

# PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District is located in central Nassau County, Long Island, New York. Both Plainview and Old Bethpage have been recognized by Niche® as one of the best places to raise a family and live in New York. The District is within close proximity to New York City, theatres, museums, restaurants, and to many of New York’s colleges and universities.

The District has been celebrated by the community and many outside organizations. All of the schools have been recognized by the Anti-Defamation League as *No Place for Hate* schools. The NAMM Foundation awarded the District its *Best Community for Music Education*; *Newsweek* ranked POB JFK HS as 64th among all New York State High Schools; and New York State Department of Education recognized JFK HS as a Reward School. The District is a NYSPHSSA Scholar Athlete School of Distinction. Our district has been assigned a AAA rating with S & P. This puts us in the highest global insurer, financial strength category.

### Interested in Applying?

Applications can be accessed at:  
[www.applitrack.com/districtwise/onlineapp](http://www.applitrack.com/districtwise/onlineapp)

Deadline for application submission is November 22, 2019

## DISTRICT MISSION

The mission of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District is to provide an academically challenging and stimulating environment for all students, and to enable them to realize their full potential to be happy, ethical and analytical citizens of the world. We do this by:

- *Making acceptance, respect, honesty and kindness expectations for all students, and for members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage school community;*
- *Identifying each student’s academic, social-emotional, aesthetic and physical needs, and striving to meet those needs; and*
- *Encouraging communication between and among students, teachers, parents, administrators, and community members.*

## CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

The Plainview-Old Bethpage educational program reflects the District’s commitment to educating the whole child. Our curricula are rigorous and engages students in meaningful learning and experiences that connect them to the world outside of Plainview-Old Bethpage. With a focus on individual learning paths, we have developed special programs that meet the needs of each student.

The K-8 program includes STEAM and Discovery Lab experiences, coding, American Sign Language in kindergarten, world languages (grades 1-12) and robust performing music and art opportunities.

The high school program allows students to follow unique paths that include 45 Advanced Placement and college-bearing courses; vocational studies; business experiences; life skills; and exceptional music, theatre, physical education, and art courses. The athletic teams are champions at the local, regional and state levels. The District partners with many colleges, universities, and national laboratories to provide the students with relevant learning experiences.

## POINTS OF PRIDE

### Elementary Schools

#### Curriculum and Technology

- Foundations program
- Participants in Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.
- Robust special education program with 9/32 special classes.
- Strong Response to Intervention and multi-tiered systems of support processes, driven by data.
- Vocabulary parades
- Writing workshops
- STEAM program and challenges

#### Social-Emotional Learning

- Positive Behavioral Intervention System, PBIS
- Practicing Growth Mindset
- Respect Inclusion Safety and Empathy, R.I.S.E.-program designed to support positive behavior and community.

#### Staff Development

- Collaborative faculty focused on curriculum and instructional best practices.
- Regularly participate in professional development sessions-They are often turn keys at conferences
- Response to Intervention(RTI) program that includes teacher professional development for tiered supports, goal writing, and creation of intervention strategies.
- Teachers and administrators are life-long learners and instructional leaders.
- Staff training and adopting to The Teachers College Program.



### ***Community Building and Safety***

- Active teacher involvement.
- Civic minded-invite veterans to school,
- Community feeling
- Fundraising activities & philanthropic projects-color runs, helping non-profit organizations and even neighboring districts in need.
- Safety patrol
- School Gardens
- School safety plans, drills and building updates designed to keep students and staff informed.
- Strong community-building traditions.
- Student Ambassadors
- Successful work with our PTAs.
- Support families in any way we can
- Treat each other like family.

## **Middle Schools**

### ***Curriculum and Technology***

- 1:1 Initiative, Google Classrooms, Z Space, Music Labs, Tech Labs
- Robust extra-curricular opportunities for students, including an expanded Lego Robotics program, as well as Coding Club and a Ted Talks Club.
- Quarterly review of students in monitoring and AIS programs to assess growth in targeted skills
- Team Planning Time
- Development of inquiry skills across all curriculum

### ***Social-Emotional Learning***

- Middle school articulation for students, 4th grade and 8th transition meetings to vertically articulate across elementary and middle schools to support the transition process.
- Strong advisory program for middle-level learners, MAP with monthly themes to support them.
- School-wide programs that develop students' social-emotional well-being; No Place for Hate activities: No Name-Calling Week, Unity Day, PRIDE Awards and HAWK Awards, PTA presentations on the dangers of vaping, #MyHigh program presented to classmates on the benefits of choosing hobbies and activities that maintain a drug-free lifestyle.
- Leader in Me training for faculty, staff, parents, students, and administrators.
- Making healthy choices presentations.

- Community service initiatives - food drives for the Mid-Island Y, St. Baldricks, Peace Sign activity, hot chocolate sale for the American Red Cross, donated candy to our troops, donation to Wounded Warriors, TAG toy drive, and Carnival for Cure.

### ***Community Building and Safety***

- Increased active participation in PTA meetings by inviting HAWK Award recipients and their families to PTA meetings for recognition.
- Mental health screening administered to 7th graders.
- “Say Something” application, helps address at-risk behaviors with students.
- Revised and implemented safety protocols with the ERT as a result of Homeland Security audit.
- One-button lock-down system has been installed and implemented with blue strobe lights for lock-downs.

## **High School**

### ***Class of 2019***

- 100% graduation rate
- 97% of graduates earned an Advanced Regents or Advanced Regents with honors distinction diploma.
- There were 1,391 Advanced placement papers written during test administration.
- 91% of students attend a 4-year institution
- 7.7% of students attend a 2-year institution

### ***Student Scholarships***

- 11 Academic Excellence Awards
- 14 Commended Students in the National Merit Program
- 3 Semi Finalists in Coca Cola Scholars Program
- 1 Semi Finalist in Regeneron Science Talent Search
- 3 Winners in Long Island High School Psychology Fair
- 1 Long Island Scholar Artist Visual Arts
- 1 Long Island Scholar Artist Theater
- 1 U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidate
- 1 News 12 Scholar Athlete

### ***The Campus***

- Room2Breathe opened at POBJFK, offering students and staff a place to practice mindful strategies when they need a break from the stress of a day.
- Twilight Program, an alternate approach to learning for those who find the typical school day does not work.
- 73% of seniors participate in AP classes.
- Average SAT scores verbal 621/math 648

## **District-Wide Department Accolades**

### ***Athletics***

- NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Award Winner.
- NYSPHSAA State and County Champions
- 100% of student athletes are scholar athletes.

### ***Mission Statement of Athletics***

- *Student athletes will learn the skills and concepts necessary to pursue a life of health and fitness, while being in an engaging, fun and safe learning environment.*

### ***Guidance***

- 95% college testing participation
- 4 National Merit Finalists
- 1 National Merit Winner
- All 7 school buildings designated as “No Place for Hate” schools by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

### ***Music and Performing Arts***

- A robust and engaging music and performing arts program that focuses on music literacy, performance, technology, technique, and high-quality theatre productions.
- Exceptionally qualified staff.
- Parent and community support.
- Leader in Music Technology, Theatre Technology, and Music STEAM initiatives.
- 2019 NAMM recipient of Best Communities in Music Education.

### ***Pupil Personnel Services***

- Life skills program and work-based learning program
- A variety of programs for students along the continuum of services.

### ***Visual Arts***

- Long Island Arts alliance scholar artists and merit winners in the visual arts category.
- Comprehensive visual arts curriculum, advanced studio art classes in the middle school and advanced placement art courses at the high school.
- Sequential electives that give students real-life experiences in visual arts and that utilize industry-standard technology.
- School galleries that highlight students' successes at all levels in the area of visual arts.