

BERGENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Profile 2005-2006

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COMMUNITY

Bergenfield is a residential commuter suburb located ten miles from the heart of New York City. Its population of 28,000 is composed of professional, business and technical people. Bergenfield is proud of having residents that are committed to and involved with the educational process.

SCHOOLS

The Bergenfield Public School District consists of five elementary schools, one middle school and one four year high school. The total district enrollment (2005) is 3730 students, 1237 are at Bergenfield High School. The 2003-2004 expenditure per pupil was \$10,688.00.

High School Student/Teacher Ratio: 13.4:1

High School Class Periods/Time: 9 periods of forty-two minutes.

Marking Periods: 4

ACCREDITATION

Bergenfield High School is accredited by the New Jersey State Department of Education and by the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

FACULTY

The faculty consists of one hundred and ten professionals including one principal, two assistant principals, four counselors and a director, one librarian/media specialist and one media supervisor, one full time nurse and one part-time nurse. All teaching professionals are certified by the state of New Jersey and hold at least a Bachelor's degree. In 2004-2005 51% possessed bachelor's degrees, 45% possessed master's degrees and 4% possessed doctoral degrees. Students are also supported and serviced by a Child Study Team, Pupil Assistance Committee and a Student Assistant Coordinator. A college career center is available to assist students in formulating their post high school plans.

CURRICULUM

Bergenfield High School students are offered a wide variety of courses in accordance with their interests, needs and future plans. Students may select their courses from a

comprehensive program of studies. The majority of course offerings are college preparatory. In addition to the standard offerings at a variety of levels, there are Honors and Advanced Placement courses offered in most disciplines. Honors classes are offered in Art, English, Foreign Language, Math, Music, Social Studies and Science. Advanced Placement courses are available in English, History (3), Computer Science, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Music, Science and Technology. Students can earn up to fifteen college credits through a collaborative program with Fairleigh Dickinson University, The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Dominican College in the following disciplines: A.P. Biology, Biochemistry, A.P. English 12, A.P. U.S. History 2, AP Government & Politics, AP Calculus, A.P. Anatomy and Physiology Honors, Dynamics of Health Care in Society, and Emergency and Clinical Care. The award winning Teacher Apprenticeship Program is designed for students interested in exploring teaching as a career. Business and technical education, computer education, fine, practical and performing arts, address the pragmatic needs of all students. Independent Study courses are available to those students interested in pursuing knowledge beyond the basic curriculum. The School-to-Career Program provides students with the opportunity to experience opportunities offered by the trade unions. Students passing the aptitude test are accepted as apprentices immediately after graduation.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Bergenfield High School students are encouraged to develop talents outside the classroom. There is an extraordinary degree of participation in all phases of school life with a majority involved in clubs, organizations and athletics. Highlights include:

Bear Facts, the student newspaper, has consistently earned top awards in the field of scholastic journalism by universities, colleges and professional organizations, including the New Jersey Press Assn., the Garden State Scholastic Press Association, and on regional, state and national levels. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has given the paper the Gold Medalist rating for 26 consecutive years.

The Music Department has long maintained a tradition of excellence. The department offers experiences in the following areas: wind ensemble, jazz band, two concert bands, two orchestras, three choral groups, marching band, an electronic music course, a four year theory/history sequence and a general music course. The American Music Conference named Bergenfield as one of the "100 Best Communities for Music Education in the U.S.A.

The Renaissance Program is a school wide initiative that uses rewards as motivation to increase student grades, reduce disciplinary infractions and improve student attendance.

The Debate Team is nationally competitive and has both Policy and Lincoln-Douglas divisions.

The Athletic Department participates in the N.B.I.A.L. and is a member of the N.J.S.I.A.A. Most athletic teams offer competition at the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen levels. Throughout the years the teams have won several League, County and

State Championships, in addition to numerous awards for the display of “Outstanding Sportsmanship”. The school is very proud of the several collegiate and professional athletes that it has produced.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
 Minimum Curriculum Requirements:

English	4
Physical Education/Health/Driver Education	4
Social Studies	3
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Fine, Practical and Performing Arts	2
Computer Applications	.5
Foreign Language	2
Career Education	1*
Electives (As needed)	
 Total Units	 22

The Career Education requirement is met for all students by infusion into the curriculum of required courses.

*Effective with the entering class of 2004-2005

Since over 90% of Bergenfield High School students continue their education, virtually all students exceed these requirements.

GRADING AND WEIGHTED POINTS

Grade	Grade Point	Bonus Scale	Bonus Scale
	Avg.	Honors	A.P.
A+	4.33	.08	.1
A	4.00	.08	.1
A-	3.66	.08	.1
B+	3.33	.06	.08
B	3.00	.06	.08
B-	2.66	.06	.08
C+	2.33	.04	.06
C	2.00	.04	.06
C-	1.66	.04	.06
D	1.00	.02	.04

Weighted Courses include:

English 9 Honors

English 10 Honors
AP English 11
*AP English 12
Modern World Geography Honors
*AP American History
Worldview 1
Worldview 2
*AP Am Gov't. Pol.
Spanish II Honors
Spanish III Honors
Spanish IV Honors
Spanish V Honors
AP Spanish
French IV Honors
French V Honors
Italian IV Honors
Italian V Honors
Geometry Honors
Algebra 2 Honors
Intro to College Math
Pre-Calculus Honors
* AP Calculus
Probability & Stats Honors
Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
A.P. Chemistry
*A.P. Biology
*Biochemistry Honors
Anatomy & Physiology Honors
A.P. Computer Science
A.P. Oracle II
A.P. Studio Art
Music 2 Honors
AP Music 3
Wind Ensemble Honors
Vocal Ensemble Honors
String Ensemble Honors

All *F.D.U., U.M.D.N.J. and Dominican College courses are taught on the Bergenfield High School campus.

CLASS RANK

Rank-in Class is determined by placing the G.P.A. of all students in a grade from highest to lowest. The Weighted Rank will reflect the additional G.P.A. points given for weighted courses successfully completed. A student must be enrolled in Bergenfield High School at least two years in order to be included in class rank. Only grades earned at Bergenfield High School are included in the Rank-In-Class calculation. Class Rank will be available at the end of the Junior year and the final rank at the conclusion of the first semester of Senior year.

POST-SECONDARY PLACEMENT
(Based on the class of 2005)

4 Year & 2 Year Colleges/Universities and Technical/Business Schools	91%
Workforce	2%
Military	1%
Undecided	6%

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Mean Scores SAT I:

Verbal	Rank	Math
552	Top tenth	588
523	2nd Tenth	570
517	2nd Fifth	541
481	*All students	501

*All students at Bergenfield High School are encouraged to take the SAT's regardless of their academic standing and/or post graduate plans.

Mean Scores SAT II:

Biology Ecological	560
Biology Molecular	597
English Literature	660
U.S. History	555
Chemistry	570
Math Level 1C	678
Writing	620

ART
Artscope

- Art Prep
- Ceramics I, II
- Fine Metal & Leather Crafts
- Ad Design & Layout
- Fashion Design, Illustration & Rendering
- Intro to Film Making & Video Work
- Advanced Video Production
- Still Photography I, II
- Photo Journalism
- Drawing and Printmaking
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Art Lab

AP Art Studio

AP Art History

BUSINESS AND MARKETING EDUCATION

Business Dynamics I

Accounting I, II

Marketing I, II

International Business

Strategic Planning and Management

- CP Computer Applications
- Business Law & Ethics
- Marketing Dynamics:
Sports, Fashion & Entertainment
- DECA (Fall Only)

ENGLISH

HSPA Language Arts

English 9A/9B/9C

English 10A/10B/10C

AP English 11/11B/11C

AP English 12/12B/12C

English for New Am. A/ B/ C

Journalism I, II, III, IV

- Creative Writing
- Drama I, II, III, IV
- Public Speaking
- SRA Language Arts

HEALTH &

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Ed 9/10/11/12

Health 9/11/12

Driver Education 10

INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Wood Technology I, II, III

Computer Graphics I, II, III

Computer Aided / Draft & Design
I, II, III, IV Honors

Cisco Networking Academy I, II Honors

A+ Computer Repair Training

Oracle Honors

AP Oracle II

Oracle III Honors

MATHEMATICS

HSPA Math 9, 10, 11

Pre Algebra

Algebra I

Algebra II

Algebra II Honors

Geometry

Geometry Honors

CP Math

Trigonometry/Advanced Algebra

Introduction to College Math

Pre Calculus

AP Calculus

Computer Science I

Computer Science II

AP Computer Science

Probability & Statistics Honors

- SAT Math Skills
- Telecommunications
- SRA Math

MUSIC

Advanced Marching Band

Intermediate Marching Band

Intermediate Orchestra 9, 10

Advanced Orchestra 11, 12

Instrumental Music

Advanced Chorus

Intermediate Chorus

Music Theory I, II, III
Electronic Music
From Bach To Rock Music In Time
Vocal Music Ensemble Honors
Wind Ensemble Honors
String Ensemble Honors

SCIENCE

Physical Science
Biology
Biology Honors
A.P. Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
A. P. Chemistry
Biochemistry
Physics
Honors Physics
A.P. Physics
Elements of Environmental Science
Anatomy & Physiology Honors

- Dynamics of Health Care in Society
- Emergency and Clinical Care
- Medical Terminology
- Medical Sciences

SOCIAL STUDIES

Mod. World History & Geography
Mod. World History & Geo. Honors
U.S. History I
A.P. U.S. History
U.S. History II
AP American Government & Politics
People In Society
Law & Citizen
Worldview
Economics & Society

WORLD LANGUAGES

Modern Language I, II, III, IV, V
A.P. Spanish
Spanish for Native Speakers I, II
(Languages offered include:
French, Italian, and Spanish)
CROSS DISCIPLINARY COURSES
Academic Debate I, II, III, IV

Teacher Apprenticeship Program
Nurse Apprenticeship Program
Peers as Leaders
Satellite School

- = Half-year Semester Course
- # = Quarter-year or Marking Period Course

Note: All courses are not offered every year

ADMINISTRATION

Central Office

Dr. Michael Kuchar, Superintendent
Mrs. Rita Eberhard, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Thomas P. Egan, Board Secretary/Business Administrator

High School

Mr. Hank Sinatra, Principal
Mr. James Fasano, Assistant Principal
Mr. Seamus Regan, Assistant Principal
Mr. Peter Turnamian, Director of Guidance
Mr. Alex Turnamian, Director of Athletics

Counselors

Mr. Peter Altamura
Mrs. Jayne Bembridge
Mr. James Butler
Mrs. Cynthia Covello

District Directors and Supervisors

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