the educational needs of approximately 2,700 students. Approximately 15% of the high school population are children of Hanscom Air Force Base personnel and nearly 100 students, as part of the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program, travel to Bedford Public Schools from the Boston Area. Middlesex Community College is also located in Bedford and serves as an excellent academic resource for our students through our Dual Enrollment partnership. The MA Seal of Biliteracy recognizes the value of language diversity and honors the multiple cultures and languages in the community.

## KEY UPDATES FOR ADMISSION READERS FOR 2024 GRADUATES

- Rank #20 "Public High School" by *Boston Magazine* 2023.
- Dual Enrollment with Middlesex Community College: *Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Psychology, Sociology, Law, and Statistics and Probability*
- The GPA will now include term 1 and Term 2 of the student's senior year in the GPA calculation and will be reported accordingly.

## CURRICULUM and COURSE LEVELS

The curriculum offers a broad selection of courses at varying instructional levels to meet the needs and abilities of all students. There are five 70-minute classes each day. A typical student schedule would include five, 5-credit courses in English, math, science, social studies, and world language, and four, 2.5-credit courses in physical education and health, art, music, occupational education, and other subjects. Several courses, including most senior English courses, are unlevleled by design.

Curriculum levels can be interpreted as follows:

<b>Level 5</b> – AP and High Honors	<b>Level 4</b> – Honors
<b>Level 3</b> - College Prep	<b>Level 2</b> - Introductory

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

BHS does not rank students. **The weighted GPA is reported on a 5.0 scale.** The computation includes all non-heterogeneous major courses (5 credits). The unweighted GPA is reported on a 4.0 scale and includes all subjects in which a student has received a numerical grade.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn 124 total credits and fulfill minimum course distribution requirements as follows. In addition, students are encouraged to perform 20 hours of approved community service prior to graduation. See our comprehensive website or click [here](https://www.bedfordps.org/high-school/course-catalog) for our program of studies (<https://www.bedfordps.org/high-school/course-catalog>).

English	4 years	20 credits
Mathematics	4 years	20 credits
Science	3 years	15 credits
Social Studies	3 years	15 credits
World Language	2 years	10 credits
Art		2.5 credits
Performing Arts		2.5 credits
Occupational Education		2.5 credits
Physical Ed/Health	4 Years	10.0 credits

\*Students must successfully complete required state MCAS exams in English, Math, and Science to obtain a high school diploma

## EDUCATION and COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, students in the Class of 2024 began their freshman year at Bedford High School remotely, then transitioned into a hybrid learning environment. Student grades returned to traditional grading practices and policies of the district prior to the pandemic; a grade of F had a value of 59 for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years

Score	Grade	Unweighted/College Prep/Intro.	Honors	High Honors/AP
93-100	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90-92	A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87-89	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83-86	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
80-82	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77-79	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73-76	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-72	C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
67-69	D+	1.3	1.8	2.3
63-66	D	1.0	1.5	2.0
60-62	D-	0.7	1.2	1.7
0-59	F	0	0	0

## NATIONAL MERIT AWARDS

2024 Semi-Finalists: **6**  
2023 Semi-Finalists: **4**

2024 Commended Scholars: **20**  
2023 Commended Scholars: **16**

## CLASS OF 2023 MEAN SAT SCORES

Evidenced-Based Reading/Writing **622**  
Math **630**

## MA SEAL of BILITERACY Class of 2023

MA State Seal of Biliteracy: **11**  
MA State Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction: **12**

## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PLANS

	2022	2023
<b>Total post-secondary education</b>	94.8%	93.5%
4-year College	87.4%	86%
2-year College	7.4%	7.5%
Employment	2.4%	2.0%
Military	2.4%	0%
Apprenticeship/Trade	0%	0%
Other/Other Post-Secondary	0.4%	4.5%

## Advanced Placement Spring 2023

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Courses Offered: 14  
Students Taking Exams: 246  
Exams Administered: 484  
% Scoring a 3 or higher: 89%

BHS does not limit the number of AP courses students may take  
Courses listed below comprise our AP Exam Administration

Courses offered at BHS are noted with a \*  
Course not available in 2022-2023 are noted with a \*\*

AP Scores	Number of Students
5	200
4	140
3	90
2	41
1	13

Biology*	Environmental Science*	Physics 2*
Calculus AB*	European History	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism*
Calculus BC*	French Language & Culture**	Physics C: Mechanics
Chemistry*	Human Geography	Psychology*
Chinese Language & Culture	Japanese Language & Culture	Spanish Language & Culture*
Comparative Government & Politics	Macroeconomics	Statistics*
Computer Science A*	Microeconomics	United States Government & Politics
Computer Science Principles*	Music Theory	United States History
English Language & Composition*	Physics 1	World History: Modern
English Literature & Composition*		

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT RECOGNITION Class of 2023

Total Scholars: 86  
AP Scholar: 31  
AP Scholar w/Honors: 12  
AP Scholar w/Distinction: 43

### Sample of College Acceptances - Class of 2023

American University  
University of Arizona  
Assumption University  
Babson College  
Bates College  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Bridgewater College  
Bridgewater State  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Bucknell University  
CA College of the Arts  
UC – Berkeley

UC – Santa Cruz  
Carnegie Mellon  
Case Western Reserve  
Chapman University  
College of Charleston  
Clark University (MA)  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
U of Colorado – Boulder  
Connecticut College  
U of Connecticut  
Cornell University  
Curry College  
Dartmouth College

U of Delaware  
Drexel University  
Elon University  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Fitchburg State  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Framingham State  
Georgia Tech  
Hampton University  
Harvard University  
Holy Cross  
James Madison

Johnson & Wales  
Kingston University  
Lesley University  
Loyola University  
Macalester College  
U of Maine  
U of Maryland  
UMASS  
Mass Bay CC  
McGill University  
Merrimack College  
Miami University Oxford  
Michigan State Univ.  
U of Michigan  
Middlesex CC  
Morehouse College

U of New England  
U of New Hampshire  
College of New Jersey  
New York University  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
NC State at Raleigh  
Northeastern  
PENN State  
Univ. of Pittsburgh  
Providence College  
Purdue University  
U of Rhode Island  
Roger Williams  
Saint Anselm College  
Savannah College of Art  
Simmons University

Univ. of South Carolina  
Univ. of Southern CA  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
U of Tampa  
Texas Tech Univ.  
Univ. of Toronto  
Tufts University  
Vassar College  
U of Vermont  
Virginia Tech  
Westfield State  
Wheaton College (MA)  
William & Mary  
Worcester Polytechnic  
Worcester State