

# 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 Nevadas. It is idyllically located just hours from the cultural, recreational and entertainment centers of Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, and San Francisco. Situated in the southern part of the county, Bear River High School neighbors a beautiful residential lake community fed by its namesake river. The NJUHS 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 beautiful aquatic center
- numerous AP classes
- over 20 clubs and 19 sports
- national award-winning agricultural department
- many performing arts and fine arts opportunities

BRHS CEEB Code 051092

### Our School

Bear River is a small comprehensive high school that serves approximately 650 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. In 2017, Bear River was recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School demonstrating exemplary achievements in implementing state standards in priority areas.

*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 2019-2020 Bear River High School

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## Our Curriculum

AP, Honors & Accelerated classes: Advanced Placement (AP) & Honors courses are weighted by an additional point for C's and above

English 1X, World History X (accelerated)  
 English 2H  
 AP English 3 Language & Composition  
 AP English 4 Literature & Composition  
 AP US History  
 AP World History  
 AP Government  
 AP Calculus  
 AP Physics  
 AP Computer Science Principals  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Biology  
 AP Spanish Language 4  
 AP Studio Art: Drawing



### 2019 AP EXAM INFORMATION

Number of students who took AP courses:	210
Number of students who took an AP Test:	73
Achieved qualifying scores:	61%

### 2019 CAASPP Results (*% of students meeting and exceeding standards*)

ELA	BR 82%	State 51%
Math	BR 53%	State 40%

## 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 <b>OR</b> CTE <b>OR</b> Foreign Language	1 year/10 credits
Health/ Get Focused, Stay Focused	1 year/10 credits
Electives	60 credits



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

## College Information

Bear River graduates are offered admission to the most rigorous university programs in the world 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 (UCLA, Berkeley), CSU system (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, SDSU), and both the United States Naval and Air Force Academies.

### College Acceptance Report for the 148 students in the Class of 2019:

Met/exceeded college prep standards:	43%
4-year University:	20%
2-year Community College:	44%
Technical College & Military:	6%
Work/Other:	30%



### College Entrance Exams 2019

Average SAT:	BRHS	State	Avg. ACT:	BRHS	State	BRHS	State	
Evidence Based			English	22.1	22.4	Math	23.3	22.3
Reading & Writing	550	534	Reading	23.2	23.0	Science	22.4	22.2
Math	540	531	Composite	22.9	22.6			

*Bear River's test scores are just one measure of our students' preparedness for college and careers.*