



**John F. Kennedy High School**  
**S.O.A.R. Program**

**Open House**  
**2019**

# **JOHN F. KENNEDY**

## **School of Academic Renown**

John F. Kennedy High School's School of Academic Renown (SOAR) is a place for serious study and appropriate behavior. The students in this program are an integral part of the Kennedy High School student body and participate in extra-curricular and community activities. The program itself is an accelerated honors program of studies geared toward college bound students who follow a rigorous course of studies. The program fosters an interdisciplinary approach to academic achievement, and aims to produce well-rounded, civic-minded individuals who will easily transition to the college environment.

# Benefits and Features of S.O.A.R. Program

- + Challenging Content with Emphasis on Higher Order Thinking Skills**
- + Intense Preparation for College**
- + Guidance Counselor Specific to SOAR**
- + College Admissions Preparation and Consultation**
- + Community Service Opportunities**
- + Summer Orientation Program for Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**
- + Interdisciplinary Studies**
- + Independent Study**
- + Supplemental Lectures and Presentations**

# Benefits and Features (Cont'd)

- + **Required Summer Reading**
- + **Variety of Educational Trips**
- + **Mandatory SAT Prep**
- + **14 AP Course Offerings and the Opportunity for Independent AP Studies**
- + **4 UCONN Early College Experience Offerings**
- + **Numerous College Articulation Agreements with NVCC**

A woman with glasses and a patterned scarf is sitting at a desk, writing in a notebook. She is smiling and looking down at her work. The desk is cluttered with books and papers. The background is slightly blurred, showing a window and some office equipment.

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**REQUIREMENTS AND  
EXPECTATIONS**

# Attendance Policy

- + Students are only allowed ten absences per year**
- + No more than four tardies per marking period**
- + Two dismissals will be allowed per year unless there is an emergency**

# Activities

## **Mandatory:**

- **Students must engage in a minimum of one extracurricular activity, club, or sport per semester.**
- **Students must perform a minimum of 15 community service hours each year.**

# Grading System

- **Students must maintain a grade of 75 in all classes.**
- **Additional help or study sessions will be arranged for struggling students.**



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- + Currently we offer 14 Advanced Placement courses throughout the curriculum.**
- + SOAR students are encouraged to take AP courses as part of their curriculum.**
- + Success in AP courses at the high school level is a valid predictor of success in college. In addition, our syllabi are audited and certified by the College Board to ensure that work performed is at the college level.**
- + If a student scores the required grade on the national exam, many colleges accept this as credit for freshman level classes. Some schools use the exam for class placement purposes .**

# Advanced Placement Offerings

- + English Language AP
- + English Literature AP
- + Calculus AP
- + Statistics AP\*
- + Biology AP
- + Chemistry AP
- + Physics AP
- + Environmental Science AP\*
- + European History AP
- + U.S. History AP
- + Government & Politics AP
- + Comparative Government AP
- + Psychology AP\*
- + Spanish AP

# GRADE 9

English 9 Honors SOAR

Algebra 1 Honors SOAR

Algebra 2 Honors SOAR

World History Honors SOAR

Biology Honors SOAR

Italian 1 SOAR

Spanish 1 SOAR

Physical Education/Health

Elective

# GRADE 10

English 10 Honors SOAR

Algebra 2 Honors SOAR  
Geometry Honors SOAR  
Pre-Calculus Honors SOAR

Civics Honors SOAR/U.S. History 2 Honors SOAR  
**European History AP**

Chemistry Honors SOAR

Italian 2 SOAR  
Spanish 2 SOAR

Physical Education/Health

Elective

# **GRADE 11**

**American Studies (English/Social Studies) (ECE)**

or

**English Language AP**

&

**U.S. History AP**

Pre Calculus Honors SOAR

Calculus Honors SOAR

Geometry Honors SOAR

**Calculus AP**

**Statistics AP (ECE)**

Physics Honors SOAR

**Physics AP**

**Biology AP**

**Chemistry AP**

**Physics AP**

**Environmental Science AP(ECE)**

Italian 3 SOAR

Spanish 3 SOAR

English SAT Prep/Math SAT Prep

# **GRADE 12**

**English Literature AP**  
English 12 Honors SOAR

Calculus Honors SOAR  
**Calculus AP**  
**Statistics AP(ECE)**

**Government & Politics AP**  
**Comparative Government AP**  
**Psychology AP**

**Biology AP**  
**Chemistry AP**  
**Environmental Science AP(ECE)**  
**Physics AP**

**Italian ECE)/Italian 4**  
**Spanish AP/Spanish 4**

Electives

# Application Process

- + **Applications become available:** October 1, 2019
- + **Visit feeder schools:** September 2019
- + **SOAR Open House:** October 17, 2019
- + **Student shadow days in SOAR:** October 1, 2019 - December 13, 2019

# Application Process (cont'd)

- + **Application Deadline:** December 16, 2019
- + **Notification letters mailed to families:** January 24, 2020
- + **Student acceptance deadline:** February 28, 2020
- + **Registration for those accepted:** Spring 2020



# Application Process (cont'd)

## + Summer Workshop:

**August 2020 at Kennedy High School**

**●REQUIRED of new students**

# Selection Criteria

- + Academic Achievement
- + Teacher Recommendations
- + Essay
- + Interview
- + Demonstrated leadership, community service, and/or engagement in extracurricular activities
- + Demonstrated excellence in personal character

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## **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES**

**Each year the students in Kennedy SOAR program are accepted into many prestigious colleges and universities. They also receive significant monetary awards and scholarships in order to pursue their educational goals. The following are colleges and universities where our students have been accepted.**



BROWN

Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology



Holy Cross





**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**



**EDUCATION REDEFINED**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**CHICAGO**



**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

WASHINGTON, D.C.



**Colgate**  
UNIVERSITY



**Carnegie Mellon**

**BRYN MAWR**



**Brandeis University**



**Franklin Pierce**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY**  
THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



**SMITH COLLEGE**



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SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

MARIST



HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY



SIENACollege

CLARK UNIVERSITY  
1887

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

ITHACA

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

University of Rhode Island

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY



Cornell University

Hamilton

UNIVERSITY OF  
Massachusetts Amherst

# LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS



WELCOME *to* AGGIELAND



UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD



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PURDUE



Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology

SARAH • LAWRENCE • COLLEGE



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF VERMONT

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ARTS



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF THE ARTS

**American University, Babson, Baldwin/Wallace, Ball State, Barnard, Bentley, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, Bryant, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Bucknell, California Lutheran, Carnegie Mellon, CCSU, Clark, Colgate, Columbia, Connecticut College, Cornell, Coast Guard Academy, Florida State, Fordham, Franklin Pierce, George Washington, Georgetown, Goucher, Hamilton, Hartwick, Harvard, Hofstra, Holy Cross, Iona, Ithaca, Johns Hopkins, Kettering, La Salle, Lehigh, Loyola, Manhattanville, Marist, MIT, Mount Holyoke, Mount St. Mary, NYU, Northeastern, Northwestern, Penn State, Philadelphia School of the Arts, Princeton, Providence, Purdue, Quinnipiac, Regis, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams, Rutgers, Sacred Heart, Salve Regina, Sarah Lawrence, Seton Hall, Siena, Skidmore, SCSU, Smith, Springfield, St. John's, St. Joseph's, Syracuse, Temple, Texas A & M, Trinity, Tufts, Tulane, U of Arizona, U of Chicago, UCONN, U of Hartford, U of Iowa, UPENN, U of Maine, UMASS, U of Maryland, U of New Hampshire, U of New Haven, U of Rhode Island, U of Rochester, U of Richmond, U of San Diego, U of Southern California, U of Tampa, U of Vermont, Vassar, Villanova, Wellesley, Wesleyan, West Point, WCSU, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Yale**



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