

# Highland Park High School



## 2021 School Profile

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### **The School**

Highland Park High School, located in Middlesex County, New Jersey, is a four-year public co-educational high school that prepares its graduates for a wide variety of post high school educational placements. A single comprehensive curriculum allows all students, with counselor assistance, to design a program tailored to their needs, abilities, and interest. HPHS operates on a traditional full-year schedule with semester options. The Highland Park School District is comprised of one high school, a middle school, an elementary school, and a primary school. The high school's current enrollment is 484 students with a 180:1 student to counselor ratio. The teaching faculty consists of 67 professionals.

### **The Community**

The community of Highland Park, which has a population of 14,060 is contiguous to Edison and New Brunswick, the location of Rutgers University. Current demographic statistics for the grade 9-12 program are: 21% Asian, 10% African American, 19% Hispanic, 4% Multiracial, 42% Caucasian, and 1% other.

### **Class of 2021 Highlights**

#### **POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION**

Number of Graduates: 104  
Continuing Education/Military: 1  
Four-Year Colleges: 74%  
Two-Year Colleges: 24%

#### **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS**

National Merit Finalists: 1  
National Merit Commended: 12  
AP Scholars: 18  
AP Scholars with Honor: 9  
AP Scholars with Distinction: 26

## PROGRAM OF STUDIES

SUBJECT	ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES	HONORS COURSES	COLLEGE PREP COURSES	ACADEMIC ELECTIVES
<b>ENGLISH</b>	Language & Composition Literature & Composition	English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12	English 9 English 10 British Literature World Literature	Creative Writing *Adv. Creative Writing *Journalism *Advanced Journalism Language of Film *African American Literature <i>(all courses are one Semester in length)</i>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Calculus AB Calculus BC Computer Science	Algebra II Pre-Calculus Geometry	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Pre-College Math Pre-Calculus Foundations of Calculus Probability & Statistics	Intro to Computer Science
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Physics I Physics I C Physics II Chemistry Biology	Biology Chemistry	Biology Chemistry Physics Applied Chemistry Applied Physics	Forensics Environmental Earth Environmental Sustainability Nutritional Science <i>(all courses are one Semester in length)</i>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	World History U.S. History U.S. Government & Politics Psychology	U.S. History I U.S. History II	World History & Cultures U.S. History I U.S. History II Intro to Economics and Personal Finance	*Civics in Modern America International Relations Criminal Justice Race, Gender, Ethnicity Psychology: Basic Issues Psychology: Social Issues <i>(all courses are one Semester in length)</i>
<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>	Spanish Language French Language	Spanish II, III, IV, V French III, IV, V	Spanish for Native Speakers Spanish I, II, III, IV, V French I, II, III, IV, V	

### **BUSINESS**

Accounting  
Business Applications  
Business and Personal Law  
Virtual Business I & II  
Principles of Marketing

### **FINE ARTS**

Drawing  
Painting  
Sculpture I & II  
Printmaking  
Ceramics  
Digital Photography I & II  
Public Art

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Architectural Drawing  
Web Design I & II  
Intro to Computer Science  
AP Computer Science A  
Graphic Design  
Music Technology

### **PERFORMING ARTS**

Master Chorale  
Introduction to Music Theory  
Music Technology I & II  
AP Music Theory  
Pep Band  
Concert Choir  
Philharmonic Orchestra  
Symphonic Band  
Symphonic Orchestra

### **Pep Band**

Jazz Workshop  
Music Technology  
Brass & Percussion Sectional  
Woodwind Sectional  
Upper String Sectional  
Lower String Sectional  
Voice Sectional

### **SENIOR & JUNIOR ELECTIVES**

Independent Study  
WISE Individualized Senior Experience

\* not offered in 2020-2021

**Highland Park High School  
Grading System**

	CP	Hon.	AP	%
A+	4.3	4.8	5.05	97-100
A	4.0	4.5	4.75	93-96
A-	3.7	4.2	4.45	90-92
B+	3.3	3.8	4.05	87-89
B	3.0	3.5	3.75	83-86
B-	2.7	3.2	3.45	80-82
C+	2.3	2.8	3.05	77-79
C	2.0	2.5	2.75	73-76
C-	1.7	2.2	2.45	70-72
D+	1.3	1.8	2.05	67-69
D	1.0	1.5	1.75	63-66
D-	0.7	1.2	1.45	60-62
F	0.0			59 and below

**Grading Policy 2020-2021 SY**

Due to COVID-19, our high school adjusted our grading policy to account for the transition to remote learning and to best support our students.

MP1 through MP4- Grades 0-49.4% were posted as a 50%. 50% is the lowest score students could receive.

**Final grades-** Students were provided the opportunity to request a “P” as their final grade if a student received a grade of a “C” or “D”

**SAT MEAN SCORES**

	ERW	Math	Total
<b>HPS</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>1010</b>
NJ	560	560	1120
National	480	530	1010

**ACT MEAN SCORES**

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp.
<b>HPS</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
NJ					
National					

**AP Exam Scores**

Subject Totals	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Music Theory					1	1
English Language and Composition	8	17	15	5	4	49
English Literature and Composition	6	5	5	2		18
World History: Modern						0
Macroeconomics						0
Microeconomics	2	1	1			4
Psychology	2	3	1	2	1	9
United States Government and Politics	5	1	2			8
United States History	3	9	12	13	4	41
Calculus AB	1	2	7	5		15
Calculus BC	9	12	4	3		28
Computer Science A	2	3	4	1	1	11
Statistics					1	1
Biology	2	6	6	7	1	22
Chemistry	2	4	3	4		13
Physics 1	2	4	5	2	2	15
Physics 2		3		1		4
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	1	1	2	1		5
Physics C: Mechanics	3	11	4	1	1	20
Chinese Language and Culture	9	1				10
French Language and Culture		2	1			3
Spanish Language and Culture	3	10	2	1		16
2 D Art & Design	1	1				2

# College Matriculation – Class of 2021

*Recent graduates of Highland Park High School are enrolled at the following institutions*

Amsterdam University College

Carnegie Mellon

Case Western Reserve University

Coastal Carolina

College of Wooster

Cornell University

East Stroudsburg University

Emory University

Florida University

Franklin and Marshall College

George Washington University

Howard University

Ithaca College

Lehigh University

Louisiana State University

McGill University

Middlesex County College

Moore College of Art & Design

Montclair State University

Monmouth University

New York City College of Technology

Princeton University

Rutgers University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Seton Hall University

Stockton University

SUNY New Paltz

Temple University

The College of New Jersey

The Ohio State University

University of California Berkley

University of Illinois

University of Michigan

West Chester University

Wesleyan University

Williams College