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# Beecher High School

Community Unit School District 200U  
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CEEB / ACT Code 140-240

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## School Profile 2020-2021

### Administration

#### Superintendent of Schools

K. Bradley Cox ext. 1400

#### Principal

Jack C. Gaham III ext. 1300

#### Dean & Athletic Director

Robert E. Ogdon ext. 1306

#### Guidance Counselor

Stephen D. Sarsany ext. 1308

### Graduation Requirements

English	4.0 Credits
<i>Including 2 years of writing-intensive courses.</i>	
Mathematics	3.0 Credits
<i>Including Algebra I and Geometry.</i>	
Science	3.0 Credits
<i>Including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.</i>	
Social Studies	3.0 Credits
<i>Including Civics, World History, and U.S. History.</i>	
Physical Education/Health/Driver's Education	4.0 Credits
Consumer Education	0.5 Credits
<i>Including Consumer Mathematics or Economics.</i>	
Electives	6.5 Credits
<i>Including art, music, vocational, or foreign language.</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.0 Credits</b>

Students must also complete 24 hours of community service and pass the Illinois and U.S. Constitution Tests. BHS offers elective courses in art, business, family and consumer science, foreign language, music, and technology. Many students also participate in dual credit, early college, and independent study programs.

### Background

Beecher High School (BHS) is a comprehensive four-year high school serving grades 9-12 in a unit district with Beecher Elementary School and Beecher Junior High School. BHS is partnered with Kankakee Area Career Center, Prairie State College, and the College Board. District 200U educates a village of 4,000 residents comprising 57 square miles. The school calendar is divided into 2 semesters with students attending seven 48-minute academic classes and an advisory period each day. District 200U and BHS are accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education.

### Faculty

BHS has 25 teachers and 4 instructional aides. 70 percent of certified staff have a masters degree or higher. The student-teacher ratio is 14-to-1. 363 students are enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year.

### School Enrollment

Seniors	89
Juniors	82
Sophomores	107
<u>Freshmen</u>	<u>85</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>

### Grading System

BHS uses a 4.333 grading scale with the numerical values below assigned to each letter grade. Pluses and minuses count towards Grade Point Average (GPA).

A =4.0   B=3.0   C=2.0   D=1.0   F = 0.0

Honors courses receive +.5 grade point weight and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses receive +1.0 grade point weight. GPA is computed using semester grades and determined by averaging all grades received.



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2004, 2007, 2017, 2019 State Softball Champions  
 2010 State Cross Country Champions  
 2005, 2006, 2016 Regional Scholastic Bowl Champions  
 2002, 2013, 2014 Regional Math Team Champions

## Testing Profile

Class	ACT/SAT English	ACT/SAT Math	ACT Reading	ACT Science	ACT Composite
2013	21.9	206	21.5	21.5	21.5
2014	21.5	19.5	21.3	20.8	20.8
2015	21.9	20.5	21.5	21.4	21.5
2016	20.4	18.9	20.3	19.7	19.9
2017	21.1	19.9	22.6	21.4	21.3
2018*	495	480			974
2019*	514	482			996
2020	N/A	N/A			

Illinois State Scholars: 250

National Merit Scholars: 2

National Career Readiness Certificates: 196

## Advanced Placement

20% of BHS students are enrolled in AP courses. Since 2004, 162 students have earned qualifying scores on AP Exams. 32 students have been named AP Scholars 8 with Honor/Distinction. BHS offers 6 AP courses.

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Physics
- AP United States History

## Postsecondary Plans

BHS graduated 1013 students over the past 10 years, 82% who have pursued higher education. Graduates have entered all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Four-Year College:	48	29	43	34
Two-year College:	28	16	14	11
Military:	2	5	4	1
Vocational School:	6	6	9	10
Class Size:	91	66	79	86

## College Destinations

BHS students have enrolled at, among others, the following colleges/universities over the past 11 years. 8 students received full 4-year college scholarships through The Give Something Back Foundation.

- Art Institute of Chicago
- Central Michigan University
- DePaul University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Georgetown University
- Indiana State University
- Loyola University
- Northern Illinois University
- Prairie State College
- University of Illinois
- University of Michigan
- VanderCook College of Music
- Wyoming Technical Institute
- Augustana College
- Concordia University
- Drake University
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois State University
- Joliet Junior College
- North Central College
- Northwestern University
- Purdue University
- University of Iowa
- University of Wisconsin
- Western Michigan

\*Starting in 2018, results were on SAT state exam