

John F. Kennedy High School

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Serving Students in Grades 9-12

Call us to arrange a personal tour.



We help Students Thrive and Dreams Come Alive

The mission of Kennedy High School, in partnership with students, staff and community, is to educate all learners to reach their potential by instilling enthusiasm for learning through engaging, meaningful experiences.



- **Kennedy High School offers 28 Advanced Placement, honors and enriched courses** to students. A Gifted and Talented Coordinator and two Reading Specialists support the success of all students. A Gr. 9 “House” ensures first-year students a successful high school experience.

- **Rich intercultural experiences.** We serve 39% students of color and welcome students from 33 countries. Bloomington’s ESL program, allows students to experience learning with students who speak 23 languages.

- **Extensive educational enrichment opportunities.** Kennedy’s National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, SKILLS USA and CLOSE-UP encourage students to connect to the community through strong character-building experiences.

- **Kennedy Eagles soar high in athletics.** Sixteen state championships, 43 conference championships, and 86 state tournament appearances prove that the Eagles excel in and outside of the classroom.

- **Excellence in the Arts.** Our Fine Arts programs repeatedly create winners in state and national competitions and have been displayed locally and nationally. Our Performing Arts groups, such as Rhythm in Gold Show Choir, repeatedly achieve state and national honors and students perform before local, national and international audiences.

- **Prestigious academic awards and preparation for elite colleges.** In 2007, Kennedy had one National Merit Scholar and four Commended Scholars. Our students receive generous scholarship dollars and attend prestigious colleges and universities.

- **Technology is integrated** into courses and the curriculum. Kennedy is a leader in Career and Technical Education and offers nationally accredited programs such as ProStart and Project Lead the Way. Authentic learning projects, such as a student built chopper/ motorcycle, that was featured on local news stations and the Discovery Channel.

Principal
Ron Simmons

Enrollment
1738 Students

School Hours
7:50 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Awards
One
National Merit Scholar
& Four Commended
Scholars

5-Star Reading School

PTSA
Active PTA brings
parents and schools
together

Bloomington's High School Program

Renovations of Thomas Jefferson High School and John F. Kennedy High School were designed to ensure that a carefully planned academic program is fully supported by physical improvements to the buildings.

Here are key concepts that shape the Bloomington High School Program and the facilities, structures, relationships and technology that make the dream a reality.

ORGANIZATION AND TIME

A flexible daily schedule:

- considers the ways teachers teach and students learn
- addresses the needs of curricular content areas and learning requirements.
- maximizes opportunities for student and teacher interactions in formal and informal settings.

- accommodates current learning theory and social life styles—start-time, varied length of class periods, rotating schedules, meeting times.

A yearly schedule :

- fosters staff collaboration and continuous training.
- better accommodates current learning theory and social life styles.

Facility renovations provide a physical environment that supports flexible instructional strategies and accommodates teaching and learning in large or small groups. Learning options and groupings meet the needs of all students.

Technology, School Environment and Relationships

TECHNOLOGY

- **On-line learning opportunities** encourage students to use technology as a supplement to their education.
- **Training and technical support enable teachers** to integrate technology tools in their teaching and assessments.
 - Students work with technology independently or in groups.
 - Students have **continuous access to visual, audio and textual information** through high-performance technology.
 - Students have **more frequent opportunities** to work in the media center and computer labs.

- **Staff are provided additional training** on methods to develop effective student relationships.
 - Small group activities in academics and cocurriculars **encourage all students to feel they are known and belong in their school.**
 - A common place encourages students to gather and socialize informally.
 - Facilities are **attractive, clean, safe and well-equipped.**
 - The high schools communicate to students and parents the value of their teaching and learning experiences.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND RELATIONSHIPS

- High schools create structures and programs that **develop a supportive, connected feeling** among its students and with their teachers.
- **Cocurricular activities** assure opportunities for students to successfully develop interests and abilities.

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