

HARRISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Harrison High School

An International Baccalaureate World School



2020-2021 PROFILE

The Harrison Central School District embraces and benefits from its diverse community and student body. The Board of Education proudly and consistently pursues a mission of excellence and equity for every student. Harrison is located 25 miles north of New York City in Westchester County. As one of the geographically largest school districts in Westchester County, Harrison encompasses several micro-communities comprising a socioeconomically and culturally diverse student population. The State University of New York's Purchase College, Manhattanville College, a small private liberal arts college, and satellite campuses for Fordham University and Long



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the graduating class of 2020 participated in a physically-distanced outdoor graduation ceremony. The students individual graduation pictures were gathered as shown above.

Island University are within its borders. The community is home to world corporate headquarters including PepsiCo, Morgan Stanley, MasterCard, and the World Tennis Federation. The Harrison community is defined by its socioeconomic diversity including nine country clubs, large multimillion dollar estates, and two village hamlets with multi-family housing. 22% of our student population are economically disadvantaged. The district has experienced significant growth in its English as a New Language population. In addition, as a result of the high school's International Baccalaureate designation, the cultural and ethnic diversity of the school has broadened.

Harrison High School is ranked among the most competitive high schools in New York State and the nation. The following accomplishments and points of pride are attributable to Harrison's mission of equity, access, rigor, and adaptability for all students, which serve as the foundation for all decisions made on behalf of our students.

- Consistently ranked among America's Most Challenging High Schools by The Washington Post, recognized by Newsweek as one of America's top high school's and ranked in the top 2% of schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report which recognizes college readiness, reading and math proficiency, student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates
- Fully inclusive educational program with access to all course offerings for diverse populations
- 93% of students in the class of 2020 enrolled in one or more AP or IB course
- In 2020, 83% of students taking an AP exam earned a score of 3 or better
- 74% of the senior class is enrolled in studies of English Language and Literature at the IB level
- 99% of students in 2020 earned a score of 4 or above on the IB Literature HL exam; 100% of students in 2020 earned a score of 4 or above on the IB Language and Literature SL exam
- 90% of students in AP Calculus BC scored a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam and 39 students earned a perfect score
- 17% of the senior class (49 students) are enrolled in Syracuse University's Dual Enrollment Program in Multi-Variable Calculus
- Nationally recognized concert band, concert choir, dance program, marching band and string orchestra; music students have qualified and participate annually in both the Area All -State and All State NYSSMA Festivals. Additionally, the Performing Arts program had students in the class of 2020 receive honors from the National Honor Society for Dance and the Kennedy Center.
- The Fine Arts program was recognized in 2020 by New York Magazine and the New York State PTA and participated in the OSILAS exhibit at Concordia College, Katonah Museum's Young Artist Exhibition and the Bruce Museum.
- Comprehensive three-year science research program prepares students for national competitions
- The high school's literary magazine received an "Excellent" ranking from the National Council of Teachers of English
- The debate team earned 12 tournament wins and qualified for 2 national championships for the ninth consecutive year; for the third time in the team's history, the National Speech & Debate Association ranked a Harrison debater #1 in the nation in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, with team members ranked #1, #2, #3, #5, #6, #8, #9, and #12 in New York State
- Awarded the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's School of Excellence Award for the 2019-2020 school year, exceeding the state requirement of 75% of the Varsity sports teams achieving Scholar-Athlete Team status

CEEB/ ACT Code: 332275

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To earn a New York State diploma students must complete and demonstrate competency in 22-units of study.

- English— 4 units
- Social Studies— 4 units
- Mathematics— 3 units
- Science— 3 units
- Physical Education-2 units
- Second Language— 1 unit
- Electives— 3 1/2 units
- The Arts— 1 unit
- Health— 1/2 unit

TOTAL: 22 units

DETERMINATION OF CREDIT

1 Unit or 1.0 Credit: Course meets daily for a full school year

1/2 Unit or 0.50 Credit: One-semester course meets daily or full-year course that meets every other day

1/4 unit or 0.25 Credit: One-semester course that meets every other day

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Advanced Placement, Dual Credit (Syracuse University, Albany University-SUNY and Westchester Community College), International Baccalaureate, Special Education and Vocational (Member Board of Cooperative Education Services— BOCES)

MARKING SYSTEM

Grading is numerical and 65% is passing.

97-100%	4.0	A+
94-96%	4.0	A
90-93%	3.7	A-
87-89%	3.3	B+
84-86%	3.0	B
80-83%	2.7	B-
77-79%	2.3	C+
74-76%	2.0	C
70-73%	1.7	C-
67-69%	1.3	D+
65-66%	1.0	D
Below 65%	0	F

TRANSCRIPT DESIGNATIONS

- AP— Advanced Placement
- IB— International Baccalaureate
- SUPA— Syracuse University
- WCC— Westchester Community College

CUMULATIVE AVERAGE

The cumulative average is a numerical average of actual grades received in all courses (passed, failed, or repeated).

Physical education, independent study, volunteer service, religious education, and audit courses are not included in the cumulative average.

The cumulative average on the transcript is displayed both as weighted and unweighted. Additional weight is added for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, SUPA, and WCC courses.

DIPLOMA DESIGNATIONS

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Awarded to students in addition to the Regents Diploma. The International Baccalaureate Diploma is earned after a challenging two-year International Baccalaureate curriculum as a junior and senior which includes six subjects areas, a 4,000 word extended essay, a course in Theory of Knowledge, and engagement in 100-150 hours of Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) projects.

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and Honors

Awarded to students who complete all requirements for the Regents diploma and achieve an average of at least 90% on all Regents exams.

Regents Diploma with Advanced Distinction

Awarded to students who complete all the requirements of a Regents Diploma plus the additional requirements: (a) Foreign language— at least 3 credits in the same foreign language plus a score of at least 65% on the Checkpoint B exam OR a 5-unit sequence in art, music, or career technical education. (b) A second and third Regents examination in mathematics. (c) A second Regents examination in Science. One exam must be Living Environment and the second can be any part of the Physical Sciences.

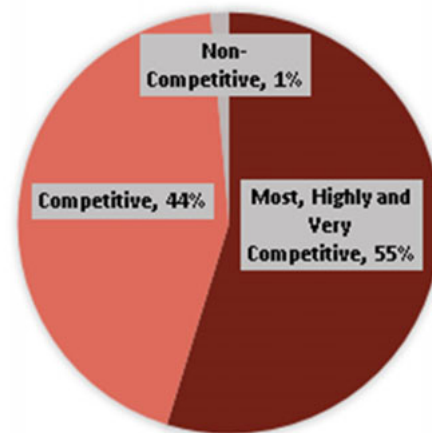
Regents Diploma

Awarded to students who complete at least 22 credits and achieve satisfactory scores on the required Regents examinations.

CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- **96% of graduates were admitted to institutions of higher learning**
- **94% of students were admitted to 4-year institutions**

Barron's Profiles of American Colleges classifies colleges by their selectivity: 1- Most Competitive, 2-Highly Competitive Plus, 3- Highly Competitive, 4-Very Competitive Plus



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EQUITY

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WHAT IS THE MOST DEMANDING PROGRAM OF STUDY?

Harrison High School emphasizes a personalized approach to learning. We offer *all* students the opportunity to earn an IB Diploma, recognized as one of the most comprehensive and rigorous programs of study. For many students, the most demanding course of study is a personalized program combining select IB, AP and other externally validated, college-level courses.

RIGOROUS ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Harrison High School offers a comprehensive, rigorous college and career preparatory curriculum. Harrison has made a commitment to providing equity and access to a demanding and advanced course of study in Advanced Placement (AP), the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program and dual credit course offerings.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (2)

Calculus BC, World History

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSE (30)

Language: English Literature HL, Language and Literature SL

Individuals and Society: History HL/SL, Economics SL, Psychology HL/SL, Business Management SL

Mathematics: Math SL, Math Studies SL

The Arts: Dance HL/SL, Visual Arts HL/SL, Music HL/SL, Theatre HL/SL

Experimental Science: Biology HL/SL, Physics HL/SL, Design Technology HL/SL, Sports, Exercise and Health Science SL

Second Language: French SL, Italian HL/SL, Spanish HL/SL, Spanish Ab Initio

Theory of Knowledge: Theory of Knowledge

DUAL CREDIT COURSES (7)

Syracuse University (SUPA): Computer Software Engineering, Multi-Variable Calculus, Web Design and Management

Westchester Community College (WCC): College Entrepreneurship, College Financial Accounting, College Marketing

University of Albany-SUNY: Science Research

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The mission of the IB Diploma Program is to develop internationally minded students who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. These aims are accomplished by creating learning opportunities through the lens of the IB Learner Profile. The learner profile attributes of inquiry, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective learners are evident throughout the instructional program.

Students are challenged with a rigorous international curriculum that requires engagement and the development of high-level critical thinking. In addition to International Baccalaureate courses in English, world language, individuals and societies, experimental science, mathematics, and the arts, students participate in an interdisciplinary course that explores knowledge across disciplines: The Theory of Knowledge. Students also write a self-directed, inquiry-driven Extended Essay and complete a Community Activity Service Project.

IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES, RECIPIENTS & PARTICIPATION

Harrison Class of	Total Candidates	Percent of Class	Earned Diploma	Percent of Candidates	Percent of Class Participating
2018	87	32%	64	74%	96%
2019	77	28%	53	69%	96%
2020	77	31%	66	86%	95%
2021	87	31%			93%

RIGOR, ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

Harrison High School does not require a minimum GPA for enrollment in AP or IB courses. Harrison High School supports *all* students in developing personalized pathways of study anchored in academic rigor, aligned to each student's strengths and interests.

THE CLASS OF 2020:

- 93% of students enrolled in at least one AP or IB course.
- 89% of students enrolled in two or more AP or IB courses.
- 70% of students enrolled in six or more AP or IB courses.

ADDITIONAL IB PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Harrison has a larger percentage of IB Diploma recipients compared to similar schools. **This is particularly notable given that our school has an *open door policy* permitting equity and access to the IB Diploma Program.**
- Harrison student enrollment in the IB Diploma Program continues to grow and has nearly doubled since its inception in 2013. The total number of IB exams taken has increased from 720 exams in 2013 to 978 exams in 2020.
- 75% of students who took an IB examination in Harrison in 2020 earned a score of 4 or better.

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UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Algebra 1 Common Core

All students are accelerated in 8th grade and take Algebra 1. Algebra 1 is a course designed by New York State for 9th grade students.

Topics in Pre-Calculus

Students who wish to accelerate in mathematics may choose to enroll in this two year course. In 9th grade, students take a Pre-Calculus course in addition to a course in Geometry. In 10th grade, students continue with Pre-Calculus in addition to Algebra II. 30% of underclassmen are enrolled in Topics in Pre-Calculus.

Multi-Variable Calculus (SUPA)

This course is the equivalent of Calculus III at the college level. Harrison is one of only three schools in the United States recognized by Syracuse University to teach Calculus III.

Computer Science

A 4-year pathway is available to students beginning with an Introduction to Computer Science and includes SUPA courses in Web Design and Management and Computer Software Engineering. All students in Computer Software Engineering also sit for the Advanced Placement Exam in Computer Science.

Science Research

The Harrison Science Research Program, in collaboration with SUNY Albany, invites students to participate in authentic, multi-year, scientific research and scholarship. Students work with research scientists and professionals in their chosen area of interest. Students present their findings, enter competitions, and attempt to publish their research.

IB Physics HL & SL

A rigorous physics program is offered to all juniors and seniors. These 2-year courses provide an in-depth study of classical and modern physics with extensive hands-on laboratory experiences. 25% of seniors have chosen to enroll in advanced Physics study.

AP World History

Tenth grade students have the opportunity to challenge themselves in the second year of a 2 year sequence in Global History and Geography. The course culminates with an AP exam and Regents exam. 50% of current tenth grade students have chosen this ambitious pathway.

Journalism Program— The Husky Herald

Students produce and publish *The Husky Herald* school newspaper as part of the Journalism program. Designed as a three year sequence, students learn the fundamentals of news writing and layout, editing, interview strategies and publishing.

IB English Literature HL & IB Language & Literature SL

Harrison offers a comprehensive approach to high level English programs. The program is designed to teach students to read, analyze, and write critically at the college level. Further, the IB course offers a broadened international perspective on literature. This global approach prepares learners to appreciate diversity while encouraging a deeper understanding of one's own culture.

World Languages

Harrison offers a World Language Program that culminates in five levels of language offered in secondary French, Italian, and Spanish. Three levels are also offered in Latin. Students take a full year of language beginning in 6th grade. All students who sustain language study are enrolled in IB French SL, IB Italian HL or SL, or IB Spanish HL or SL in years 4 and 5.

Visual Arts

A comprehensive four-year sequence inclusive of Studio Art, Drawing and Painting, Photography, and Ceramics comprises Harrison's visual arts offerings. Juniors and seniors may elect to take IB Visual Arts SL/HL, a program that promotes the development of artistic skill, critical reflection, historical knowledge, and cultural awareness.

Music

Students perform locally and nationally through rigorous study with Concert Band, Concert Choir, String Orchestra, and Percussion Ensemble. Courses in music theory and technology are offered as prerequisites to the IB Music SL/HL sequence, allowing students to become more globally aware of the history and analysis of music.

Dance

The study of dance is offered through courses such as Dance Studio I & II, and IB Dance SL/HL. Emphasis is placed on providing students with the historical context and exposure to multiple genres of dance and choreographers, as well as opportunities to perform both locally and nationally.

Theatre Arts

Harrison provides students with the opportunity to engage in theatrical performance and composition through Theater Arts I & II, and the IB Theater Arts SL/HL sequence. This rigorous program of study allows students to gain an understanding of theater history, text analysis, playwriting, and performance.

Seal of Biliteracy

New York State Department of Education offers a Seal of Biliteracy to students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages. Students are considered candidates for the Seal of Biliteracy throughout their senior year. Those who meet the requirements of the program earn the seal as a statement of accomplishment that is evidence of a student's readiness for career, college and engagement as a global citizen. 22 students in the class of 2020 earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy.

Middle Years Programme

The MYP has been designed as a coherent and comprehensive curriculum framework that provides academic challenge and develops the life skills of students from the ages of 11 to 16. The programme allows students to build on their personal strengths and to embrace challenges. The MYP offers students opportunities to develop their potential, to explore their own learning preferences, to take appropriate risks, and to reflect on, and develop, a strong sense of personal identity.

CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Athletic Council
Art Club
Astronomy Club
Buddies Club
Chemistry Club
Color Guard
Computer Science Club
Dance Connections
Debate Team
DECA (Business Club)
Engineering Club
Footlight Players (Musical Theater)
Foreign Language Clubs (French, Italian, Latin, Spanish)
Friends of Rachel
Gay-Straight Alliance
HHS Newspaper, *The Husky Herald*
HHS Playhouse (Theater)
Husky Harmonics (Vocal Music)
Husky Media Club
Imagine: Literary Magazine
Sirius Jazz Workshop
Technical Crew
Majorettes
Math Club
Model Congress
National Honor Society (NHS)
Peer Leaders
Relay for Life
ROTOY: Reaching Out to Our Youth
Student Government, *General Organization*
String Ensemble
Symphonic Winds
Yearbook Club
Youth Volunteers of Harrison

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Baseball
Basketball
Bowling
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Ice Hockey
Lacrosse
Soccer
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

CLASS of 2021

Enrollment: 1088

12th Grade Enrollment: 284

Number of Faculty: 110

Student to Counselor Ratio: 160:1

School Year: Four 10-week quarters

School Day: Nine 41-minute periods

First Day of School: September 9, 2020

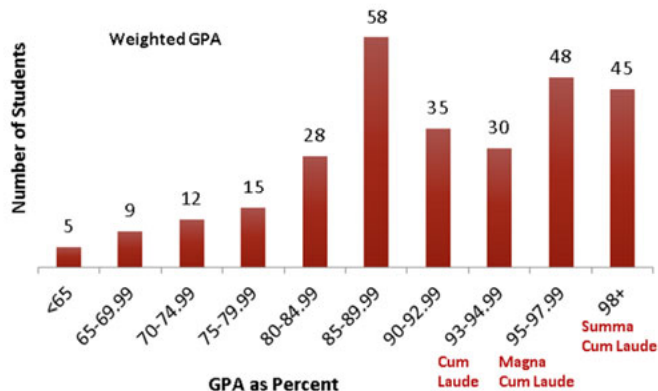
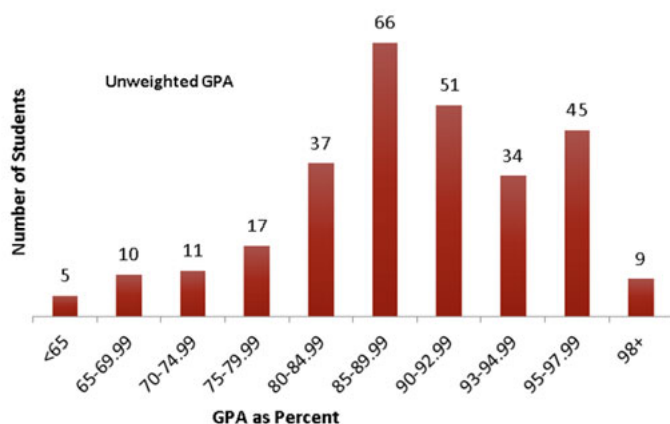
Graduation Day: June 25, 2021

GRADUATION HONORS

Harrison High School eliminated ranking students in 2008. A tiered system of graduation honors is bestowed upon students as determined by cumulative weighted grade-point-average at the end of junior year.

Academic Distinction	Cumulative Weighted Average	Class of 2021
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	98.00 or higher	45 students
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	95.00—97.99	48 students
<i>Cum Laude</i>	93.00—94.99	30 students

CLASS OF 2021 CUMULATIVE UNWEIGHTED & WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION



THE CLASS OF 2020 and COVID-19

Harrison High School closed its doors to in-person instruction beginning March 17th, 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and continued remote learning for the remainder of the school year. The closure occurred during the middle of the third quarter and extended through quarter 4. Harrison operated using our traditional grading system and consequently final grades are accurately reflected on transcripts. Please note that a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction was utilized by our faculty during the entirety of remote learning.

New York State Regents exams were cancelled for the June 2020 and August 2020 exam period resulting in student exemptions (noted as an "E" on the transcript). Additionally, the College Board's AP exams were administered electronically. For the International Baccalaureate Program, only group 6 subjects had their scores produced traditionally using a combination of internal and external assessments scores. In all other subject areas, the scores were based upon the student internal assessment, with predicted grades acting as a moderating influence. There were no external examination scores for subject groups 1-5.



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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2020

Adelphi University	Florida State University	University of New England	College of Technology at Delhi
The University of Alabama	Fordham University	University of New Haven	College at Fredonia
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Full Sail University	New York Institute of Technology	College at Geneseo
American University	George Washington University	New York University	Maritime College
The American University of Paris	Georgia Institute of Technology	Niagara University	College at Morrisville
Amherst College	Georgia State University	Nichols College	College at Old Westbury
The University of Arizona	Hamilton College	Northeastern University	College at Oneonta
Baldwin Wallace University	University of Hartford	Northwestern University	College at Oswego
Ball State University	Hartwick College	Ohio Wesleyan University	College at Plattsburgh
Barnard College	Harvard University	Ohio State University	Polytechnic Institute
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Haverford College	Oklahoma State University	College at Potsdam
Bates College	High Point University	University of Oklahoma	Purchase College
Baylor University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Pace University	Syracuse University
Becker College	Hofstra University	Pacific College of Oriental Medicine	University of Tampa
Bentley University	College of the Holy Cross	Pennsylvania State University	Temple University
Berklee College of Music	Howard University	University of Pennsylvania	Texas Christian University
Boston College	Hult International Business School	University of Pittsburgh	The University of Texas
Boston University	Hunter College of the CUNY	Plymouth State University	The Culinary Institute of America
Brandeis University	Imperial College London	Point Park University	Tulane University
University of Bridgeport	Indiana University	Pratt MWP College of Art & Design	Union College
University of British Columbia	International Christian University	Providence College	University of Exeter
CUNY Brooklyn College	International Culinary Center	Purdue University	Univeristy of Groningen
Bryant University	Iona College	Queen's University	University of Leeds
Bucknell University	Iowa State University	Queen's College of the CUNY	University of Portsmouth
Butler University	Ithaca College	Quinnipiac University	The University of the Arts
Carnegie Mellon University	James Madison University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of the West Scotland
Case Western Reserve University	John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY	University of Rhode Island	Utica College
Catholic University of America	Johns Hopkins University	University of Richmond	Vassar College
University of Central Florida	Johnson & Wales University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Vermont
College of Charleston	The King's College	University of Rochester	Villanova University
Christopher Newport University	Lafayette College	Roger Williams University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of Cincinnati	Le Moyne College	Rutgers University	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
CUNY City College	Lehigh University	Ryerson University	Wake Forest University
Clark University	Lehman College of the CUNY	Sacred Heart University	Washington and Lee University
Clemson University	Liberty University	Salve Regina University	Washington University in St. Louis
Colgate University	Long Island University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wesleyan University
The College of Saint Rose	Loughborough University	School of Visual Arts	The College of Westchester
University of Colorado	Louisiana State University	University of Scranton	Westchester Community College
Colorado State University	Louisiana State University	Seton Hall University	Western Connecticut State University
Concordia University	University of Maine	Siena College	Western New England University
University of Connecticut	Manhattan College	Skidmore College	Western University
Cornell University	Manhattanville College	University of South Carolina	Wheaton College
CUNY New York City College of Technology	Marist College	University of Southern California	Widener University
Curry College	Marshall University	Southern Connecticut State University	Wilkes University
Dean College	University of Maryland	Springfield College	Williams College
University of Delaware	Marymount Manhattan College	St. Bonaventure University	University of Wisconsin
Dominican College	Marywood University	St. John Fisher College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Drexel University	Massachusetts College of Art & Design	St. John's University	University of Wyoming
Duke University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	St. Joseph's College	York University
Eckerd College	University of Massachusetts	St. Thomas Aquinas College	
Edinburgh Napier University	McGill University	College of Staten Island of the CUNY	
Elon University	Mercy College	Stetson University	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Merrimack College	Stevens Institute of Technology	
Emerson College	Merrimack College	Stonehill College	
Emmanuel College	Miami University—Oxford	<u>State University of New York</u>	
Endicott College	University of Miami	University at Albany	
University of Evansville	University of Michigan	University at Binghamton	
Fairfield University	Michigan State University	University at Buffalo	
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Middlebury College	University at New Paltz	
Fashion Institute of Technology	Montana State University	University at Stony Brook	
Florida Atlantic University	Montclair State University	College at Brockport	
Florida Institute of Technology	Mount Saint Mary College	Buffalo State College	
	College of Mount Saint Vincent	College at Cobleskill	
	Nazareth College	College at Cortland	