

Welcome to the Bethel Public Schools

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION/PROCEDURES

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This is the address of the Bethel Public Schools website. Consult the site for detailed information about curriculum, calendars, events, research links, and newsletters. It's all here.

Website: www.bethel.k12.ct.us



DR. CHRISTINE CARVER, SUPERINTENDENT

"Our primary purpose is to improve student achievement."



Dr. Christine Carver, Superintendent
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The Arts in the Bethel Public Schools

Music

The Bethel Public Schools has a nationally recognized music and fine arts program. *We have been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for our outstanding commitment to music education.* Bethel is one of 4% of school districts in the nation to receive this distinction.

Our students compete both regionally and nationally because of the quality of their performances. Bethel has a comprehensive K-12 Music Curriculum. Beginning in grade 3 we offer a strings program and in middle and high school Jazz Band is offered.

Art

BPS ART Department Vision We believe that all humans have the inherent need to express themselves as a part of their emotional spirit. We believe that all children deserve the opportunity to learn a variety of art methods and to develop their skills with a diverse range of materials. We believe in challenging our students to persevere through complex concept exploration, develop their capacity for descriptive and detailed observation, analysis and interpretation of the world in which we live, and to nurture their aesthetic identity through the development of their personal voice.

Theater

BPS theater students with an interest in drama and its performance develop their confidence with public presentations with strong emphasis on both the production and performance of live theater. Basic acting skills are developed through improvisation, monologues, and scene study. Students learn about various styles of theater and the roles of various theater artists (actors, designers, directors). Authentic experiences culminate with the development and production of an original Unified Theater show presented during the school year.

Circle of Friends Preschool

Circle of Friends is an innovative preschool program that integrates children with and without special needs. Children without special needs are accepted on a tuition basis. Circle of Friends offers developmentally appropriate programs for three and four year olds. Each session is two hours and forty minutes per day. An excellent staff-to-child ratio is maintained.

Circle of Friends Program Goals

1. To offer developmentally appropriate early childhood education to all children.
2. To promote respect for individual differences and to develop an appreciation for the diversity within our community.
3. To foster the development of life long independence and positive social skills.
4. To enable all children to effectively communicate their ideas, desires and feelings.
5. To develop skills necessary for successful participation within the Kindergarten program.

Bethel High School

Bethel High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., a nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary school through collegiate institutions offering post-graduate instruction.

Bethel High School offers a comprehensive program of study designed to enhance students' academic skills and to prepare students for college and or a career. Some programs offered are:

Pathways Program

AP Courses

Early College Experience(ECE) – WCSU/UCONN

NVCC College Career Pathways (CCP) Program

Capstone Project

NJROTC

SWC Athletics

Full Program of Studies offered: [Program of Studies](#)

Bethel Public Schools Mission Statement

The mission of the Bethel Public Schools, in partnership with families and the community, is to foster a culture of excellence and achievement accomplished by challenging curricula, committed teaching and optimized learning opportunities for all students. Our graduates will be resilient and perseverant, passionate self-directed learners, critical thinkers, college or career ready, considerate ethical citizens and globally competitive.

Core Beliefs

1. We believe that educational excellence benefits the entire community and is the shared responsibility of students, families, educators, staff, and citizens.
2. We believe we need to communicate the fundamental importance of education and the quality of education being delivered in our schools.
3. We believe that all children can learn and our educational process must meet their diverse needs.
4. We believe that recruiting, developing, and retaining exceptional educators creates a rigorous learning environment that will effectively prepare our students for the global demands of the 21st century.
5. We believe that effective instruction and high expectations of both educators and students will increase student achievement.
6. We believe that critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and innovation are essential and critically important to the learning process.
7. We believe that a comprehensive, challenging curriculum and engaging instruction prepares students to be college and/or career ready.
8. We believe in the necessity of teaching students to become informed and contributing members of society.
9. We believe that developing caring, respectful, and supportive relationships between and among educators, students, parents, staff, and citizens leads to higher levels of student achievement.
10. We believe that a safe, secure environment, and well-maintained and equipped educational facilities are essential for the physical, social-emotional, and intellectual development of our students.

Bethel Public Schools Campus & Community

All five of Bethel's public schools and athletic facilities are located in a beautiful 140-acre Educational Park near the geographical center of the community. The site is considered to be one of the most attractive and functional school complexes in this part of the nation. Parents find the proximity of the schools to be ideal for car-pooling, facilitating transitions between schools, and participating in the full scope of services offered by the school system. The park is the social and recreational center of the community.

Bethel is located just a few minutes east of New York State and 68 miles north of Manhattan, Bethel is distinctive in many ways. It is both one of the smallest and one of the newest (a mere 150 years old!) towns in western Connecticut. Home to Chocolate Lace and Duracell batteries, Bethel was once home to one of America's most famous independent showmen, P.T. Barnum himself.

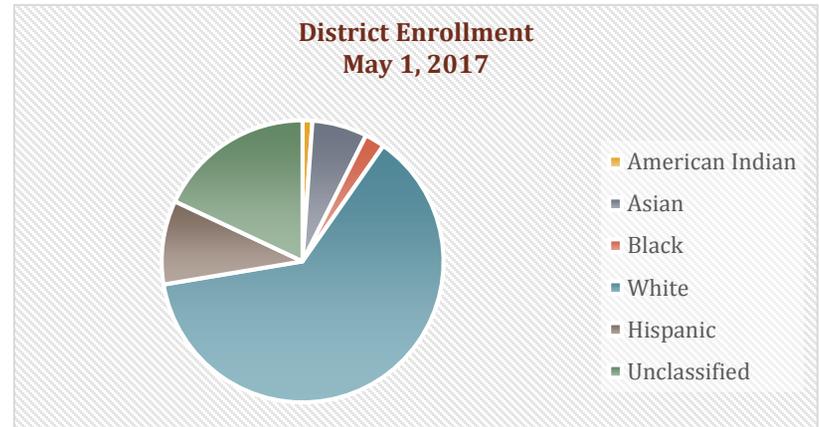
Crammed inside its 17 square miles are numerous eateries that attract large crowds each night. The Bethel Cinema, a renowned venue for offbeat and arts films, is a Fairfield County landmark. Historic Greenwood Avenue houses unique shops, is the locale for special events such as Community Market, Trick or Treating, a November Tree Lighting, the annual book fair and sales days. The Route 6 corridor, Clarke and Berkshire Business Parks serve as magnets for commercial ventures. Despite its timeless, small-town New England charm, this little gem of a town is part of thriving Fairfield County and is connected directly to Manhattan and Boston by a commuter rail line that goes right through downtown.

Safety & Security Is A Priority

The Bethel Public Schools are committed to making schools safe for students and staff. We work closely with National, State and local safety officials - including police, fire and emergency medical services and public health - to ensure that we are well prepared and that children are protected. We have a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan that makes our staff and our public safety partners respond swiftly should an emergency occur, and we conduct regular training and practice sessions based on that plan.

District Enrollment

Total Enrollment - 3026 Students



District Accomplishments

Bethel Middle School - CT Middle School of the Year
Berry School & Rockwell School - Schools of Distinction
NAMS
NJROTC Distinguished Unit
Bethel High School Marching Band - US Band National Champions

District Instructional Features

1:1 Grades 3 - 13
STEM Opportunities
Makerspaces
Coding K-12
High School Pathways