

Colleges & Universities

A sampling of college acceptances from recent classes

- Albright College
- Alvernia University
- American University
- Amherst College
- Appalachian State University
- Arcadia University
- Arizona State University
- Bard College
- Belmont University
- Bible Baptist University
- Binghamton University
- Bloomsburg University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bridgewater College
- Bryant University
- Brown University
- Bryn Athyn College
- Bucknell University
- Cabrini College
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Cape Fear Community College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Cedar Crest College
- Central Pennsylvania College
- Centenary University
- Champlain College
- Chatham University
- Chestnut Hill College
- Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
- Clarion University
- Clark University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colgate University
- College of New Jersey
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Delaware Valley University
- DeSales University
- Devry University
- Dickinson College
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- East Carolina University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Edinboro University
- Elizabethtown College
- Elon University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Gannon University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Gettysburg College
- Goucher College
- Grace College
- Grove City College
- Guilford College
- Gwynedd Mercy College
- Harcum College
- Harvard University
- Hofstra University
- Holy Family University
- Howard University
- Image International Modeling & Acting Center
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Institute of Audio Research
- Ithaca College
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- John Roach Honors College
- Johnson and Wales University
- Juilliard School
- Juniata College
- King’s College
- Kutztown University
- Lackawanna College
- Lafayette College
- La Salle University
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lehigh Carbon Community College
- Lehigh University
- Lincoln Culinary Institute
- Lincoln Technical Institute
- Lipscomb University
- Lock Haven University
- London Metropolitan University
- Loyola University
- Lycoming College
- Marist College
- Marywood University
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- McCann Business School
- McDaniel College
- McGill University
- Messiah College
- Miami University
- Millersville University
- Misericordia University
- Monmouth University
- Montclair State University
- Montgomery County Community College
- Moravian College
- Mount Olive College
- Muhlenberg College
- New York University
- Northampton County Community College
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Pace University
- Penn State University
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Philadelphia University
- Phoenix University
- Princeton University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rider University
- Robert E. Cook Honors College
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University
- Saginaw Valley State University
- Saint Joseph’s University
- Saint Peter’s University
- School of Audio Engineering
- School of Visual Arts
- Schreyer Honors College
- Seton Hall University
- Shippensburg University
- Slippery Rock College

- State College of Florida
- State University of New York
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stonehill College
- Stony Brook University
- Susquehanna University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- The Art Institute of Philadelphia
- The Military College of South Carolina-
- The Citadel
- The Ohio State University
- The Visions Beauty School
- Triangle Tech
- Trinity College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Akron
- University of Alabama
- University of Buffalo
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Central Florida
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Georgia
- University of Illinois
- University of Maryland
- University of Memphis
- University of Michigan
- University of Nebraska
- University of New Haven
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Puerto Rico
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Santo Tomas
- University of Scranton
- University of South Carolina
- University of Texas
- University of Toledo
- University of the Arts
- University of Vermont
- Ursinus College
- Villanova University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Wagner College
- Washington and Jefferson College
- Webber International University
- Wesley College
- West Chester University
- West Coast University
- West Virginia University
- Western Carolina University
- Westminster Choir College
- Wheelock College
- Widener University
- Wilkes University
- William Patterson University
- Xavier University
- Yale University
- York College of Pennsylvania

Freedom High School

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SCHOOL PROFILE

Freedom High School

Freedom High School has an enrollment of nearly 2,000 students grades 9 through 12 and is one of two high schools in the Bethlehem Area School District. It is located in the northeastern section of Bethlehem. The school was built in 1967 and now includes an addition of eleven classrooms, fitness room, aerobics room, and a state of the art gymnasium was built and dedicated in 2006. It is a comprehensive four year high school accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. A vocational and technical education is available at the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School for grades 9 through 12. The attendance area for Freedom includes a small portion of Northeastern Bethlehem, South Bethlehem, and Bethlehem Township.

Community

Bethlehem is a community of approximately 72,000 people. The sixth largest city in Pennsylvania located 90 miles southwest of New York City and 60 miles North of Philadelphia. The campuses of Cedar Crest College, Desales University, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, Penn State University, and Northampton County Area Community College provide an academic dimension to the city. Transportation facilities are readily available to Philadelphia, New York City, and New Jersey communities.

Activities & Athletics

All co-curricular activities are an integral part of our school community. Students have the opportunity to participate in over 35 organizations and 22 interscholastic sports at the AAAA/AAA level of competition. Freedom’s athletic teams compete in the Lehigh Valley Interscholastic Conference. Sports include field hockey, cross country, cheerleading, football, golf, lacrosse, rifle, soccer, basketball, swimming, baseball, softball, tennis, track & field, volleyball and wrestling. A sampling of our clubs include Anime, Art, Astronomy, Chess, Debate, Young Democrats, Engineering, Environmental Awareness, Future Business Leaders of America, French, Gay/Straight Alliance, German, Hackey Sack, Freedom Forum Newspaper, Photography, SADD, Ski, Student Council, Theatre Company, Yearbook, Science Olympiad, Scholastic Scrimmage, Band, Twirlers, Orchestra, Choir, and Les Chanteurs.

Special Programs

Many of our students participate in Dual Enrollment programs offered at Northampton Community College. We also offer a University Scholars Program for our top students with Lehigh University, Moravian College, Lafayette College and DeSales University. Our Business and Technology Department offers a seven-credit certificate program in Accounting, Marketing, Information Processing and Finance & Banking. Our Fine and Practical Arts Department offers a certificate program for students who plan to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education. Vocational and technical education is available for all students through Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School, and their programs include senior honors programs in engineering, in cooperation with Lafayette College and a medical academy, through Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Administration

Mr. Michael LaPorta

Principal

Ms. Maureen Leeson

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Ms. Tara McGoff

Mrs. Selines Oquendo

Athletic Director

Mr. Nathan Stannard

National Merit Scholarship 2018

6 Commended Students

Student and Grading Summary

Grade	Grade Points	% Equivalency
A+	4.3	97-100
A	4	93-96
A-	3.7	90-92
B+	3.3	87-89
B	3	83-86
B-	2.7	80-82
C+	2.3	77-79
C	2	73-76
C-	1.7	70-72
F	0	<70

Advanced Placement Courses

Language & Composition

Literature & Composition

Calculus AB & BC

Statistics

French

Spanish

Biology

Chemistry

Environmental Science

Physics 1 & 2

Comparative Govt & Politics

Government & Politics

Macroeconomics

Psychology

United States History

World History

Computer Science A

Computer Science Principles

Music Theory

Freedom’s CEEB Code

390322

Graduation Requirements

English	4 Credits
*Math	3 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits
*Science	3 Credits
Math or Science	1 Credit
Health	1 Credit
Physical Education	2 Credits
Fine & Practical Arts	1 Credit
General Electives	6.5 Credits
Community Service(60 hours).....	.5 Credit
Total Credits	26 Credits

Grading and Class Rank

Honors Courses and Advanced Placement courses, as noted on the transcript, receive one additional grade point unit (A=5.0, B=4.0, etc.) Academic subjects meet five days per week for periods of 85 minutes for one semester. There are two marking periods each semester. Final grades are calculated as follows: two marking periods at 40% of grades for each plus 20% for the final examination. For grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, students receive letter grade assessments. The standard for passing is 70%.

Class rank is computed at the end of each semester for all students. An official class rank is computed at the end of each school year. All students are ranked together by grade. Community service is exempt from the rank.

Honors Level Courses

English 9, 10, 11, 12

United States History 2

United States History 3

Global Studies

Government/Economics 12

Geometry

Algebra 1

Algebra 2

Pre-Calculus

French 4

Spanish 4

Biology

Chemistry

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Last Year’s Graduates: Class of 2018

2017-2018 SAT Scores
Mean Critical Reading & Writing Score: 539
Mean Math Score: 529

Class of 2018 Post-High School Placement	
4-Year College	50.8%
2-Year College/Trade School	33%
Military	3.4%
Work	5.9%
Other/Homemaker/Uncertain	6.9%