Northern Highlands Regional High School



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Class of 2024 Profile









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ACADEMIC PREPARATION OF FACULTY

B.A.	15
M.A.	53
M.A. plus 30	39
M.A. plus 60	30
Ph.D./Psy.D/Ed.D./J.D.	8

THE COMMUNITIES

The suburban towns of Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus and Saddle River are located 20 miles from New York City. Residents are employed primarily in executive, professional, and managerial positions. Northern Highlands is the hub of activity for our students; it serves as both an academic and social community.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Northern Highlands Regional High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school that addresses the needs of all of its students and has as its chief emphasis preparation for education beyond high school. Current school population is 1260 with 315 students enrolled in the 12th grade.

ACCREDITATION

New Jersey State Department of Education

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GPA DISTRIBUTION - Northern Highlands does not rank.

GPA is cumulative and comprises final grades from all courses, including Physical Education/Health (courses designated Pass/Fail are not included). Northern Highlands uses a differential weighting system. Courses labeled Honors receive an additional .5 of a quality point, and Advanced Placement, 1 additional quality point. These weights are used solely for the purpose of computing a Grade Point Average (GPA). A 7th semester GPA is forwarded to colleges on the mid-year report.

P = Pass F = Fail WF = Withdrawal Fail

	PA QU	ALITY PO	INTS	
	cou	RSE LEVI	EL	
Grade	es	Reg.	Hon.	AP
97 – 100	A +	4.3	4.8	5.3
93 – 96	Α	4.0	4.5	5.0
90 - 92	Α-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87 – 89	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83 – 86	В	3.0	3.5	4.0
80 - 82	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77 – 79	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73 – 76	С	2.0	2.5	3.0
70 – 72	C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
67 – 69	D+	1.3	1.8	2.3
63 – 66	D	1.0	1.5	2.0
60 – 62	D-	0.7	1.2	1.7
59/below	F	0	0	0

CURRICULUM

Northern Highlands has a four-day rotating schedule. Students are scheduled for eight courses, six of which meet daily. This schedule provides longer segments of time (57 minute periods) to engage in higher-order thinking and performance-based learning. Our program of study is designed to serve the interests and needs of all students. To receive a Northern Highlands Regional High School diploma, the class of 2024 must earn a minimum of 125 credits including: four years of English; one year of World History/Cultures; two years of United States History; three years of Mathematics; three years of Science; two years of World Languages; one year of Career Education & Consumer, Family, Life Skills; one year of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA); and one year of Physical Education and/or Health for each year a student is in attendance at Northern Highlands.

Elective offerings for the class of 2024 include but are not limited to:

Visual and Performing Arts: All art and music classes, along with Intro to Theater & Acting and Actors Workshop I, II, & III.

Career Education and Consumer, Family, and Life Skills: Business Education, Applied Technology, Media Studies, Family and Consumer Sciences classes.

Presently, there are over 42 Honors courses and 28 Advanced Placement courses listed below as well as Economics, Art History, Studio Art, Photography and Computer Programming. Freshmen and Sophomores who meet the appropriate prerequisite may take one AP class; Seniors and Juniors may take 1-5 classes each year. Students also have the opportunity to take a Syracuse University course in Forensic Science, Spanish V, English and Sociology. Other Dual Enrollment courses are also offered through Rutgers University (Hon Dynamics of Health Care, Hon Medical Terminology, Hon Anatomy & Physiology), Fairleigh Dickinson University (Hon Marketing & Branding), Bergen Community College (Computer Aided Drawing II, Hon US History II), Seton Hall University (Multi-Variable Calculus). Northern Highlands partnered with Bergen Community College during the 2022-2023 school year to offer the Early College Program to eligible 11th graders interested in earning an Associate Degree.

ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS 2023-2024

ENGLISH

COURSES	AP				
English 9	Hon American Literature	AP English Literature			
American Literature	(Grade 10 only)	AP English Language			
(Grade 10 Only)	Hon Modern				
Literature/Creative Comp.					
Literature/Individual Hon British Literature					
Literature/Society Hon Humanities					
Modern Fiction/Non-Fiction Hon Sci Fiction & Fantasy					
Science Fiction/Fantasy Hon Reading/Writing*					
Hon Gender Texts*					
*Syracuse University's Project Advance Course					

SCIENCES

Students take lab-science classes at three different levels and follow a Physics/Chemistry/Biology sequence.

COLLEGE PREP	HONORS/AP
Geophysics/Lab	Hon Physics/Lab
Chemistry/Lab	Hon Chemistry/Lab
Biology/Lab	Hon Biology/Lab
	AP Physics 1/Lab
	AP Physics C/Lab
	AP Chemistry/Lab
	AP Biology/Lab
	AP Environmental Science/Lab

MATHEMATICS

COURSES	HONORS/AP	
Algebra I	Hon Algebra II/Trigonometry	
Geometry	Hon Geometry	
Algebra II	Hon Pre-Calculus	
Algebra II/Trigonometry	Hon Calculus	
Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry Hon Multi-Variable Calculus*		
Pre-Calculus	Hon Math Analysis	
Statistics/Probability	AP Pre-Calculus	
	AP Statistics	
	AP Calculus (AB)	
	AP Calculus (BC)	
	AP Computer Principles	
	AP Computer Science	
*Seton Hall University Course		

SOCIAL STUDIES

COURSES	HONORS	АР	
World History U.S. History I U.S. History II	Hon U.S. History I Hon U.S. History II*	AP U.S. History AP U.S. Gov't/Politics AP World History AP Psychology AP Human Geography	
*Bergen Community College Course			

WORLD LANGUAGES

Students have the opportunity to study languages on several levels. French, Spanish and Italian and American Sign Language are offered for those students with no previous World Languages background. Students who begin high school with courses labeled either II or IIH have already had a minimum of two years in that language.

COURSES	HONORS/AP	
French I, II, III, IV	Hon French II, III, IV	
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V	Hon Spanish II, III, IV	
Italian I, II, III, IV	Hon Spanish V*	
American Sign Language I, II, III, IV	Hon Italian II, III, IV	
Exploring Languages & Cultures	AP French	
*Syracuse University's Project Advance Course		

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Northern Highlands offers over 63 award-winning co-curricular activities and clubs. Our top-ranked athletic program has 16 sports for boys and 16 sports for girls. Over ninety percent of our students participate in one or more of Highlands' co-curricular activities.

Academic and Testing Statistics

GPA Breakdown for the Class of 2024, Based on Six Semesters

GPA RANGES	4.01 & above	4.00-3.51	3.50-3.01	3.00-2.51	2.50-2.01	2.00-1.07
# Students (315 as of June 2023)	115	112	64	23	8	1
% of Class	36%	35%	20%	7%	3%	.3%

College Acceptances for the Class of 2023

Of 340 graduates in the class of 2023, 98% (333 are attending college).

Total: 340	4 Year	2 Year	Other
ACCEPTED	96%	2%	2%
ATTENDING	327	6	7

Scholastic Assessment Test Results

SAT I RESULTS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2023					
SA	SAT I MEAN SCORES 2023 TOTAL 2023				
TOTAL			1280		
EVIDENCE	BASED READING AND WRITIN	IG	631		
MATHEMATICS 649			649		
2021, 2022 and 2023 READING & MATH MEAN SCORES					
	NORTHERN HIGHLANDS		NEW JERSEY		
2023 1280 1079		1079			
2022 1304 1125		1125			
2021 1285 1090		1090			

ACT Test Results

Test results shown are mean scores.

TEST YEAR	2023	2022
English	27	26.8
Math	27	26.0
Reading	28	26.9
Science Reasoning	27	25.6
Composite	27	26.2
Students Tested	133	133

Scholastic Assessment Test Results

SAT SUBJECT TESTS	2021	2022	2023		
English Literature	n/a	n/a	n/a		
U.S. History	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Biology E	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Biology M	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Chemistry	629	720	n/a		
Physics	713	720	730		
Math Level I	n/a	650	n/a		
Math Level II	773	784	n/a		
World History	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Spanish	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Mean scores are reported only when there are 5 or more test takers.					

Advanced Placement Program - Distribution of 2023 AP Test Results

AP courses are offered in freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years. Eligibility requirements include: prerequisite courses, grades, proficiency testing, and/or teacher recommendation. In May 2023, 459 students sat for 960 exams in 28 subjects, some of which are not offered as AP courses at Northern Highlands. Of the 960 AP exams taken by 459 Highlands students, 90% (867) of those exams were scored 3 or above.

AP Tests	5	4	3	Total Tests Administered	AP Tests	5	4	3	Total Tests Administered
Art History	3	7	13	31	Human Geography	24	11	3	26
Biology	11	24	15	27	Music Theory	3	2	3	4
Calculus AB	24	15	10	57	Physics I	5	6	6	24
Calculus BC	16	9	7	53	Physics +C Electricity & Magnetism	1	3		4
Chemistry	7	4	5	21	Physics +C Mechanics	4	7	4	17
Computer Science A	12	5	5	34	Psychology	18	26	6	107
Computer Science Principles	16	28	17	43	Seminar	4	9	6	38
Economics: Macro	40	18	6	52	Statistics	17	17	13	38
Economics: Micro	8	4	2	13	Studio Art (Drawing)	3	6	4	14
Eng. Language/Comp	37	36	24	73	Studio Art (2D Design)		5	5	10
English Literature/Comp	21	11	6	29	U.S. Govt. & Politics	27	10	25	64
Environmental Science	4	8	5	19	U.S. History	21	23	18	55
European History	7	4	5	17	World History	7	5	3	13
French Language and Culture		3	4	7					

Total Tests Administered: 960

Total Scores of 5: **341** Total Scores of 4: **306**

Total Scores of 3: 220

Colleges Acceptances for NHRHS Class of 2023

College Acc	ept	College Ac	cept	College Acc	cept
Albany College Pharm/Health Sciences	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	3	Roger Williams University	4
Alvernia University	2	Gettysburg College	7	Rollins College	4
American University	3	Hamilton College	1	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
Appalachian State University	5	Hampton University	1	Rosemont College	1
Arcadia University	1	Hartwick College	1	Rowan College of So. Jersey, Glouceste	
Arizona State University Phoenix	1	High Point University	9	Rowan University	14
Arizona State University Main Campus Auburn University	6 11	Hobart and William Smith Colleges Hofstra University	4 6	Rutgers University, Camden Rutgers University, New Brunswick	1 60
Babson College	1	Howard University	1	Rutgers University, Newark	6
Bard College	1	Indiana University, Bloomington	39	Sacred Heart University	17
Barnard College	1	Iona University	1	Saint Anselm College	1
Barry University	1	Iowa State University	1	Saint Joseph's University	5
Bates College	1	Ithaca College	6	Saint Louis University	1
Baylor University	3	James Madison University	33	Saint Peter's University	2
Belmont University	4	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	e 1	Salve Regina University	4
Bennington College	1	Kean University	2	San Diego State University	8
Bentley University	3	Lafayette College	5	Sarah Lawrence College	1
Bergen Community College	8	Lake Forest College	1	Savannah College of Art and Design	3
Berklee College of Music	2	Lawrence University	1	School of Visual Arts	1
Binghamton University	10	Lehigh University	9	Seton Hall University	14
Bloomfield College	1	Lesley University	1	Siena College	9
Boston College	1	Liberty University	2	Skidmore College	1
Boston University	14	LIM College	1	Soka University of America	1
Bowie State University	1	Lincoln University	1	Southeastern University	1
Brigham Young University	1	Lipscomb University	1	Southern Methodist University	3
Bryant University	1	Long Island University, Post	1	St. Bonaventure University	1
Bucknell University	9	Louisiana State University	5	St. John's University	2
Caldwell University	2	Loyola University Chicago	1	St. Lawrence University	2
California Polytech. State, S. Luis Obispo		Loyola University Maryland	8	St. Thomas Aquinas College	3
California State University, Long Beach	1	Loyola University New Orleans	1	Stetson University	1
Campbell University	1	Lynn University	3	Stevens Institute of Technology	14
Case Western Reserve University	8	Manhattan College	5	Stockton University	3
Catholic University of America	1	Manhattanville College	1	Stonehill College	3
Centenary University	1	Marist College	16	Stony Brook University	4
Champlain College	1	Marquette University	1	SUNY at Albany	4
Charleston Southern University	1 1	Marymount Manhattan College	2	SUNY at New Paltz	3 3
Christopher Newport University	1	Massachusetts College of Art and Design Massachusetts Institute of Technology	-	SUNY at Purchase College	3 1
Clarkson University Clemson University	12	Mercy College	1	SUNY Buffalo State University SUNY College at Brockport	1
Coastal Carolina University	8	Miami University, Oxford	3	SUNY College at Brockport	1
Colby College	1	Michigan State University	13	SUNY College at Geneseo	1
Colgate University	4	Mitchell College	1	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	1
College of Charleston	27	Monmouth University	15	SUNY University at Buffalo	1
College of the Holy Cross	2	Monroe College	1	Syracuse University	30
Colorado College	1	Montclair State University	26	Temple University	6
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	1	Moore College of Art and Design	1	Texas A&M University	3
Columbia University	1	Mount Holyoke College	2	Texas State University	1
Commonwealth University, Bloomsburg	1	Muhlenberg College	5	The College of New Jersey	14
Connecticut College	3	New Jersey City University	1	The New School	1
Cooper Union	1	New Jersey Institute of Technology	9	The Ohio State University	17
Cornell University	2	New York Institute of Technology	2	The University of Alabama	17
CUNY Brooklyn College	1	New York University	6	The University of Tampa	30
CUNY City College	1	Nichols College	1	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	6
CUNY Hunter College	1	North Carolina A & T State University	1	The University of Texas at Austin	2
Curry College	1	North Carolina Central University	1	The University of West Florida	1
Denison University	1	North Carolina State University	2	Thomas Jefferson University, East Falls	1
Dickinson College	1	Northeastern University	29	Towson University	3
Drew University	3	Northwestern University	3	Trinity College	1
Drexel University	8	Notre Dame of Maryland University	1	Tufts University	3
Duquesne University	1	Nova Southeastern University	1	Tulane University of Louisiana	5
Earlham College	1	Oberlin College	1	Union College	4
East Carolina University	2	Oral Roberts University	1	United States Coast Guard Academy	1
Eckerd College	3	Oregon State University	1	US Military Academy, West Point	2
Elon University	19	Pace University, New York City	4	University of Arizona	11
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1	Palm Beach Atlantic University	1	University of Bridgeport	1
Emerson College	5	Parsons School of Design, New School	1	University of California, Berkeley	1
Emory University	2	Penn State University, Abington	1 1	University of California, Davis	2
Endicott College Fairfield University	2 19	Penn State University, Berks Penn State University, University Park	53	University of California, Irvine University of California, Los Angeles	4 3
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham	4	Penn State University, World Campus	2	University of California, Los Angeles University of California, Merced	1
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metro	8	Pratt Institute	3	University of California, Nerced University of California, San Diego	4
Fashion Institute of Technology	1	Princeton University	1	University of California, Santa Barbara	1
Flagler College	3	Providence College	10	University of California, Santa Barbara	2
Florida Atlantic University	7	Purdue University, Main Campus	20	University of Central Florida	4
Florida Gulf Coast University	4	Quinnipiac University	22	University of Charleston	1
Florida Institute of Technology	1	Ramapo College of New Jersey	27	University of Chicago	1
Florida Polytechnic University	1	Reed College	1	University of Cincinnati, Main Campus	3
Florida State University	8	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	8	University of Colorado Boulder	16
Fordham University	17	Rice University	2	University of Colorado Denver	1
Franklin & Marshall College	3	Rider University	4	University of Connecticut	19
George Washington University	8	Rochester Institute of Technology	2	University of Connecticut, Stamford	1
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College Accept University of Delaware 42 University of Denver 3 University of Florida 7 University of Georgia 5 University of Hartford 5 University of Houston 1 U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 3 University of Iowa 2 University of Kentucky 6 University of Louisville 3 University of Maine 5 University of Maryland, Baltimore 1 University of Maryland, College Park 33 University of Massachusetts, Amherst 16 University of Massachusetts, Boston University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth 1 University of Miami University of Michigan 5 University of Mississippi 6 University of Nevada, Las Vegas 1 University of New Hampshire, Main 8 University of New Haven University of North Carolina Wilmington University of Notre Dame 1 University of Oregon 1 University of Pittsburgh, Bradford 1 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 30 University of Rhode Island 24 University of Richmond 6 University of Rochester 5 University of Scranton 4 University of South Carolina 22 University of South Florida, Main 10 University of Southern California 2 University of Toronto 1 University of Utah 2 University of Vermont 15 University of Virginia, Main Campus 1 University of Washington, Seattle 3 University of Wisconsin, Madison 11 **Ursinus College** 1 Utah State University 1 Vanderbilt University 2 9 Villanova University Virginia Commonwealth University 2 Virginia Polytechnic Institute 24 4 Wake Forest University Washington University in St. Louis 1 Wentworth Institute of Technology 1 Wesleyan University West Chester University of Pennsylvania West Virginia University Wichita State University 1 Widener University 1 William & Mary 5 William Paterson University of NJ 4 Worcester Polytechnic Institute 4 Xavier University 2 Yale University