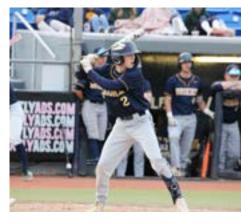
#### STANDARDIZED TESTING

A great deal of emphasis is placed on both encouraging and preparing our students to sit for standardized tests. PSATs are given during the sophomore and junior years to initially interest our students in the tests and to facilitate their readiness for the SATs. In addition, we want all our students to enter the competition for National Merit Scholarships and have the opportunity to earn academic recognition and financial rewards.

In the past several years we have begun to develop and expand our Advanced Placement (AP) program. As this program matures and the number of students taking these exams increases, we will be able to compile our results and present them to our community. Test results that we do track revolve around the SATs. Below you will find the results of our recent graduating classes.

SATI	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Writing Mean	28	27	28	27	27	28
Critical Reading Mean/EBRW	568	552	567	545	559	550
Math Mean	539	532	591	554	554	555
Overall Mean	1135	1111	1186	1126	1140	1133
Total Seniors	15	19	12	48	83	92





#### **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
4-Year College	51%	48%	52%	38%	47%	53%
2-Year College	26%	34%	28%	29%	35%	30%
Military	0%	3%	2%	4%	0%	5%
Employment	11%	10%	7%	7%	15%	12%
Not Declared	12%	5%	11%	22%	3%	0%

#### **MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Highland High School students must successfully complete a minimum of 22.00 credits in coursework to graduate. Diplomas are offered on a school level, a Regents level, and an Advanced Regents level. In order for a student to earn a Regents diploma, additional coursework must be completed and exams passed. Basic requirements for graduation include the following:

- 1. Four years of English
- 2. Four years of Social Studies
- 3. Three years of Mathematics
- 4. Three years Science
- 5. One year of Art, Music, or an Art/Music combination
- 6. Two credits in Physical Education
- 7. One credit of Foreign Language
- 8. One-half credit of Health



#### **COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES CURRENTLY ATTENDED BY HIGHLAND GRADUATES**

Alfred University **American University** Arizona State University **Bard College Barnard College Binghamton University Bloomsburg University Boston University Brooks Institute Brown University** The Citadel Clarkson University College of St. Rose **Cornell University** Culinary Institute of America **Drexel University Eastern Connecticut State Emerson College Emmanuel College Eugene Lang College** Florida Southern College Fordham University Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering Hofstra University **Hudson Valley Community Hunter College** Iona College Ithaca College Johns Hopkins University Johnson & Wales University LeMoyne College Loyola University Macaulay Honors College at Hunter

Manhattan College Marist College Mary Baldwin College Massachusetts College of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mercy College Mount Saint Mary College **New York University** North Carolina State University Northeastern University Oklahoma State University **Pace University** Pennsylvania State University Philadelphia University Post University **Pratt University** Princeton University **Purdue University** Queens College **Quinnipiac University** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Russell Sage College **Rutgers University** Sacred Heart University St. John's University St. Lawrence University St. Michael's College Saint Peters University Seton Hall University Siena College **SUNY Albany** SUNY Alfred **SUNY Brockport SUNY Buffalo** 

**SUNY Dutchess** SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology **SUNY Fredonia SUNY Geneseo** SUNY Institute of Technology **SUNY Maritime SUNY New Paltz SUNY Oneonta** SUNY Oswego **SUNY Potsdam SUNY Purchase SUNY Stony Brook** SUNY Ulster Stevens Institute of Technology Syracuse University **Temple University Tufts University** Union College **United States Naval Academy** University of Buffalo University of California San Diego University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Chicago University of Michigan University of Hartford University of New Haven University of North Carolina University of Notre Dame University of Pennsylvania University of South Florida Vassar College West Virginia University Western Connecticut **SUNY Cortland** State University

SUNY Delhi

### DISTRICT STAFF KEY PERSONNEL

Superintendent: Joel E. Freer Assistant Superintendent: William Zimmer Principal: Kevin M. Murphy Assistant Principal: Brandon K. Opitz Assistant Superintendent Student Services: Dr. Patrick Boyd

Athletic Director: Frank Alfonso Guidance Counselor: Kristin Candia Guidance Counselor: Heather Laubach Guidance Counselor: Danielle Garcia

# DISTRICT GOALS

Achieve academic success and excellence.

Incorporate quality management practices in all aspects of district and board operations.

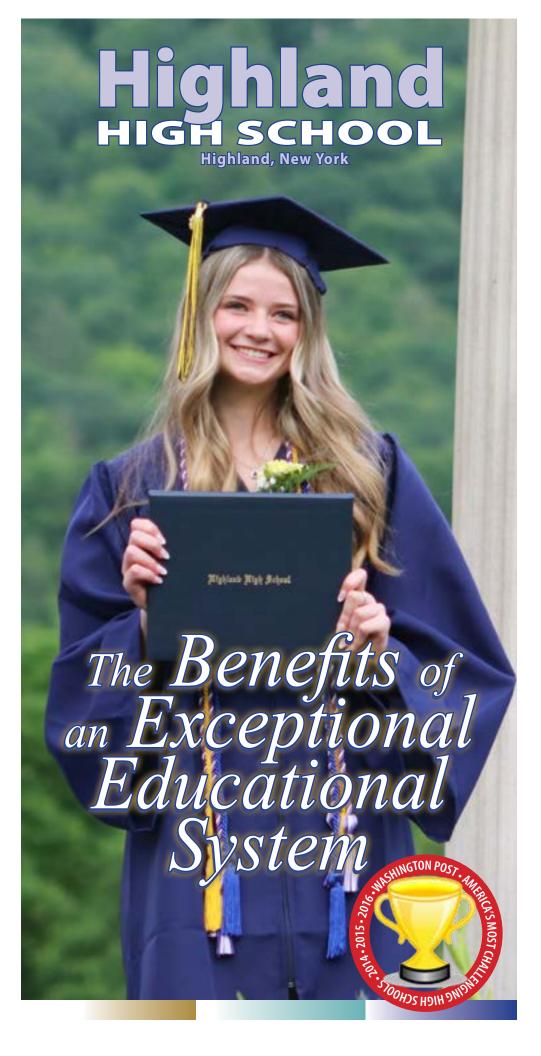
Build public confidence and involvement in our schools.

Develop and implement a five year strategic plan that meets the faculty, transportation, educational, and administrative needs of the district.

## **HIGHLAND** HIGH SCHOOL

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# High School serves the families of

Clintondale, Highland, Milton, and West Park in a suburban-rural area located on the west bank of the Hudson River, seventy-two miles north of New York City. The Highland Central School District is a changing community in terms of population diversity and economic base.

Families move into our school district seeking the tranquility and beauty of a rural area, the closeness to the more urban areas of Dutchess County, economic opportunities associated with a growing agriculture and technology base, and the benefits of an exceptional educational system.

#### **OUR SCHOOL**

As an educational institution, we take pride in helping our students develop strong personal values, positive self-expression, self-esteem, and self-actualization. Highland has been on the cutting edge in terms of educational reform. We are an all Regents high school with heterogeneous class groupings. Highland High School is dedicated to increasing technology integration with a state-of-the-art multi-media/technology/library center. As a school, we remain committed to innovative, data-based educational change to better serve and prepare our students.

With an enrollment of approximately 585 students in grades 9 through 12, we are proud of the intimacy and individual attention afforded by our small size. Our students in their home school can choose from numerous course selections, which are designed to match their interests and abilities. Outside of the home school, interested students can choose from a wide array of vocational and technical courses offered by Ulster and Dutchess Counties BOCES. Relationships also exist with local SUNY and private colleges. Students in their junior and senior years may take courses through these institutions. In addition to a comprehensive college preparatory program, we provide full remedial and special educational services, as well as a counseling staff, to meet the psychosocial demands of our students.

#### **OUR STAFF**

Highland High School has attracted a dedicated and highly trained instructional staff. Our teachers hold advanced degrees and certificates. In addition, our entire teaching staff has been trained in classroom management and innovative instructional strategies. Our staff has been extremely involved in the tremendous changes that have taken place in our school. Being vested in this change process, our teachers work hard to provide excellence in the classroom.

#### **OUR STUDENT BODY**

Our changing student population reflects the increasing pluralism of this society. Students in our school represent many ethnic and cultural groups. This diversity within our student population affords a wonderful opportunity for increased intercultural understanding and a strengthening of connections among different groups.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

Highland High School is accredited by the New York State Education Department.

#### **OUR GRADING & RANKING SYSTEM**

Cumulative grade point averages (GPAs) are calculated based on a weighting system and are used to determine class decile placement. Only final course grades are used for weighting purposes. Not all courses are weighted. Advanced Placement, college level and honor courses have a weighting of 1.065, and Regents courses have a weighting of 1.025. GPA's are computed at the end of the sixth and seventh semesters. All failed courses are included. A student's GPA is determined by adding the cumulative total of all final averages and dividing by the number of credits. Minimum passing grade is 65. Grading Scale: 0-100 unweighted, highest weighted average possible is 106.5.

# Conversion Chart Used at Highland High School

Percentile	Letter Grade	Quality Points
93-100	A	4.00
90-92	A-	3.67
87-89	В+	3.33
83-86	В	3.00
80-82	B-	2.67
77-79	(+	2.33
73-76	C	2.00
70-72	(-	1.67
67-69	D+	1.33
66	D	1.00
65	D-	0.67
0-64	F	0.00

#### **COURSE OFFERINGS**

Highland High School attempts to offer a curriculum that is broad in scope and flexible in design to meet the needs of our students. We are committed to maximizing course opportunities given the size of our school and availability of our instructional staff. Courses are offered on the AP, College, New York State Regents and local levels. Courses that are weighted have an asterisk \* next to them.

#### **English**

\*English 11R

\*English 10R

\*English 9R

\*College Public Speaking \*AP/College Composition 1

\*AP/College Writing & Rhetoric

Voice & Identity in Society RISE (Rap is Social Evolution)

Creative Writing

Dramatic Literature

#### **Social Studies**

\*AP/College US History I/II

\*US History 11R

\*Global Studies 9R

\*Global Studies 10R

\*AP/College Economics/Government

**Government & Economics** 

General Psychology

Abnormal Psychology

**Current Events** 

\*AP World History

Citizenship in Action

**America Through Many Eyes** 

#### **Mathematics**

\*AP/College Calculus

\*College Pre-Calculus

\*Algebra II

\*Geometry

Statistics

\*Algebra I

Intermediate Algebra

\*College Quantitative Reasoning

**Financial Literacy** 

#### Science

\*AP/College Biology

\*AP/College Chemistry

\*AP/College Physics

\*Physics R

\*Chemistry R \*Biology R

**Anatomy & Physiology** 

Organic Living Forensics

\*Earth Science R

#### Languages

\*College Spanish 5

\*College Spanish 4

\*Spanish 3R

\*Spanish 2R

\*College French 5
\*College French 4

\*French 3R

\*French 2R

#### Health

#### **Physical Education**

PE 9th - 12th

#### Music

Concert Band Jazz Band

Concert Choir Music Industry Explorations

#### on Art/Technology

Studio Art Workshop Studio in Crafts

Draw & Painting 1
\*AP/Advanced Draw & Paint

Sculpture

College Introduction to Drawing/Illustration

#### STEM

Principles of Engineering Computer Science 1 Web Design AP Computer Science Video Production

#### **Additional Opportunities**

Full time and part time college study is offered in students' senior year. Vocational programs are offered through Ulster and Dutchess BOCES.

#### **College Program Affiliations**

Articulation agreements exist through the following credit-granting institutions:

**SUNY Ulster:** General Biology I & II, Principles of Microeconomics, American History I & II, Calculus I,

General Physics I & II, Public Speaking, Intermediate Spanish I, Intermediate Spanish II, Quantitative Reasoning, Intermediate French I & II

**SUNY New Paltz:** Chemistry I & II, Composition I, Writing & Rhetoric

Marist College Greystone Project: an eLearning experience offering a variety of online courses to Highland students.

#### **Interscholastic Athletics**

**Women's Sports include:** golf, soccer, softball, basketball, tennis, track & field, cross country, volleyball, bowling, swimming, lacrosse, and flag football.

*Men's Sports include:* soccer, football, basketball, baseball, cross-country, track & field, tennis, golf, wrestling, bowling, and lacrosse.

Cheerleading is offered in the fall and winter for students in grades 9-12.