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## CLASS OF 2019

Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District

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## Our School

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John F. Kennedy High School is a comprehensive high school offering students the opportunity to enrich their classroom experience through participation in a wide variety of after school activities, including twenty-seven clubs and forty-eight athletic teams. Community service is an integral part of the activities program, as well as a requirement for graduation.

## The Community

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Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District is located in Nassau County, on Long Island, approximately twenty-five miles east of New York City. Serving more than 5,500 students in grades seven through twelve, the district consists of three comprehensive high schools, an alternative high school, and two middle schools. Our students' success is a matter of record, with more than 98% of our graduating seniors receiving a New York State Regents Diploma. In addition to a full array of Regents, Honors, Accelerated, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement programs, the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD offers several unique opportunities: Gilder-Lehrman, Virtual Enterprise, Senior Experience, Theater Arts, Culinary Arts, Broadcast Journalism, and Advanced Science Research Programs. Additional information about such programs can be found on the last page of this profile.

## Our Mission

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John F. Kennedy High School is dedicated to the education of the total child. With comprehensive course offerings and a wide array of student activities, the educational environment fosters the student's intellectual, emotional, psychological, and physical growth, helps develop social skills, and nurtures individual talents. Our educational program motivates each student to reach his or her full potential. Preparation for college and career awareness are essential aspects of our educational program that help prepare our students for the future. Finally, our goal is to graduate life-long learners with the skills to adapt to and even improve the world. We hope our students will recognize the importance of being good citizens by participating in the community and embracing the diverse nature of our society.

## Enrollment

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Total school enrollment (9-12) – 1016 students  
Class of 2019 – 239 students

## Accreditation

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John F. Kennedy High School is accredited by the New York State Board of Regents.

## Graduation Requirements

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Students are required to earn at least 22 credits and pass five New York State Regents examinations to graduate with a Regents Diploma. To earn a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation, students must pass eight Regents examinations. Credit requirements are outlined below:

English.....	4 credits
Social Studies.....	4 credits
Science.....	3 credits
Mathematics.....	3 credits
World Languages.....	1 credit
Art or Music.....	1 credit
Physical Education.....	2 credits
Health.....	½ credit
Electives.....	3 ½ credits

Typical Kennedy HS students surpass these requirements.

## Class Rank

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The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District has adopted a policy of not ranking students on cumulative average relative to their classmates.

## Course Weighting

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Transcript grades are weighted as follows:  
Honors and Accelerated Courses – 2 points added  
Advanced Placement Courses – 5 points added

## Lowest Numerical Equivalent

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A	B	C	D
90	80	70	65

Passing: 65



Our students have demonstrated success in a school that prides itself on the rigor of its academic program. It is hoped that colleges recognize the strength of our curriculum and the quality of our graduates.

## Dual Enrollment Courses

Course	College	Credits
College Accounting	SUNY Farmingdale	3
College Marketing 1	SUNY Farmingdale	3
College Business Law	SUNY Farmingdale	3
Hospitality & Management	SUNY Farmingdale	3
Virtual Enterprise	SUNY Farmingdale	9
Principles of Engineering	SUNY Farmingdale	3
Digital Electronics	SUNY Farmingdale	2
College Spanish	Molloy	6
College Italian	Molloy	6
College Pre-Calculus	Molloy	3
Drama ¾	Molloy	3
College Media	St. John's	3
College Public Speaking	St. John's	3
College Genetics	St. John's	3
College Human A & P	St. John's	3
College Sociology	St. John's	3
College Drawing & Painting 3 & 4	LIU	3 each
College Photography 3 & 4	LIU	3 each
College Sculpture 3 & 4	LIU	3 each
Advanced Digital Music Production	LIU	3
Broadcast Communications II	LIU	3
Broadcast Communications III	LIU	3
Creative Suite I	LIU	3
Creative Suite II	LIU	3
College 2D Animation	LIU	3
Social Media & Blogging	LIU	3
Advanced Science Research 3	SUNY Albany	4
Advanced Science Research 4	SUNY Albany	4
ASR 3 - Summer Mentorship	SUNY Albany	2
ASR 4 - Summer Mentorship	SUNY Albany	2

## AP Course Enrollment

Year	# of Students	# of Exams
2017-2018	463	1080
2016-2017	466	1057
2015-2016	412	888

## AP Scholar Awards

	2016	2017	2018
AP Scholars	60	71	88
AP Scholars with Honors	42	63	49
AP Scholars with Distinction	47	38	48
AP National Scholars	14	8	10
<b>Total Scholars</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>185</b>

## Honors and Awards

2018 National Merit Letters of Commendation Recipients	8
2018 National Merit Semifinalists	2
2018 Regeneron Semifinalists	2
Regeneron/Intel 2002-2018	45 Semifinalists 3 Finalists

## AP Course Offerings & Test Results (3-year Average)

Examination	% 3 or Better
Biology	92%
Calculus AB	83%
Calculus BC	92%
Chemistry	83%
Computer Science	38%
Computer Science Principles	95%
English Language	61%
English Literature	68%
Environmental Science (2yr)	29%
French Language	92%
US Government & Politics	77%
Italian Language	90%
Macroeconomics	72%
Physics C (E&M) (M)	72%
Physics 1	52%
Physics 2	78%
Psychology	91%
Spanish Language	98%
Studio Art	96%
US History	77%
World History	87%

## Average SAT and ACT Reasoning Scores (2018)

SAT Reasoning Test	JFK Mean	National Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	578	536
Mathematics	573	531

ACT Exam (2018)	Mean Composite Score
Kennedy	25.3
State	24.4
National	20.8

## Average SAT II Subject Scores (2017)

Exam	Mean
Biology M	636
Biology E	590
Chemistry	721
Math Level IC	641
Math Level IIC	678
US History	699
World History	626

## Post-Secondary Education (2018)

Four-Year College	87%
Two-Year College	11%
Other	2%

## Graduation Rate

The class of 2018 consisted of 279 students with a 99% graduation rate. 99% of graduates earned at least a Regents Diploma and 83% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

# BMCHSD SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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## **Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting**

Housed at Mephram High School in the district's cutting-edge broadcasting studio, the innovative Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting Program is designed to enrich the educational experience of high school students with career interests in broadcasting by providing them with real-world skills and experiences with high-tech professional equipment. Led by faculty with experience in the field, students begin by learning about communication theories and tools, gaining background knowledge of pre-production planning and technical experience with camera use, lighting, sound recording, and electronic editing. As students advance through the program, they shape and refine skills in reading and writing for media communications, interviewing, graphics design, and filmmaking.

## **CHAMP Culinary Arts**

The Culinary, Hospitality and Applied Management Program (CHAMP) housed at Kennedy High School, in a state of the art culinary facility, will be an opportunity for students to explore the culinary and hospitality industry through classwork in advanced food preparation and food service management. CHAMP will take students from cooking and service skills to thorough training in every kitchen station, while providing students with real-world knowledge that will support them in any field in the industry.

## **On Tour**

Housed at Calhoun, On Tour is the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's Theater Arts program. The program has existed for over forty years and is one of the most rigorous and expansive high school theater programs in New York State. Acceptance to this highly selective program is challenging as students have to go through an extensive application process which is comprised of a written essay, an intensive interview, an acting workshop, and the performance of a Shakespeare text. Approximately 30 students per year are admitted out of a three high school student body of close to 4,000 students.

## **Virtual Enterprise**

This program allows students to experience all the facets of being an employee in a business environment. They are involved in every aspect of the business – including human resources, accounting, product development, production, distribution, marketing, and sales.

## **Senior Experience**

The Senior Experience provides students with an opportunity to explore a variety of career options including out-of-school internships and/or activities based upon the individual interests of each student.

## **Gilder Lehrman**

Our school district has partnered with the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History so that each of our high schools can become a history-centered school and academic research center. Students have the opportunity to pursue an American History major by selecting a particular sequence of elective courses.

## **Advanced Science Research Program**

The Advanced Science Research program provides high school students with the tools and experiences necessary to become scientists. Students master the art of the scientific method, which can be used in every aspect of their lives. Students excel in areas such as interviewing, presenting, writing, self-assessment, peer evaluation, organization, time management, and other activities that aid them in becoming scientists. Students also perform three years of intense research under the supervision of a mentor in their chosen discipline. All students complete a publishable research paper prior to high school graduation. Our students have been consistently recognized for their scientific work at international, national, and regional competitions.

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