



# **WELCOME** to Belmont High School



# OUR VALUES

We are Braves! The values which define us at North Adams Community Schools are Community, Growth and Respect. Every member of our school community strives to demonstrate and be set apart by these core values in every aspect of our education, culture and character traits. We are proud to be Belmont Braves!

## Community

We are a caring community of learners who take pride in belonging and representing our Belmont Braves. When you are here, you are home! We are Belmont Proud.

## Growth

Every member of our school community is committed to personal growth and achievement. We are always on a journey to improve and grow: academically and as a person.

## Respect

We accept and value one another. We value both similarities and differences and treat one another with respect. We may not always agree, but we always respect each other's right to disagree.







# COMMUNITY

Bellmont High School offers the best of a small, family and community-oriented experience at a high school which provides students with access to an expansive list of curricular, extra-curricular and co-curricular programs and activities in the neighborhood and city they love, Decatur!

At Belmont, our class sizes are small to allow our students to receive the most attentive, individualized focus on their education and growth. With class sizes that range between 20-25, our students and teachers develop positive and supportive relationships that go beyond the classroom. Many of our teachers mentor students outside of the classroom, coach their extra-curricular activities and build relationships that demonstrate when you are here, you are at home. We are proud of our community. We are proud of our school. And we are proud of our students. From every angle, our students and staff take pride in our Belmont Family.

We welcome you to browse our program guide and learn more about the many opportunities that exist at Belmont High School. From our renowned Belmont Early College, to High Ability programming, dual credit courses, vast Vocational-Career Technical Education courses, to support services including a special education and remarkable Social-Emotional Learning supports, we build a strong, diverse community, together. Our programs, paired with our supports, technology, relationships and pride make us the top choice for education. Once you see what all we offer at Belmont High School, we are sure you will agree, a Belmont Brave is what you will want to be!

**BELLMONT IS DECATUR ♥ DECATUR IS BELLMONT**

# GROWTH



## AGRICULTURE

Our Agriculture program focuses on the development of students' leadership skills, personal skills and career skills in the Ag industry. Students learn in a hands-on environment and gain practical skills in animal science, plant science, natural resources and agri-business. Students have the opportunity to show advancement in technical skills in regional, state and national competitions and scholarship dollars are available to students who plan to further their education the field of agriculture.



## Vocational Co-Op Programs:

Bellmont High School offers the largest selection of vocational programming in our area for students who wish to tailor their education to a specific field of interest.







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## HEALTH SCIENCES

Health Sciences Education introduces high school students to Health Sciences fields. Students explore the Health Science fields through classroom and clinical experiences. Five dual credit opportunities exist to earn a total of up to **17** college credit hours in Health Sciences. Students may also earn their Certified Nursing Assistant license while in high school to immediately enter a health career or may continue their post-secondary education and pursue additional health career pathways and certifications in college.

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In our Criminal Justice program, students explore careers and varied occupations in the criminal justice field. Students are taught firearm safety and attend a field day at the gun range with area police; investigate a “crime” and take a case to trial; and attend yearly visits to Ivy Tech. Students may earn up to **12** college course credits.



## ENGINEERING

In our Project Lead the Way class, students learn how to 3D print, laser cut and fabricate their own designs through hands-on projects. Students can also compete in bridge design, robotics and design challenges - and receive up to **6** college course credits.





**RADIO/TV**

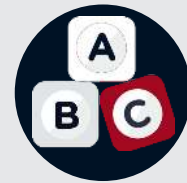


In our Radio/TV program, students learn how to edit videos using Adobe Premiere and After Effects, marketing and social media concepts, participate in on-site and off-site projects and operate Bellmont's very own radio station: 103.5 Brave Nation.

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## Vocational Co-Op Programs:

Students are provided with vast opportunities to explore different vocations through our career pathway courses and learn real-life practical skills to build bolster their employment resume or scholarship applications into specific industries.



### EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood Education prepares students for employment in early childhood education and related careers that involve working with children from birth to 8-years of age (3rd grade).

Students are provided with a foundation to continue their study in higher education and the preparation necessary to lead to early childhood education and other related careers serving young children.



### HUMAN SERVICES

Our Human and Social Services program is an exploratory pathway for students who are interested in careers in human and community services and other professions which serve the population or community. Areas of exploration include family and social services, youth development, adult and elder care and other for-profit and non-profit services.





## CONSTRUCTION TRADES

In our Construction Trades program, students learn 4 basic cuts, drilling, sanding, gluing, clamping and nailing. Students learn to identify hand tools, including proper usage and storage; how to read and draw a layout for a project, and the home construction process, including: design and build, remodeling and renovation, home maintenance and repair. Students can earn up to **9** dual credits in the Construction Trades program.



## MANUFACTURING

In our Manufacturing Careers pathway, students learn hand and power tool identification, use, storage and proper care; read and draw a layout for projects, build dustpans and toolboxes, weld GMAW and SMAW, pour hammer heads in the foundry and machine hammer handles, mill dice, conduct oxyfuel and plasma torch cutting and build a water tight steel box.



## TRANSPORTATION

In our Transportation Careers pathway, students learn about proper vehicle lifting procedures, environmental hazard prevention, preventive vehicle maintenance, charging and starting systems, the ignition system, fuel system and exhaust system, brake service, anti-lock brake and traction control systems, suspension system, steering system, wheel bearings, wheels and tires, engine disassembly and reassembly and weld GMAW.



## WELDING

In our Welding program, students can earn up to **6** college course credits. The course prepares students for careers in welding by teaching the five common weld joints, welding processes (SMAW, GMAW, FCAM, GTAW), welding symbols and blueprints, oxyfuel and plasma ARC cutting. Students learn how to weld GMAW in flat, horizontal, vertical and overhead positions, weld SMAW using 5 different electrodes, build a water tight steel box (SMAW and GMAW) and weld aluminum using GMAW.

# BUSINESS PROGRAMMING:

## Vocational Co-Op Programs:

Students who wish to pursue a business-specific pathway have the flexibility to tailor their education into specific fields of study, including:



### ACCOUNTING

In our Accounting class, students learn the language of business and how businesses keep track of money.



### MARKETING

In our Marketing class, students can earn dual credit through Ivy Tech! Marketing students will develop their own product throughout the class and aspects of marketing their product. Students can earn up to **3** dual credits in our Marketing class.



### MANAGEMENT

In our Management class, students can earn dual credit through Ivy Tech and learn all about the key to any business: People! Students can earn up to **3** dual credits in our Management class.



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## *Internships & Work-Based Learning:*

At Belmont, students have the option to participate in work-based learning opportunities to receive skills for employment following graduation, explore potential careers and build



### **WORK-BASED LEARNING**

If you aren't sure what you want to do after High School, or if you want to learn more about your future career, take WBL and do an internship for 2 hours a day/4 days per week. You'll learn real life skills that you'll use every year of your life!



### **COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

In our CE program, students can begin their post-high school career early! Students go to work for 1/2 day and earn high school credits doing so. It's also a great way to gain experience that you will use your entire life.



## DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Students have access to a vast listing of dual-credit course offerings.

### PURDUE FORT WAYNE [PFW]

Dual credit courses that receive Purdue Fort Wayne credit cost **\$25/credit hour**. Available courses include:

BHS COURSE TITLE	PFW COURSE TITLE	
AP Calculus AB	Analytic Geometry & Calc I [MA 16500]	4
AP US Government	Intro to American Politics [POLS Y103]	3
AP US History S1	American History I [HIST H105]	3
AP US History S2	American History II [HIST H106]	3



### IU-KOKOMO

Dual credit courses that receive Purdue Fort Wayne credit cost **\$25/credit hour**. Available courses include:

BHS COURSE TITLE	IU COURSE TITLE	
English 12 CC	Reading, Writing & Inquiry I [Eng. W131]	3
Adv. Speech CC	Public Speaking [SPCH 121]	3





## IVY TECH

Dual credit courses that receive Ivy Tech credit receive **FREE tuition**. Available courses include:

BHS COURSE TITLE	PFW COURSE TITLE	
Principles of Bus. Mgmt.	Intro to Business [BUSN 101]	3
Principles of Marketing	Principles of Marketing [MKTG 101]	3
Health Careers STW	Dementia Care [HLHS 113]	3
	C.N.A Prep [HLHS 107]	5
Health Science Education I	Intro to Health Careers [HLHS 100]	3
	Cert Nursing Assistant [HLHS 107]	5
Anatomy & Physiology	Essentials of Anatomy [HLHS 102]	3
	Medical Terminology [HLHS 101]	3
Health Science Education II	Anatomy & Physiology II [APHY 102]	3
General Chemistry II	General Chemistry I [CHEM 101 & CHEM 105]	5
Criminal Justice 1	Criminal Justice, Into. [CRIM 101]	3
	Intro to Criminology [CRIM 105]	
Criminal Justice 2	Intro to Traffic Enforcement & Investigation [CRIM 111]	
	Criminal Investigations [CRIM 113]	
PLTW: Intro to Engineering	PLTW: Technical Graphics [DESN 102]	3
PLTW: Principles of Engineering	Materials & Processes for Mfg [ADMF 115]	3
AP Psychology	Intro to Psych [PSYC 101]	3
Animal Science	Animal Science [AGRI 103]	3
Welding I	Intro to Welding [INDT 114]	3
	Gas Metal Arc Welding [WELD 207]	3
Preparing College & Careers	Student Success in University Transfer [IVYT 111]	1
Construction Trades	Intro to Construction [BCTI 101]	3
	Intro to Carpentry [BCTI 101]	
	Intro to Carpentry [BCTI 102]	
English 12	Intro to Literature [ENGL 206]	
Construction Trades	Intro to Carpentry Part 1 [BCTI 101]	
	Intro to Carpentry Part 2 [BCTI 102]	
Horticulture Science	Survey of Horticulture [AGRI 116]	
Pre-Calculus/Trig I	Alg. & Trig. I [MA 1500]	3
Pre-Calculus/Trig II	Alg. & Trig II [MA 15400]	3



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## Bellmont Early College:

Bellmont Early College students receive additional academic supports as a participant of the cohort and have access to expansive academic opportunities.



### COLLEGE VISITS

Students receive 2 school-sponsored college visits per year.



### FAFSA/SCHOLARSHIP

Students receive FAFSA and scholarship application support.



### INTERVIEW PREP

Students receive interviewing supports and practice.



### ADVISOR

Regular on-site access to a college advisor to assist in decision-making & post-secondary planning.



### PSAT/ACT/SAT

Students have access to multiple opportunities per year to take the SAT/ACT on campus.



### TEAM SUPPORT

Students are a part of a multi-team and participate in leadership-building activities in high school.







## HIGH ABILITY

Students have access to various Advanced Placement courses, dual credit courses and independent study opportunities. The following courses are offered through the Gifted/Talented program:

- AP Calculus [AB]
- AP Biology
- AP Psychology
- AP Chemistry
- AP German
- AP US History
- AP Government
- AP World History
- Honors Language Arts [9-10]
- AP English Literature





## Bellmont Early College:

Students who pursue Belmont Early College take part in the only certified and highly-endorsed Early College program in our area. Early College students are assigned to a homeroom and academic advisor their sophomore year and will remain with their homeroom and advisor throughout high school. Our small cohort groups allow students who have similar goals and aspirations for their high school career and post-secondary education to work closely together to achieve academic success and experience a rich academic experience with their peers who share a common goal.

### ASSOCIATES DEGREE



Students may earn an Associates Degree and/or the Indiana College Core Certificate here at Belmont. The Indiana College Core consists of 30 semester hours of credit. The completion of which means it can transfer as a block and count as satisfying the Indiana College Core equivalent at the receiving institution. The Indiana College Core counts as the freshman year of coursework at any college or university in Indiana. This opportunity is not available at any of our other area schools!



### SAVINGS

The average tuition cost of our public universities in Indiana is \$10-\$11,000 per term. The number of dual credits available, but more importantly, the Indiana College Core and Associates Degree save our families over \$20,000 in college tuition expenses per child.



### POST SECONDARY SUCCESS

It is not uncommon for our Belmont Early College students to graduate a full year or more early from college due to the number of college credits they have earned at high school.





Bellmont High School has been recognized as an academically "A" rated High School by the Indiana Department of Education for 5 consecutive years.

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## Beyond the Classroom:

Bellmont High School offers vast extra-curricular opportunities for students. Below are options for students to become involved in their school community and be a part of our BHS pride outside of the classroom.

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



- Academic Super Bowl
- National Honor Society
- Student Publications
- Substance Abuse Awareness Council
- Technology Student Association-TSA
- Super High Mileage Car
- Best Buddies
- FFA
- Student Council
- German Club
- Sunshine Society

### ATHLETICS

Bellmont is one of the eight schools that comprise the North-east Eight [NE8] Conference. Available athletic teams include:



- Football
- Volleyball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Boys' & Girls' Soccer
- Boys' & Girls' Tennis
- Boys' & Girls' Track & Field
- Girls' & Boys' Basketball
- Wrestling
- Girls' & Boys' Swimming
- Girls' & Boys' Rifle Team
- Girls' & Boys' Golf
- Baseball
- Softball

### FINE ARTS



- Visual Arts - drawing, painting, ceramics, 3D arts, graphic design
- Instrumental music
- Vocal music
- Theater
- Technical Theater

### SCHOOL SPIRIT



- Hunger Games
- Pep Rallies
- Scavenger Hunts
- Tail Gates









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## SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES



Adams Wells Special Services Cooperative provides service to six school corporations in Adams and Wells counties. Students ages 3-21 with disabilities are eligible for services. Bellmont High School staff provide services on-campus for students with mild disabilities, emotional disabilities and mild/moderate cognitive disabilities. Our priority is to support students in meeting their desired, meaningful post-secondary goals.



## TECHNOLOGY

Bellmont High School is fully one-to-one. Every staff member and student is issued a Bell laptop hybrid device.



# RESPECT

We believe a positive and constructive relationship between staff, family and community stakeholders is essential to providing the best educational opportunities and environment for our students. When you are here, you are home.



## SEL SUPPORTS

Bellmont High School provides remarkable Social-Emotional Learning supports for students including the following:

- 22 therapists and case managers visit on-site to provide supports to students who need and request them
- Having the smallest student-to-counselor ratio in area schools to promote individualized attention to students post-secondary planning and social-emotional lives.
- Being committed to building resiliency and emotional health in our students



# BELLMONT

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