

Freedom High School

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School Profile

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Freedom High School has an enrollment of nearly 1,800 students in Grades 9-12 and is one of two high schools in the Bethlehem Area School District. Freedom is in the northeastern section of Bethlehem and was built in 1967. Subsequently, additions have included a Science Wing, 11 new classrooms, a fitness room, an aerobics room, and a state of the art gymnasium that was built and dedicated in 2006. This is a comprehensive, four-year high school accredited by the PA Department of Education. A vocational and technical education is available at the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School. Finally, the attendance catchment for Freedom includes a portion of Northeastern Bethlehem, South Bethlehem, and all of Bethlehem Township.

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 23 varsity sports. Freedom athletic teams compete in the East Penn Conference. Sports include: field hockey, baseball, softball, cross-country, track and field, volleyball, basketball, golf, lacrosse, wrestling, rifle, swimming, soccer, cheerleading, football, and tennis. A sampling of clubs/extracurriculars include: Anime Club, Art Club, Chess, Debate Team, Environmental Awareness Team, French/Spanish/German Club, Freedom Forum, Student Government, Yearbook, Science Olympiad, Scholastic Scrimmage, and Theater Company.

Dual Enrollment

Many students participate in dual enrollment programs (both in-person and virtually) offered at local colleges and universities including: Northampton Community College, Temple University, Lehigh University, Moravian University, Lafayette College, East Stroudsburg, and DeSales University. There is also an Academy for Medical Sciences offered at BAVTS which partners seniors with Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network.

Career Pathways Offered at Freedom:

Business, Finance, and Law
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
Arts and Communication
Health and Social Services
Education

BASD Purpose of Grading Statement

The purpose of grades is to communicate with students and parents/guardians about students' achievement towards specific goals. With a focus on student growth, grades are intended to be used as feedback to guide timely improvements and offer enrichment opportunities. Academic support factors are reported separately from the achievement grade.

Academic subjects meet five days per week for periods of 85 minutes for one semester. There are two marking periods each semester. Students receive an Achievement grade for each course which ranges from A+ to C- calculated as follows: two marking periods at 40% of grades for each and 20% for the final examination. The standard for passing is an Achievement Grade of 70%.

In addition to the Achievement grade, students receive Academic Support Factor grades for engagement and responsibility; 3 - meets expectations, 2 - approaches expectation, 1 - does not meet expectations. Academic Support Factor rubrics can be found on the school website. Honors courses and Advanced Placement courses as noted on the transcript receive one additional grade point unit (A=5.0, B=4.0, etc.). *While weighting is used to determine rank in class, the final recorded grade on the transcript does not reflect the assignment of the extra weight.*

Class rank is computed at the end of each semester for all students with an official class rank at the end of each school year. Exempt from rank is Community Service. All students are ranked together by grade.

Grading System - Achievement Grade

Grade	Grade Points	Grade Points*	Equivalent
A+	4.3	5.3	97-100
A	4.0	5.0	93-96
A-	3.7	4.7	90-92
B+	3.3	4.3	87-89
B	3.0	4.0	83-86
B-	2.7	3.7	80-82
C+	2.3	3.3	77-79
C	2.0	3.0	73-76
C-	1.7	2.7	70-72
F	0	0	<70

*AP/honors class grade point

Grading System- Academic Support Factors

3	Not included in GPA calculation	Meets the standard
2	Not included in GPA calculation	Approaches the standard
1	Not included in GPA calc	Doesn't meet standard

Freedom's AI Code: 390322

Graduation Requirements:

Required Courses	Number of Credits Needed
English	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Additional Math OR Science	1.0
Computer Science	.5
Physical Education	2.0 (.5 per year)
Health	1.0 (.5 x 2 years)
Freshman Seminar	.5
Junior Seminar	.5
Arts/Humanities	1.0
General Electives	6.0
Community Service	.5 (60 hours)

Advanced Placement Courses:	Honors Courses:
English: Language and Literature Literature and Composition	English: English 9-12
Math: Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics Precalculus	Math: Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry
Social Studies: Macroeconomics African American Studies Comparative Gov't + Politics US Gov't + Politics Psychology World History: Modern	Social Studies: US Government and Economics US History Global Studies
World Language: Spanish Language and Culture French Language and Culture German Language and Culture	World Language: French 4 Spanish 4 German 4
Science: Biology Chemistry Environmental Science Physics 1 and 2	Science: Biology Chemistry Anatomy + Physiology
Business: Computer Science Principles Computer Science A Cybersecurity Personal Finance + Business	
Fine and Practical Arts: Music Theory 2D Art and Design	

College Credit Report (AP Equity + Excellence Score):
26.2%

National Merit Scholars - 2026

- One national finalist
- Three commended students

Class of 2026 - Post-High School Placement

4-Year College	47%
2-Year College/Trade School	28%
Military	4%
Work	9%

Colleges and Universities - A sampling of college acceptances from recent graduates:

Albright College	Dartmouth College	Juniata College	PA College of Technology
Alvernia University	Delaware Valley University	Kean University	PhiladelphiaUniversity
American University	DeSales University	Kenyon College	Phoenix University
American InterContinental	Dickinson College	King's College	Point Park University
Amherst College	Drew University	Kutztown University	Princeton University
Appalachian State University	Duke University	Lafayette College	Purdue University
Arcadia University	Duquesne University	LaSalle University	Quinnipiac University
Arizona State University	East Carolina University	Lebanon Valley College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
Bard College	East Stroudsburg University	Lehigh Carbon CC	Rider University
Belmont University	Edinboro University	Lehigh University	Robert E. Cook Honors Coll.
Baptist Bible University	Elizabethtown College	Liberty University	Robert Morris University
Binghamton University	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Lincoln Culinary Institute	Rochester Institute of Tech
Bloomsburg University	Emerson College	Lincoln Technical Institute	Rutgers University
Boston College	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Lock Haven University	St. Joe's University
Boston University	Florida Atlantic University	London Metropolitan University	St. Peter's University
Bridgewater College	Fordham University	Los Angeles City College	Schreyer Honors Coll
Bryant University	Franklin & Marshall College	Loyola University	Seton Hall Univ
Brown University	George Mason University	Lycoming College	Shippensburg Univ
Bryn Athyn College	George Washington University	Mansfield University	Slippery Rock College
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Marist College	Stanford University
Cabrini College	Gettysburg College	Maryville University	State University of NY
California University of PA	Goucher College	Mass College of Pharmacy	Stevens Institute of Tech
Cape Fear Community College	Grace College	Mass Institute of Technology	Stockton University
Carnegie Mellon University	Grove City College	McCann Business School	Stony Brook University
Cedar Crest College	Gwynedd Mercy College	McDaniel College	Susquehanna University
Central Michigan University	Hamilton College	Messiah College	Syracuse University
Central Pennsylvania College	Harcum College	Metro Beauty Academy	Temple University
Centenary University	Harvard University	Miami University	The Art Institute of Philadelphia
Champlain College	High Point University	Millersville University	The Military College of SC
Chatham University	Hofstra University	Misericordia University	The Citadel
Chestnut Hill College	Holy Family University	Monmouth University	The Ohio State Univ
Cheyney University	Howard University	Montclair State University	The Visions Beauty School
Clarion University	Image International	Moore College of Art + Design	Triangle Tech
Clark University	Immaculata University	Moravian University	Trinity College
Clemson University	Indiana University of PA	Mount Olive College	Tufts University
Coastal Carolina University	Institute of Audio Research	Muhlenberg College	Tulane University
Colgate University	Ithaca College	New York University	Tyler School of Art
College of New Jersey	James Madison University	Northampton County CC	US Coast Guard Academy
Colorado State University	Johns Hopkins University	Northeastern University	US Naval Academy
Columbia University	John Roach Honors College	Northwestern University	University of Akron

Cornell University	Johnson and Wales University	Pace University	University of Alabama
Culinary Inst. of America	Penn State University	University of Buffalo	University of California, Los Angeles
University of Central Flo.	University of Cincinnati	University of Colorado	University of Connecticut
University of Delaware	University of Georgia	University of Illinois	University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts	University of Memphis	University of Michigan	University of Minnesota
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 Richmond
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
Vassar College	Villanova University	Virginia Polytechnic Inst	Wagner College
Washington + Jefferson Coll	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		