

Bessemer City High School Profile

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School Information

Bessemer City High is a four-year public school enrolling 645 students in grades 9-12. BCHS is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Bessemer City follows the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction guidelines for meeting gradation requirements.

Grading System GPA: Academic Course Levels/Associated Weights

	Standard Unweighted	Honors/AP Prep	AP Weighted
A 90-100	4	4.5	5
B 80-89	3	3.5	4
C 70-79	2	2.5	3
D 60-69	1	1.5	2

(The school's lowest passing mark = 60)

Curriculum

The academic calendar at BCHS is organized on a block schedule. The majority of our students are enrolled in 8 classes per year. Students must earn 28 credits in order to graduate.

The curriculum tracks our students study mostly fall under the NC Future Ready Standard. Students provide input for their course selection through the registration process and through individual counseling sessions.

Advanced College Preparation Course Enrollment:

Bessemer City HS: 4 %

Gaston County Schools: 5 %

North Carolina: 5 %

Bessemer City High School currently offers 12 Advanced Placement courses on a rotating schedule: English Language Composition, English Literature, Biology, Calculus AB,

Calculus BC, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Psychology, Government and Political Systems, United States History, Music Theory, Statistics

Bessemer offers over 40 Honors level courses.

Career and Technical Course Offerings:

Average Enrollment:

Bessemer City High School: 12 %

Gaston County Schools: 13 %

North Carolina: 15 %

Bessemer City High School currently offers students four CTE pathways including Trade and Industry (Masonry and Carpentry), Family and Consumer Sciences, Business, and Health Occupations.

Other Information

SAT Information:

Average SAT Score: 1367

Bessemer City High School saw a thirty six point score increase from 2010 – 2012

Transcript Codes:

CTE: Career and Technical Education

CCP: College Career Promise

NCVPS: North Carolina Virtual Public School

Community Information:

Total Population: 5, 340 citizens

Median Household Income: \$33, 826

Percentage of citizens living below poverty line: 13.9 %

College Matriculation by Bessemer City Graduates in past years

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| • Appalachian State University | • Lenoir Rhyne |
| • Anna Maria College | • Methodist University |
| • Belmont Abbey College | • Pitt Community College |
| • Coastal Carolina | • Pfeiffer |
| • East Carolina University | • UNC- Charlotte |
| • Gaston College | • UNC- Wilmington |
| • Gardner Webb | • Universal Technical Institute |
| • Greensboro College | • Western Carolina University |
| • Kings College | • Wingate |