

# Morristown High School

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## The Mission

The core value and primary purpose of Morristown High School, with its large and diverse population, is to foster a community in which learning is meaningful, challenging, and lifelong, and where the expectations of growth, individual understanding, excellence, and creativity exist for all students and staff in a dynamic and academic environment. This mission will be achieved through a research-based process of continuous and collaborative planning, implementation, and evaluation.

## The School

Morristown High School is a comprehensive, four-year secondary school that serves an ethnically and socially diverse student population of over 1850 students. A microcosm of the new millennium, Morristown High School is rich in economic, racial, and cultural diversity. Some families have been in the district for generations, while others have only recently immigrated to the United States.

Morristown High School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, including 29 Advanced Placement Courses and 33 Honors level courses. Our students maximize opportunities to sample and explore emerging career fields in areas such as technology, music, visual and performing arts, and the medical and science fields. Morristown High School provides an extensive program of interscholastic sports, co-curricular activities, and performing arts.

## Outstanding Characteristics:

- More than 280 diverse courses (including Honors and Advanced Placement)
- The STEM Academy enables students to experience an in-depth study of continuous programming in math and science.
- The Humanities Academy offers students in-depth exploration of literature, current events, and history's impact on the present.
- Morristown High School's Senior Options program offers students the opportunity to enroll in college coursework or obtain real-world experience in areas they wish to pursue in the future.
- Selected multiple times as one of *Newsweek* magazine's *Nation's Best High Schools*.
- Selected multiple times by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of the Top 75 public high schools in New Jersey.
- Recognized by New Jersey historian and author John T. Cunningham as the subject of *Youth's Bright Years: An American High School*.
- Staff, parents, and students are actively involved in an initiative focused on an ongoing comprehensive and self-reflective review of all policies, practices, and procedures that impact teaching and learning.
- The Morris Education Foundation (MEF) and several community groups complement the active Home & School Association (HSA) that supports Morristown High School initiatives.

## Accreditation

Morristown High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education.

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# School Climate

## Students:

- Ethnic Background: 54% White, 32% Hispanic, 9% African American, and 5% Asian/Pacific Islanders/Multiracial/ Native American
- Represent more than 19 different native languages
- 83% of the Class of 2018 attended two or four year colleges /universities after graduation
- Morristown High School students actively participate in school life on a broad academic and co-curricular level:
  - More than 40 co-curricular activities are offered in addition to 26 varsity athletic teams.
  - Students hold positions on key decision making teams that affect the school climate.
  - Students compete in academic contests in science, mathematics, world language, speech and debate.
  - High quality acting, vocal and instrumental music programs have enabled students to participate in All-State choirs, bands, orchestras and performing arts competitions.
  - 74 seniors participate in a highly selective Peer Group leadership program that supports incoming freshmen.
  - Students gain valuable broadcast experience through their work in our public radio station, WJSV-FM, and our in-house television studio.
  - Students write for the MorristownPatch.com news website, produce a yearbook, literary magazine and newspaper.
  - Visual Arts and Graphic Design students contribute designs to the high school environment, publications, and participate in community exhibitions. Many student artists are local, state, and national award recipients.
  - Students are actively involved in community service, through a wide variety of organizations and experiences.

## Staff:

The professional staff includes 157 educators with 60% having graduate degrees (7 Doctorates; 87 Masters). Many graduates return as members of the professional staff. Morristown High School alumni, along with other staff members, are committed to making the school even better for its students.

<h3>Advanced Placement Courses</h3> <p>Biology          Calculus AB &amp; BC          Chemistry          Computer Science A          Computer Science Principles          English Language          English Literature          Environmental Science          European History          French Language          Human Geography          Italian: Language &amp; Culture          Latin: Vergil &amp; Caesar          Macroeconomics          Mandarin Chinese          Microeconomics          Music Theory          Physics C: Mechanics;          Mechanics/Electricity &amp;          Magnetism          Psychology          Spanish Language          Spanish Literature          Statistics          Studio Art: Drawing, 2-D,          &amp; 3-D          U.S. Government &amp; Politics          U.S. History 2</p>	<h3>Honors Courses</h3> <p>Advanced Latin Literature          Aero-space Engineering          African-American History          Algebra 1 and 2          Anatomy &amp; Physiology          Biology          Business Finance &amp; Marketing          CAD3: Design Studio          Chemistry          English 1, 2, 3, and 4          French 5          Geometry          Holocaust &amp; Genocide          Humanities Academy          Symposiums &amp; Workshop          Italian Literature          Linear Algebra          Nanoscale Science &amp;          Engineering          Physics          Pre-Calculus          Research Science 1, and 2          Spanish          U. S. History 1 and 2          Visual Art 3          World History</p>	<h3>Course Designations</h3> <p>Courses are designated by level of difficulty as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>AP</td> <td>Advanced Placement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H</td> <td>Honors</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CP</td> <td>College Preparatory</td> </tr> </table> <p>All Honors and AP courses are weighted for the GPA and decile rank calculations. All academic courses are included in GPA calculations.</p> <h3>Instructional Schedule</h3> <p>Morristown High School operates on an A-Day/ B-Day schedule (80 minute sessions), which integrates full year and semester courses. Students are not limited in the number of AP or Honors courses they can take. Morristown High School does not offer IB courses.</p> <h3>Career Plans</h3> <table> <tr> <td>70.0 %</td> <td>Four-Year College/University</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13.0 %</td> <td>Two-Year College</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.3 %</td> <td>Business/Technical School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.5 %</td> <td>Military</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8.0 %</td> <td>Employment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7.2 %</td> <td>Other</td> </tr> </table>	AP	Advanced Placement	H	Honors	CP	College Preparatory	70.0 %	Four-Year College/University	13.0 %	Two-Year College	1.3 %	Business/Technical School	0.5 %	Military	8.0 %	Employment	7.2 %	Other
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## Grading System

Morristown High School rates student performance relative to the following scale. Honors Level Courses are weighed into the scale by factoring a multiplier of 1.25 to the value of the letter grade and AP Level Courses are weighed into the scale by factoring a multiplier of 1.5 to the value of the letter grade.

Grade	Equivalent	Value	H Value	AP Value
A+	97-100	4.3	5.375	6.450
A	93-96	4.0	5.000	6.000
A-	90-92	3.7	4.625	5.550
B+	87-89	3.3	4.125	4.950
B	83-86	3.0	3.750	4.500
B-	80-82	2.7	3.375	4.050
C+	77-79	2.3	2.875	3.450
C	73-76	2.0	2.500	3.000
C-	70-72	1.7	2.125	2.550
D+	67-69	1.3	1.625	1.950
D	63-66	1.0	1.250	1.500
D-	60-62	0.7	0.875	1.050
F	59 or below	0.0	0.000	0.000

\*\*Courses designated as something other than Honors or AP (i.e. College Preparatory) carry a weight of 1.0.

## Decile Distribution

Morristown High School provides decile ranking, not specific rank in class.

### Class of 2019 Decile Distribution:

Number of Students: 416

Decile	Range of Student GPA's	Decile	Range of Student GPA's
1st Decile	5.170-4.686	6th Decile	3.627-3.314
2nd Decile	4.675-4.349	7th Decile	3.303-2.979
3rd Decile	4.348-4.138	8th Decile	2.975-2.581
4th Decile	4.129-3.888	9th Decile	2.575-2.033
5th Decile	3.882-3.629	10th Decile	2.028-0.319

Decile distribution is based on six semesters of academic work at MHS. A student's final cumulative GPA (inclusive of all senior year course programming) is reported on the final transcript.

## National Merit Programs

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
National Merit Finalists	-	-	-
National Merit Semi Finalist	<b>1</b>	-	-
National Merit Letters of Commendation	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
National Hispanic Recognition Scholar	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

## Summary of 2018

### Advanced Placement Results

AP Scholar with Distinction:	29
AP Scholar with Honor:	27
AP Scholar:	50

Total Students Taking Exams: 335  
 Number of Exams Completed: 636  
 85% of students score a 3 or higher

## College Admissions Test Scores - Mean Comparisons – Morristown High School

\*\*2018 Scores unavailable at time of printing\*\*

2017 Score Distribution  
 SAT Reasoning Test:  
 Evidence-Based Reading & Writing

Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
<b>573</b>	558	559

2017 Score Distribution  
 SAT Reasoning Test: Math

Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
<b>563</b>	555	557

2017 Score Distribution  
 The ACT Composite Score  
 Total Students Tested: 260

Morristown High School	New Jersey
<b>25.2</b>	25.9

## Class of 2018 Acceptances

Albright College	Denison University	Mars Hill University	Salve Regina University	University of Maryland
American University	DePaul University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Appalachian State University	DeSales University	Marymount Manhattan College	School of Visual Arts	University of Miami
Arcadia University	Dickinson College	Marywood University	Scripps College	University of Michigan
Arizona State University	Drew University	MA College of Art & Design	Seton Hall University	University of Minnesota
Atlanta Technical College	Drexel University	MCPHS	Shaw University	University of Mississippi
Auburn University	Duquesne University	Mercy College	Skidmore College	University of Missouri, Kansas City
Baldwin Wallace University	East Carolina University	Merrimack College	Southern Methodist University	University of New Hampshire
Bard College	East Stroudsburg University	Miami University	Springfield College	University of New Haven
Baylor University	Eckerd College	Michigan State University	St. Bonaventure University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Becker College	Elon University	Millersville University	St. John's University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Belmont University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Monmouth University	St. Lawrence University	University of Oregon
Bennett College	Emerson College	Montclair State University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Ottawa
Bethany College	Emory University	Moravian College	Stanord University	University of Pennsylvania
Binghamton University	Fairfield University	Mount Saint Mary College	Stetson University	University of Pittsburgh
Bloomfield College	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Muhlenberg College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Rhode Island
Bloomsburg University	Felician College	New England College	Stockton University	University of Richmond
Boise State University	Florida Institute of Technology	New England Conservatory of Music	Stony Brook University	University of Rochester
Boston College	Florida Southern College	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Suffolk University	University of Roehampton
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Florida State University	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY at Albany	University of San Francisco
Boston University	Fordham University	New York University	SUNY at Buffalo	University of Scranton
Brandeis University	Franklin & Marshall University	North Carolina State University	SUNY College at Geneseo	University of South Carolina
Brenau University	Franklin Pierce University	Northeastern University	Susquehanna University	Syracuse University
Bridgewater State University	Frostburg University	Nova Southeastern University	Syracuse University	Temple University
Bridgton Academy	Georgetown University	Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences	Texas Christian University	The Catholic University of America
Brigham Young University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Ohio University	The College of New Jersey	The George Washington University
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Georgia Perimeter College	Ohio Wesleyan University	The New School	The Ohio State University
Bryant University	Georgia Southern University	Old Dominion University	Thomas Edison State College	Towson University
Bucknell University	Georgia State University	Pace University	Trinity-Pawling School	Trinity-Pawling School
Caldwell University	Gettysburg College	Pennsylvania College of Technology	Tulane University	Tuskegee University
Carnegie Mellon University	Gordon College	Pennsylvania State University	Union College	United States Air Force
Case western Reserve University	Green Mountain College	Plymouth State University	University of Alabama	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Cedarville University	Grinnell College	Point Park University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of Arizona
Centenary College	Hamilton College-NY	Pratt Institute	University of Arizona	University of Bridgeport
Champlain College	Hampton University	Providence College	University of Bridgeport	University of California at San Diego
Cheyney University of PA	High Point University	Purchase College, SUNY	University of California at Santa Barbara	University of California at Boulder
Chowan University	Hofstra University	Quinnipiac University	University of Cincinnati	University of Colorado at Boulder
Christopher Newport University	Howard University	Radford University	University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Connecticut
Clark Atlanta University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Ramapo College of NJ	University of Connecticut	University of Dayton
Clarkson University	Immaculata University	Randolph College	University of Dayton	University of Delaware
Clemson University	Indiana University	Raritan Valley Community College	University of Delaware	University of Denver
Coastal Carolina University	Ithaca College	Reed College	University of Florida	University of Georgia
Colgate University	Jacksonville University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Florida	University of Hartford
College of Charleston	James Madison University	Rhode Island College	University of Georgia	University of Hawaii at Manoa
College of New Rochelle	Jefferson University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Hartford	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
College of Saint Elizabeth	Johnson & Wales University	Rider University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	University of Kentucky
College of the Holy Cross	Kean University	Roanoke College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of Lynchburg
College of William and Mary	Kennesaw State University	Roger Williams University	University of Kentucky	University of Maine
Colorado College	Kent State University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Lynchburg	
Colorado State University	King's College	Rowan College at Gloucester County		
Columbia College Chicago	Kutztown University	Rowan University		
Concordia University, Montreal	La Salle University	Rutgers University		
Connecticut College	Lake Forest College	Sacred Heart University		
Cornell University	Lasell College	Saint Joseph's University		
County College of Morris	Lehigh University	Salisbury University		
CUNY-Macaulay Honors College	Liberty University			
Curry College	LIM College			
Dartmouth College	London College of Communication			
Davidson College	Louisiana State University			
Delaware State University	Manhattan College			
	Marist College			
	Marquette University			