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.

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

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.

BRHS CEEB Code 051092
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 OR CTE
- OR 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

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