

# **Black River High School**

## **2011-2012 Profile**

**CEEB/ACT Code 460215**

**James Frail**

Principal

**Elizabeth McBain**

School Counselor

**Isabel Montgomery**

Special Educator

**Patrick Pullinen**

Athletic Director



### **The Communities of Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Plymouth, Vermont**

Ludlow is a residential community of approximately 2,600 year-round residents. It is located in South Central Vermont, approximately 25 miles southeast of Rutland and is the home of Okemo Mountain Resort.

### **The High School**

Black River High School is a four-year public high school of approximately 200 students. It is a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and is also a sending school to River Valley Technical Center and Stafford Technical Center. We are a member of the Virtual High School Consortium, the Vermont Virtual Learning Community, and allow students to transfer college credits. There are two semesters per year, with six blocks in a day — three 42 minute blocks and three 80 minute blocks. A passing grade of a 60 in a short block is worth .5 credits and 1 credit in a long block.

The Black River School Districts are dedicated to creating a positive and safe learning environment that recognizes individuality and challenges all levels of learners with high academic standards. We appreciate diverse ideas and promote citizenship development. Together we empower students by fostering the academic, social, and personal skills needed to prepare them for an increasingly complex society.

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### **Black River High School / Middle School** *Home of the Presidents*



## **Curriculum & Levels—Interpreting the Transcript**

### **ENGLISH—4 CREDITS GRAD REQ**

9th graders take a literature class that builds skills in writing mechanics, vocabulary, reading/ speaking, research, citations, technology, grammar, spelling, syntax, and essay-writing. Some 9th graders take Tech English through the PreTech Program. 10th graders take Mythology, 11th graders take American

Literature (standard or honors), and 12th graders take British Literature or AP English Literature & Composition.

### **SOCIAL STUDIES—3 CREDITS GRAD REQ**

Students are required to complete two years of World History and one year of US History. AP US History is offered every other year. A variety of electives are available.

### **SCIENCE—3 CREDITS GRAD REQ/ .5 CREDITS HEALTH REQ**

Students are required to take two semesters of Physical Science and Lab Biology during 9th and 10th grade. Upper level lab sciences are available as electives for students. AP Biology is offered every other year. All students must take .5 credits of health.

### **MATHEMATICS—3 CREDITS GRAD REQ**

Following the integrated math model, students typically take one or two semesters of math per year. After three semesters of Integrated math, student may take Precalculus, Trig, Probability & Stats, and Calculus. AP Calculus is also offered.

### **WORLD LANGUAGE—NOT REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION**

Student may begin Spanish or French in ninth grade and may take either through senior year. Both programs have enrichment programs allowing for study abroad.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION—1.5 CREDITS GRAD REQ**

Students must take 1.5 credits of PE. Elective classes are available to upper classmen.

### **FINE, APPLIED, AND TECHNICAL ARTS—1 CREDIT GRAD REQ**

Courses are offered in visual arts, music, media, and applied technology. Each of these disciplines offers classes at the introductory and advanced level. Opportunities for the student body and the community to experience the arts through academic instruction, performances, exhibitions, and workshops are provided throughout the year.

### **12 ELECTIVE CREDITS REQUIRED/ 28 CREDITS TO GRADUATE**

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## Grading Guidelines

A+ extraordinary work	C+ 77-79
A 93 and above	C 73-76
A- 90-92	C- 70-72
B+ 87-89	D 60-69
B 83-86	F 59 and below
B- 80-82	

## Transcript Legend

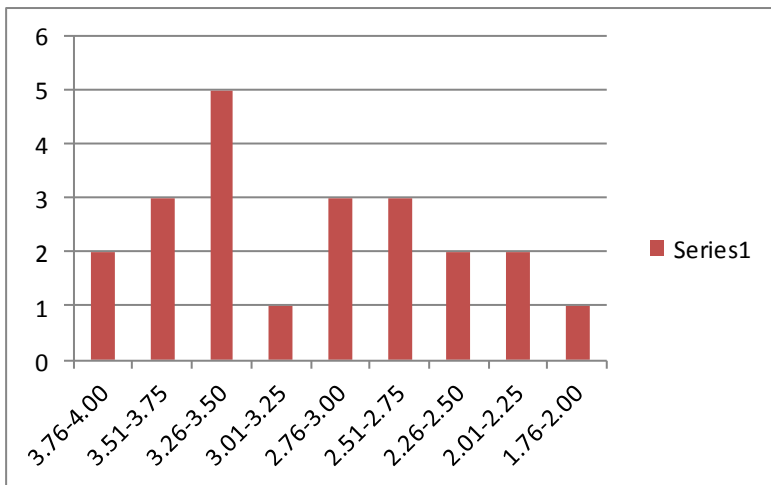
AP	Advanced Placement
IS	Independent Study
WP	Withdrew Passing
WF	Withdrew Failing
INC	Incomplete

## Grade Point Average & Class Rank

A Grade Point Average is computed for every student at the end of each semester. All credit-bearing classes are weighted equally, based on credits, except for AP classes.

AP Courses	Other Courses
A= 5.00	A= 4.00
B= 4.00	B= 3.00
C= 3.00	C= 2.00
D= 2.00	D= 1.00
F= 0	F= 0

## Class of 2012 Weighted GPAs



## **Black River High School Profile 2011-2012**

### **Postsecondary Schooling of 2011 Graduates**

Four-Year College or University	62%
Two-Year College	11%
Armed Services	3%
Employment	19%
Other	5%

### **Advanced Placement Program**

Advanced Placement Program® courses are offered in English Literature & Composition, US History (every other year), Biology (every other year), Calculus AB, and online.

### **College Admission Test Scores for 2011 Graduates**

#### **SAT Reasoning Test**

Number of Students: 27

Mean Reading: 492

Mean Writing: 471

Mean Math: 450

### **Co-Curricular Activities**

Black River offers a wide array of extracurricular activities, including 13 Varsity athletic teams, History Day, Odyssey of the Mind, Internships, Co-Ops, Work Study, National Honor Society, French Club, Technology Club, VSAC Gear Up, Drama Club, Student Council, Black River Television, and a school newspaper.

**For additional information about Black River High School, including a copy of the Program of Studies, please visit**

**[www.brhsms.org](http://www.brhsms.org)**

