The Beacon School is a highly selective public high school in New York City. The school offers a rigorous and dynamic inquiry-based college-preparatory program which exceeds New York State Regents standards and fosters educational excellence in the Humanities, Sciences and Arts. Beacon’s distinct curriculum focuses on critical thinking skills, analytical writing, collaborative problem-solving and civil discourse, encouraging students to become active, global citizens. Admission is extremely competitive; Beacon accepts less than 10% of students who apply.

The Class of 2020
The Class of 2020 is a cohort of 362 students. Beacon attracts a diverse, high-achieving student body (1,550 students), with its small-college atmosphere, the strength of its core academic curriculum and rich arts programs. Approximately 50% identify as Caucasian, 19% as Hispanic, 14% as African-American, 9% as Asian and 8% as Multiracial or Other.

Higher Education
97% of our 2019 graduates are pursuing higher education. 95% went on to 4-year schools. 2% went on to 2-year schools.

Grading Scale & Transcript
Beacon operates on a semester-based grading system using letter grades and does not weight, rank or calculate GPA. The DOE mandates specific point values be assigned to each letter grade seen below:

- **A+**: 100
- **A**: 97
- **A-**: 93
- **B+**: 90
- **B**: 87
- **B-**: 83
- **C+**: 80
- **C**: 77
- **C-**: 73
- **D+**: 70
- **D**: 67
- **NC**: 0-66

Top 5th percentile: 96 Average
Top 10th percentile: 94 Average
Top 25th percentile: 93 Average
Top 50th percentile: 90 Average
Top 75th percentile: 86 Average

Testing Profile - Class of 2019
265 of 333 Students took the SAT
155 of 333 Students took the ACT
Average SAT Reading & Writing Score: 634
Average SAT Math Score: 614
Average ACT Score: 27

The Curriculum
Beacon offers an all-honors curriculum. Four AP courses are offered at Beacon. Advanced coursework in English and History is designed to be as rigorous as our AP courses. Due to scheduling and budget constraints, the majority of our qualified students are unable to enroll in AP. Most students are limited to taking one AP course senior year. Qualified students can also choose from several undergraduate courses offered at partnering CUNY schools.

Most Demanding Courses
- **English**: All 11/12 courses are AP equivalent and may appear on the transcript as English 11/English 12 or as the full name of the course.
- **History**: All 11/12 courses are AP equivalent and will appear on transcript as History in 11th and the full name in senior year.
- **Science**: Immunology, AP Biology, AP Physics, Physics
- **Mathematics**: Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus, Microeconomics, Statistics, Architecture
- **Foreign Language**: Spanish Level 4, French 4, AP Spanish
- **Advanced Electives**: Advanced Digital Film, Advanced Photo, Advanced Theater Arts, Studio Art Honors, Advanced Art, Advanced Dance/Dance Company

Graduation Requirements
A Beacon diploma is equivalent to a New York State Regents Diploma. Students complete 44 courses including:
- 8 English
- 8 Social Studies
- 6 Mathematics
- 6 Lab Science
- 2 Foreign Language
- 7 Electives

**Academic Advisory**: Meets for 45 minutes each week.
**Community Service**: Sophomores must complete 50 hours, 75 hours for honors credit.
**English Regents Exam**: Must receive a 65 or higher.

Performance-Based Assessments
Assessments at Beacon incorporate intensive research, written examinations, critical analysis and essays. Students present their research at the end of each semester in each class to a faculty member or committee. Beacon does not “teach to the test.”
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
The backbone of Beacon is its thriving extracurricular activities and community service organizations. The school is well-known for having some of the most groundbreaking fine and performing arts programs in NYC, as well as award-winning academic clubs, athletic teams and student publications.

- **Athletics:** 22 sports teams, several current NYC champions. Many of our students are recruited for NCAA programs.
- **Beacon Music:** 20+ student bands from Rock, Pop and Hip-Hop to Jazz and Classical. Professional musicians mentor students using professional recording studios and equipment.
- **Visual Arts:** Various clubs in Studio, Film, Photography and Digital Arts. Student work is often displayed at museums and featured in film festivals.
- **Writing & Storytelling:** Award-winning publications Beacon Ink, Beacon Beat and Moth innovative storytelling.

- **Beacon Drama Art and Theatre (BDAT)** is an intensive innovative program with professional-level training. Our students are invited to top-ranked conservatories and many pursue careers in the performing arts.
- **Beacon Dance Program:** Culturally diverse, multi-level program with professional training in various styles including Hip Hop/Street Dance. In Advanced Dance Company students travel and perform in various cities and implement community outreach to younger students across the city. Student’s choreographed work reflect historical content and cultural experiences.
- **Academic & Community Service:** Beacon’s Model U.N. is perennially one of the top teams in the country. Other student-led clubs include: Debate, Student Leadership Team, Big Sibs, Model Congress, Math Club and Architecture Club.
- **Travel Program:** Faculty-led educational trips to locations such as Ecuador, Peru, Thailand, Costa Rica, Iceland, Thailand, India, Brazil, etc.

### 4-YEAR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND ENROLLMENT FROM 2017-2019 INCLUDE:

- Adelphi University
- Allegheny College
- American University*
- Amherst College
- Arizona State University*
- Babson College*
- Bard College*
- Barnard College
- Bates College*
- Beloit College*
- Bennington College*
- Bentley University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University*
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University*
- Brown University*
- Bryn Mawr College*
- Bucknell University
- Carleton College*
- Carnegie Mellon U*
- Case Western Reserve
- Chapman University*
- Claremont McKenna College*
- Clark University*
- Clarkson University*
- Colby College*
- Colgate University*
- College of the Atlantic*
- College of Charleston
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of St. Rose*
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado College
- Columbia University*
- Connecticut College
- Cooper Union
- Cornell University*
- Daemen College*
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- DePaul University
- Denison University
- Dickinson College*
- Dominican College*
- Drew University*
- Drexel University*
- Duke University*
- Elon University*
- Emory Riddle
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Fordham University*
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University*
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Goucher College*
- Grinnell College*
- Hamilton College
- Hampshire College
- Hampton University
- Harvard University
- Haverford College
- Hobart and William Smith
- Hofstra University*
- Howard University*
- Indiana University*
- Iona College*
- Ithaca College
- Johnson and Wales U*
- Johns Hopkins University*
- Juilliard
- Kenyon College
- Lafayette College*
- Lawrence University*
- Lehigh University*
- Lewis & Clark College
- Long Island University
- Loyola Marymount
- Loyola U Chicago*
- Macalester College*
- Marist College*
- Maryland Inst. College of Art*
- Marymount Manhattan
- Massachusetts College of Art
- MIT
- Middlebury College*
- Mt. Holyoke College
- Muhlenberg College*
- New England Conservatory
- The New School*
- New York University*
- Northeastern University*
- Northwestern University*
- Oberlin College*
- Occidental College
- Ohio State University*
- Pace University*
- Pennsylvania State U*
- Pitzer College*
- Pratt Institute*
- Princeton University
- Pomona College*
- Reed College*
- Rensselaer Polytech. Institute
- Rhode Island College
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rochester Institute of Tech
- Rutgers U
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College Art & Design
- Art Institute of Chicago
- School of Visual Arts
- Scripps College
- Skidmore College*
- Smith College*
- Southern Methodist U*
- Spelman College
- St. Francis College*
- St. John's University*
- St. Lawrence University
- Stanford University*
- Stevens Inst. of Technology*
- Swarthmore College*
- Syracuse University*
- Temple University*
- Trinity College
- Tufts University*
- Tulane University*
- Union College
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Naval Academy
- University of Arizona
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UCLA*
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Cruz
- University of Chicago
- UC Boulder
- University of Central Florida
- University of Delaware*
- University of Florida*
- University of Georgia
- UMass Amherst*
- U/Maryland College Park*
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan*
- University of New Hampshire
- UNICO Chapel Hill
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Rhode Island*
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- U Southern California
- University of Washington
- Wisconsin Madison*
- University of Vermont*
- University of Virginia*
- Ursinus College*
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington U. in St. Louis*
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University*
- Wheaton College
- Whitman College
- Williams College*
- **International Universities**
  - American U of Paris
  - ESCP Europe
  - McGill University*

*Schools in which Class of 2019 is enrolled