



# City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford

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## School Facts:

Enrollment for 2017-2018:  
236 Students, Grades 9-12

## Class of 2018 Demographics:

**70%** are students of color

**52%** are female, 48% are male

**75%** qualify for free or reduced lunch

**11%** speak a language at home other than English

**Our Mission:** City on a Hill, a network of public high schools serving grades 9-12 in New Bedford and Boston, emphasizes academic achievement, citizenship, teacher leadership, and public accountability. We seek to graduate responsible, resourceful, and respectful democratic citizens prepared to advance community, culture and commerce, and to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Our History:** We were and are a forerunner in the charter school movement. The flagship City on a Hill school recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, approaching our 4th charter renewal by the Massachusetts Department of Education and a 2012 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School recognition. Our continued support from the Department Of Education and our accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges confirms the quality of our academic programs and the success of our graduates.

**Our School:** As a charter public school, students are admitted to City on a Hill through a lottery system. They do not need to pass any exams or meet any qualifications beyond Boston residency; by state law we cannot practice selective admission. This gives students of varied backgrounds and academic achievement the chance to compete and succeed in a challenging scholastic environment. City on a Hill does not sort its students into ability-levelled classes. We believe that all students can learn given the opportunity to meet universally-applied, high academic standards.

## Grading Policies

**Proficiencies:** Students are given cumulative exams in all subjects at mid-year and at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Students must earn a 70% or above in order to earn credit for the course. Proficiencies count for 20% of student's final grade.

**Juries:** The final week of school is devoted to testing students' ability to demonstrate their knowledge of front of a panel of teachers, peers, and community member. Each student gives a presentation illustrating their grasp of core knowledge in the subject contact as their field questions from the jurors. Jurors then evaluate the student's oral performance.

**“Not Yet Proficient” (NYP):** City on a Hill students are held to a higher academic standard than their colleagues in urban public schools. All work completed must earn a 70% or higher in order for the student to receive credit. Essays, tests, quizzes, juries, and proficiencies are all measured by this standard. If a student earns an NYP for a quarter, they do not receive any grade points towards their average. If a student averages an NYP for the school year, they are required to attend summer school.

Percent Earned	Letter Grade	Grade Points
97% or above	A+	4.3
93% - 97%	A	4.0
90% - 92%	A-	3.7
87% - 89%	B+	3.3
83% - 86%	B	3.0
80% - 82%	B-	2.7
77% - 79%	C+	2.3
73% - 76%	C	2.0
70% - 72%	C-	1.7
69% or below	NYP	0

## Academic Program

**Inclusion:** City on a Hill believes that all students are capable of achieving regardless of their learning profile when they enter high school. Students whose learning needs necessitate modifications to the general education curriculum are taught in general education college prep classes when deemed appropriate by their teachers and family in order to provide the least restrictive learning environment possible.

**Foundations:** Foundations classes are support classes that are coupled with students' English, Writing or Math class. Students receive additional, small group practice and instruction with the general education class material. The class meets as many times per week as necessitated by the student's learning goals.

**Dual Enrollment:** City on a Hill has partnered with Bristol Community College to offer dual enrollment options.

**English Language Development (ELD):** Students are placed into ELD classes - formerly known as English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Learner (ELL) classes – when the primary language spoken at home is a language other than English. Once a student achieves the passing mark on the state ACCESS test, they are removed from ELD. City on a Hill gives credit to students enrolled in ELD in place of the two-year Spanish language requirement. ELD classes are full year, college prep classes that meet the same amount of time as other core classes. All classes at City on a Hill (with the exception of Spanish) are instructed in English, regardless of the students' primary language.

**City Project:** All seniors are required to complete their studies by passing City on a Hill's capstone history course. In this course, students research current events in society and government, identify a problem in the community, and complete 100 volunteer internship hours at a community organization related to their topic. At the end of the year, students must present their sociological research and experience to a panel of jurors.

**Seminar:** All juniors and seniors participate in college prep seminars designed to help students navigate the college process and transition to post-secondary life.

### Key:

**DE** = Dual Enrollment at Bristol Community College    **CP** = College Preparatory

<b>English</b> 4 Years	English I/Fundamentals of English I English II English III English IV/Fundamentals of English IV	<b>Science</b> 3 Years	Unified Science with Lab Biology with Lab/Fundamentals of Biology Chemistry with Lab Anatomy and Physiology
<b>Math</b> 4 Years	Pre-Algebra Algebra / Fundamentals of Algebra Geometry Advanced Algebra Pre-Calculus DE Statistics	<b>Foreign Language</b> 2 Years	Spanish I Spanish II
<b>History</b> 3 Years	Civics / Fundamentals of Civics World History U.S. History City Project	<b>Other/ Electives</b>	Junior Seminar Senior Seminar Digital Media Psychology DE Sociology Technology (Half Year)

Grade Distribution	
A+	0
A	19
A-	10
B+	17
B	20
B-	19
C+	9
C	13
C-	19
NYP	3

GPA Distribution	
3.75-4.00	3
3.50-3.74	2
3.25-3.49	1
3.00-3.24	2
2.75-2.99	4
2.50-2.74	3
2.25-2.49	3
2.00-2.24	3
1.75-1.99	4
1.50-1.74	0
1.00-1.49	0

### Grade Distribution by Class in the 16-17 School Year

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	NYP
English 3	3	1	3	4	6		4	4	1
U.S. History	2	2	3	5		4	2	4	2
Advanced Algebra		3		2	1	1	1	6	
Pre-Calculus	3		2	2		1		1	
Chemistry	4	2	4	2	5		2	1	
Spanish 1	5	1	2	4	6	1	2	2	

**Rank:** Due to the small size of our school, City on a Hill does not rank its students.

**GPA Weighting:** All GPAs are City on a Hill are un-weighted with the exception of AP and Dual Enrollment classes. Students receive a .4 addition to the grade points earn for that particular AP and Dual Enrollment course.

The Class of 2018 will be the first graduating class for City on a Hill New Bedford.

The college acceptances below are reflective of the other City on a Hill Schools.

### Colleges Acceptances for the Classes of 2010-2017

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Adelphi University              | Fairfield University             | Mass College of Liberal Arts  | Saint Augustine's University    |
| Albertus Magnus College         | Fayetteville State University    | MCPHS University              | Saint Michael's College         |
| American International College  | Fisher College                   | University of Mass, Amherst   | College of Saint Rose           |
| Anna Maria College              | Fitchburg State University       | University of Mass, Boston    | Salem State University          |
| Assumption College              | Framingham State University      | University of Mass, Dartmouth | Salve Regina University         |
| Ben Franklin Institute of Tech. | Franklin and Marshall College    | University of Mass, Lowell    | Sarah Lawrence College          |
| Bennington College              | Franklin Pierce University       | Merrimack College             | University of Scranton          |
| Bentley University              | The George Washington University | Mills College                 | Simmons College                 |
| Bloomfield College              | Georgia Perimeter College        | Mitchell College              | Smith College                   |
| Boston College                  | University of Georgia            | Morgan State University       | South Carolina State University |
| Boston University               | Green Mountain College           | Mount Holyoke College         | Southern Conn. State University |
| Brandeis University             | Hamilton College                 | Mount Ida College             | University of Southern Maine    |
| Central Conn. State University  | Hampshire College                | New England College           | So. New Hampshire University    |
| Centre College                  | Hampton University               | University of New Hampshire   | Spelman College                 |
| Champlain College               | University of Hartford           | University of New Haven       | Springfield College             |
| Clark Atlanta University        | Hartwick College                 | College of New Rochelle       | St. John's University           |
| Clark University                | Hobart & William Smith Colleges  | N. Carolina A&T University    | Stonehill College               |
| Clarkson University             | College of the Holy Cross        | Northeastern University       | Suffolk College                 |
| Colby-Sawyer College            | Howard University                | Occidental College            | Syracuse University             |
| University of Connecticut       | Ithaca College                   | Pace University               | Thomas College                  |
| Connecticut College             | Johnson & Wales University       | Pine Manor College            | Tougaloo College                |
| Curry College                   | Kalamazoo College                | Providence College            | Tuskegee University             |
| Eastern Conn. State University  | Keene State College              | Quinnipiac University         | Union College                   |
| Eckerd College                  | La Salle University              | Regis College                 | Utica College                   |
| Elmira College                  | Lasell College                   | Rhode Island College          | Wellesley College               |
| Elms College                    | Lawrence University              | University of Rhode Island    | Wentworth Institute of Tech.    |
| Elon University                 | Lehigh University                | University of Rochester       | Western New England University  |
| Emerson College                 | Lemoyne College                  | Roger Williams University     | Westfield State University      |
| Emmanuel College                | Lesley University                | Sacred Heart University       | Wheelock College                |
| Endicott College                | University of Maine              | Saint Anselm College          | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |