



**MISSION** Bearden High School exists to help all students become responsible, self-directed, lifelong learners capable of functioning effectively in a global society.

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Class of 2021	
4 Year College	72%
2 Year College	15%
Trade/Technical	4%
Military	3%
Work	6%
TN Promise Eligible	98%
Scholarship Total	\$29,820,023

**The Community**

Bearden High School is located in a middle/upper income community in the fastest growing sector of Knoxville. The City of Knoxville is home to 187,500 people with a county population of 461,860. Knoxville serves a business and industrial community as well as being home to The University of Tennessee. Our parental community is largely professional in nature drawing from our close proximity to science, engineering, medical, legal and university arenas.

**The School**

Bearden High School is a comprehensive 4-year high school with a current enrollment of 2,084 students in grades nine through twelve. Designated a 1:1 Technology school in 2013 and a Pre-AP school in 2018, Bearden has also earned U.S. News' Silver Award and Niche's list of 2021 best schools. The academic program is organized on a block schedule, where the maximum load is 8 credits per year. Our high school has gained accreditation from the Tennessee State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. BHS Foundation and PTSO are active parent & alumni-based organizations that provide support through voluntary efforts and fiscal contributions which enhance instruction and student support.

**Grading Policy & Rank**

Knox County Schools' reports class rank in deciles. **An additional three (3) points are added to the final class average for Honors courses, four (4) points are added to the final class average for NIC & Statewide DC courses, and five (5) points are added to the final class average (in May) for AP and courses. Mid-term grades do not have the additional points added.** In calculating a weighted GPA, Honors courses are given an additional 0.5 quality points, NIC courses an additional .75 and AP/DE courses an additional 1.0. **The transcript includes both an unweighted and weighted GPA based on a 4.00 scale:**

**Grade Scale**

<b>A</b> (93 -100)	4
<b>B</b> (85 - 92)	3
<b>C</b> (75 - 84)	2
<b>D</b> (70 - 74)	1
<b>F</b> (0 - 69)	0

**Cumulative Grade Distribution by Deciles (weighted GPA)**

Decile	GPA Range	Decile	GPA Range
I	4.59 - 4.33	VI	3.49 - 3.20
II	4.32 - 4.12	VII	3.19 - 2.90
III	4.11 - 3.93	VIII	2.89 - 2.59
IV	3.92 - 3.67	VIII	2.58 - 2.07
V	3.66 - 3.49	X	2.07 - below

**Graduation Requirements**

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Wellness/PE	1.5 credits
World Language	2 credits
Fine Art	1 credit
Personal Finance	.5 credits
<i>Minimum of 28 credits required</i>	

**Bearden ACT Average 22.3** **Fall 2021 Enrollment:** 9<sup>th</sup> 518; 10<sup>th</sup> 520; 11<sup>th</sup> 479; 12<sup>th</sup> 513

Knox County	20.4
Tennessee	18.7

**Student Body Demographics**

Asian	4.58%
Black or African American	9.88%
Hispanic	9.31%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	.48%
White	75.41%
Economically Disadvantaged	24.1%
English Learners	3.09%

**AP Five Year School Summary of Exams Administered**

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total AP Exam Takers	497	585	642	532	621
Total Exams	849	822	983	832	968
Students Scoring ≥3	330	364	378	345	366
% of Students Scoring ≥3	66.4%	62.2%	58.9%	64.9%	58.9%

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## Curriculum, Clubs and Organizations

<b>Honors Courses (27)</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b>	<b>AP Courses (27)</b>	<b>Computer Sci Princ.</b>	<b>Art-2D &amp; 3D</b>	<b>Wild Lang Offerings</b>
English I, II	Biology I, II	English Lit & Lang	Environmental Sci	Art Drawing	American Sign Lang
French III, IV	Chemistry I, II	German	Physics CM	Art History	French
German III, IV	Physical Wild Concepts	Spanish	Human Geography	Music Theory	German
Latin III, IV	Physics	Comparative Gov.	Economics-Macro	Seminar	Latin
Spanish III, IV	Scientific Research	Calculus AB/BC	Economics-Micro	Research	Spanish
Algebra I, II	Academic Research	Statistics	European History	World History	
Geometry	Art, Orchestra	Biology	US History		
Pre-Calculus	Band, Vocal Music	Chemistry	US Government		

<b>Clubs and Organizations</b>	Beauty to Unveil	Code TN	Fellowship of Christian	German Club	National Honor Society	Spanish National Hon
	BHS Art Guild	Creative Writing	Athletes	Hearthstone Club	Navy JROTC	Society
	BHS Drama Dawgs	Dance Dawgs	French Club	Helping Hands	Reptile Club	Student Government
	Book Club	DECA	Film Club	Hiking Club	Robotics Club	Association
	Chess Club	Environmental Club	Future Bus Leaders of	History Club	Sailing Club Team	Teens for Christ Bible
	Climbing Team	Equestrian Club	America	HOSA	Student Ambassadors	Club
	Club ONE	FCCLA	Garageband Hangout	Key Club	Science Olympiad	Ultimate Frisbee Team
	Multi-Cultural Students	National Tech Honor	Club	Latin Club	Scholars Bowl	Virtual Enterprise
		Society	Gay Straight Alliance	Math Honor Society	Senior Committee	

Bearden offers 18 Athletic Teams in which students can participate. BHS earned recognition as the 2022 State Girls Basketball Champions and 2022 National Dance Team Champions.

The Class of 2021 is enrolled at 78 different colleges in 22 different states and the District of Columbia.

The Class of 2021 had 5 National Merit Finalists, 4 National Merit Commended Students, 1 Ned McWherter Scholar, 1 student with a perfect ACT score, 61 AP Scholars, 42 AP Scholars with Distinction, 18 AP Scholars with Honors, 1 Seminar/Research Certificate and 13 Capstone Diplomas.

### Bearden students from the Classes of 2017 – 2021 can be found on the following campuses:

Appalachian State University	Converse College	Jacksonville State University	North Carolina State University	Sweet Briar College	U of Northern Colorado
Arizona State University	Dalton State	University	University	TN College of Applied Tech - Crossville	U of Pennsylvania
Art Institute of Chicago	Defiance College	King University	Northland C&T	Tech - Crossville	U of San Agustin
Art Institute of Nashville	Delta Community College	Lebanon Valley College	Northwestern U	TN College of Applied Tech - Knoxville	U of San Francisco
Auburn University	DePaul University	Lee University	Norwich University	TN School of Beauty	U of the South-
Austin Peay University	Douglas J. Aveda Institute	Lees McRae College	Oglethorpe University	TN State U	Sewanee
Baylor University	Duke University	Liberty University	Ohio Technical School	TN State U	U of South Carolina
Belmont University	East TN State University	Lincoln Memorial University	Ohio State University	TN Technological U	U of Southern
Berry College	Eastern Kentucky University	Lincoln College of Technology	Ohio University	TN Wesleyan College	California
Bethel College	Eastern University	Lipscomb University	Oral Roberts U	Texas A&M	U of TN - Chattanooga
Birmingham Southern College	Elon University	Loyola University - Chicago	Otago University (New Zealand)	Thomas More College	U of TN – Knoxville
Boston University	Embry-Riddle	Lynchburg College	Pace University	Transylvania University	U of TN – Martin
Brigham Young	Eastern University	Marshall University	Palm Beach Atlantic	Trevecca Nazarene University	U of VA - Wise
Broward College	Elon University	Martin Methodist College	Paul Mitchell the School	Tusculum	U of WI - Madison
Bryan College	Emory and Henry College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Pellissippi State	U of Alabama	U of Wyoming
Butler University	Emory University	Maryville College	Penn State University	U of Alabama at Birmingham	Vanderbilt University
Carnegie Mellon University	Ferrum College	Mercer County CC	Princeton University	U of Alabama - Huntsville	Vassar College
Carson-Newman University	Fisk University	Methodist University	Regency Beauty Institute	U of California - Los Angeles	Virginia Tech
Case Western Reserve University	Flagler College	Michigan State University	Ringling College of Art & Design	U of California - Los Angeles	Wake Forest
Cedarville University	Florida State University	Mississippi State	RIT Croatia	U of Charleston	Walters State
Centre College	Francis Marion University	Morehead State	Rollins College	U of Chicago	Washington University in St. Louis
Chattanooga State	Furman	Motlow State	Roane State	U of Colorado-Boulder	Washington University
Chipola College	Georgia Tech	Murray State University	Samford University	U of the Cumberland	Western Carolina University
Clemson University	Grand Valley State University	Nashville State	Santa Monica College	U of Florida	Western Washington University
Cleveland Inst of Art	Greensboro College		Santa Fe Com College	U of Georgia	University
Cleveland State	Guilford Technical CC		Savannah College of Art and Design	U of Illinois	Winona State University
College of Charleston	Harding University		School of Art Inst of Chicago	U of Kansas	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Colorado State University	High Point University		Southern Adventist University	U of Kentucky	Word of Life Bible Institute
Columbia Intl U	Hillsborough CC		Stockholm Scl of Ec	U of Louisville	US Air Force
Columbia State	Hillsdale			U of Massachusetts	US Army
Concordia University	Hillsgong College			U of Memphis	US Marines
Covenant College	Hiwassee College			U of Michigan-Ann Arbor	US Navy
	Iowa State University			U of Mississippi	Univ. of Edinborough
				U of NC-Chapel Hill	
				U of North Texas	