

BEAR RIVER HIGH SCHOOL



Home of the Bruins

Our Community

The Nevada Joint High School District is located in northern California approximately 60 miles northeast of Sacramento. The district is located in Grass Valley, a small Gold Rush community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada's. It is idyllically located just hours to the cultural, recreational and entertainment centers of Sacramento, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco. Situated in the south part of the county, Bear River High School neighbors a beautiful residential lake community fed by its namesake river. The NJUHSD district serves over 3,000 students, from 9 diverse elementary and middle schools.

On Campus Activities

- a state-of-the-art performing arts center
- a new aquatic center
- numerous AP classes
- over 15 clubs and 19 sports
- award-winning agricultural department
- many performing arts and fine arts opportunities

Our School

Bear River is a small comprehensive 4 year high school that serves approximately 725 students in grades 9-12. Built in 1986, it was designed to serve the residents of southern Nevada County, in its rural setting. Bear River High School was recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2001 and 2009. During the last five years, the school has become a model program for Professional Learning Communities implementing teacher collaboration, pyramids of intervention, and common assessments. This year, Bear River successfully passed our mid six year WASC accreditation review.

The mission of Bear River High School is to provide a positive learning environment, a variety of opportunities to develop a solid educational background, and the tools to enable students to become productive and adaptable members of an evolving society.



School Profile 2015-2016

Bear River High School

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Administration

Superintendent
Dr. Louise Johnson

Principal
Amy Besler

Assistant Principal
Cathy Peterson

Counselors
Cindy Henry Grimm
Bethany Williams



Activities Director
Matt MacDonald
Athletic Director
Duwaine Ganskie

Registrars
Karen Barker
Polly Bauer
Principals Secretary
Janet Miles
Attendance
Cindy Olson

Our Curriculum

AP, Honors & Accelerated classes: Advanced Placement (AP) and Honor courses are weighted by one additional point for any student who passes an AP course.

English 1X, English 2X, World History X
English 3 Honors

Introduction to Calculus & Advanced Math Honors

AP English Literature & Composition

AP US History

AP Government

AP Calculus

AP Physics A

AP Environmental Science

AP Spanish Language

AP Studio Art: Drawing



2015 AP EXAM INFORMATION

Number of students who took AP courses:	151
Number of students who took an AP Test:	92
Achieved qualifying scores:	67%

2014 CAASPP Results (% of students meeting and exceeding standards)

ELA	BR 84%	State 44%
Math	BR 50%	State 33%

College Information

Bear River graduates are offered admission to the most rigorous university programs including: Yale, Pepperdine, Cornell, Duke, USC, Stanford, California Institute of Technology, Claremont McKenna, Loyola Marymount, Lewis and Clark, University of Oregon, Santa Clara, Hofstra, Harvey Mudd, BYU, Embry Riddle, Vanguard, Villanova, University of Chicago, John Hopkins, Florida Institute of Technology, Case Western Reserve, Iona, Syracuse, Norwich, Rensselaer, Northeastern, UC system, i.e. UCLA, Berkeley, CSU system, i.e. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, SDSU, and both the United States Naval and Air Force Academies.

College Acceptance Report for the 136 students in the Class of 2015

4 year university:	37%
2 year community college:	45%
Technical college & Military	5%
Work:	13%



College Entrance Exams 2015

Average SAT:	BRHS	State	Ave. ACT:	BRHS	State	BRHS	State	
Critical Reading	555	495	English	24.6	22.1	Science	24.1	22.0
Math	555	504	Reading	25.0	22.6	Composite	24.6	22.5
Writing	540	491	Math	24.3	22.7			

Bear River is proud to share our consistently above average scores

Our Graduation Requirements

English	4 years/40 credits
Mathematics	3 years/30 credits
Social Studies	3 years/30 credits
Life Science	1 year/10 credits
Physical Science	1 year/10 credits
Physical Education	2 years/20 credits
Fine/Performing Arts OR	
Foreign Language	1 year/10 credits
Health/Computers	1 year/10 credits
Electives	60 credits



220 credits are required for graduation and students may earn 5 credits per course per semester. They are also required to pass the CAHSEE, Algebra 1/Integrated Math I and successfully complete the senior project.