



## 2025-2026 HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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### SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Located in the scenic village of Hastings-on-Hudson, just ten miles north of New York City in Westchester County, Hastings High School is a four-year public secondary school serving approximately 525 students grades 9-12. The school combines a rigorous academic environment with a close-knit, supportive community. With an average class size of 20, students benefit from individualized attention while enjoying access to a broad and challenging curriculum.

Recognized nationally as a *Secondary School of Excellence* and previously a *Blue Ribbon School* by the U.S. Department of Education, Hastings High School is accredited by both the New York State Board of Regents and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The school offers a comprehensive academic program featuring Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors (H) courses, along with college-level opportunities through partnerships with the University at Albany (SUNY Albany), Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and Syracuse University (SUPA). These programs allow students to earn college credits while completing coursework during high school.

More than 75% of students participate in extracurricular activities, including athletics, music, visual arts, and clubs. Many students are recognized as All-County musicians and athletes and regularly receive accolades for their artistic achievements. Hastings High School is proud to be a school that is “large enough to offer a rich and varied curriculum, and small enough to know and care about each student.”

### PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISTINCTION

- 17 Advanced Placement courses and 8 Honors courses.
- 9 dual enrollment/college-level classes: University at Albany, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA).
- College-accredited, 3-year Science Research Program (classes of 2026 & 2027 participate in a 2-year sequence of science research).
- 5-year sequential programs in Spanish and French, and a 4-year sequential program in Latin.
- Comprehensive music program, including band, orchestra, chorus, Madrigals (select choir), and jazz band.
- Award-winning drama and musical theater programs.
- Peer Leadership – A full-year, highly selective course for senior students who display strong character, integrity, and leadership qualities. Peer Leaders attend class sessions to acquire leadership skills and lead small-group lessons for freshmen. The program supports all freshmen in transitioning successfully to high school.
- National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Music Honor Society, and National Language Honor Society.
- Voluntary Community Service Program – ½ credit for 60 hours, 1 credit for 120 hours.
- Broad-based athletics program.
- Extensive array of teacher- and student-led clubs.

Hastings High School teachers have been awarded the Siemens Science Award; Woodrow Wilson Fellowships; and Fulbright, National Endowment for the Humanities, and National Science Foundation Grants.

### CONTACTS

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

William S. McKersie, Ph.D.  
*Superintendent*

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#### BUILDING ADMINISTRATION

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#### COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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*School Psychologist*

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*School Psychologist*

# GRADING INFORMATION

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from Hastings High School, students must complete a minimum of 22 credits and meet the New York State Regents diploma requirements. These include specific course distribution mandates across core academic areas. Students must successfully complete all required New York State Regents assessments. Most Hastings students go beyond the minimum requirements in both credits earned and course rigor.

English	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
World Language	1.0 credits
Fine/Performing Arts	1.0 credits
Physical Education	2.0 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Electives	3.5 credits

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE and RANKING

Hastings High School calculates grade point averages on a 100-point numerical scale. To reflect course rigor, an additional two points are awarded for all Advanced Placement (AP), Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA), Honors (H), Science Research, and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses. These weighted values are incorporated into each student's overall cumulative GPA. Courses completed in middle school that appear on the high school transcript are included in the GPA calculation, with applicable weighting applied. Hastings High School does not report class rank. In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with New York State Education Department guidance, Regents examinations that were waived appear as exemptions, denoted with an "E" on student transcripts. The school acknowledges that the pandemic may have impacted academic performance during this period.

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION – CLASS OF 2025

*All subjects are used to determine GPA*

Mean GPA:	91.04
Median GPA:	92.06

## TRANSCRIPT DESIGNATIONS

- AP – Advanced Placement
- H – Honors Level
- SUPA – Syracuse University Project Advance

## HASTINGS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAM (HASP)

The Hastings Alternative School Program (HASP) is a voluntary alternative "school within a school" at Hastings High School. It seeks to provide an enriched education for every student in a family atmosphere with an emphasis on learning and success. HASP offers English and Social Studies classes across all four grade levels in addition to one Science and one Math class. Fundamental to the program are its cornerstones, which include the student court, field trips, an accountability point system, a mentoring program, small class sizes (fewer than 10 students per class), and bi-monthly community meetings.

## CLASS OF 2024-2025 FACTS AND FIGURES

Students Graduated:	134
College-Bound Students:	95.5%
4-Year College:	94.5
2-Year College:	5.5%
Gap Year/Deferred College or obtained employment:	4.5%
Seal of Biliteracy:	14

## GRADES 10-12

## 2025 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) RESULTS

221 Students took 514 AP exams

79% of AP Students had scores of 3 or higher

3.6 Average Score

37 AP Scholars

3.68 Average Score

19 AP Scholars with Honor

3.86 Average Score

36 AP Scholars with Distinction

4.15 Average Score

## MEAN TEST SCORES – CLASS OF 2025

ACT	Number of Students:	31
	Composite Score:	28.9

SAT	Number of Students:	74
	Evidence-Based	
	Reading and Writing:	649
	Math:	637

## CLASS OF 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

### *National Merit Scholarship Program*

Commended:	10
Semi-Finalists:	5
Finalists:	5

### *Scholarships*

Local Scholarships Awarded:	46
College Academic Scholarships:	30% Est.

# CURRICULUM

## COURSE ENROLLMENT

Hastings High School follows an open enrollment policy, allowing all students to choose honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses without restrictions on the number they may take in a given year. In accordance with the district's curriculum progression, students typically do not enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) courses before their junior year. This approach reflects our commitment to fostering deep, foundational learning in the early high school years, and to support student well-being by helping to manage academic stress.

PROGRAM	COURSES/ELECTIVES	HONORS/COLLEGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT
English	English 9, English 10, American Literature 11, English 12, Building a Better Bookshelf – Literacy in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, Creating Writing, Facing Ourselves, Journalism, Revealing Women, Speak for Yourself: The Art of Communication, TV & Digital Media Broadcasting, Cracking the Case: Detectives in Fiction, Film Studies	American Literature Honors (Grade 11) SUPA English: Advanced Writing and Literary Theory (Grade 12) AP English: Literature and Composition (Grade 12)
Social Studies	World History I & II, US History 11, Economics, Anthropological Perspectives, Criminal Justice in America, Psychology for You, Trial Law, Modern Middle Eastern History, The Power of Protest: The History of Social Reform Movements in the US, Arts Perspectives, Contemporary Politics, Women History and the World, Two Americas, Sociology, Peer Leadership 9, Peer Leadership 12	SUPA College Learning Strategies SUPA United States History (Grade 11) AP United States History (Grade 11) AP European History (Grade 12) AP Macroeconomics (Grade 12) AP Psychology (Grade 12)
Mathematics	Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Math 2, Geometry, Math 3, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Data Analysis, The Visual Beauty of Mathematics, Financial Algebra, JAVA Programming	Geometry Honors Algebra 2 Honors AP Precalculus (first offered in 2024-2025 school year) AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science Principles AP Statistics
Science	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Earth and Space Sciences taken for high school credit  Biology with Laboratory, Chemistry with Laboratory, Physics with Laboratory, Chemistry in Context, Culinary Chemistry, Deep Space Astronomy, Diseases and Society, Introduction to Forensic Science, Material Science & Nanotechnology, Genetics, Anatomy & Physiology, Robotics	Project Lead the Way (PLTW): Introduction to Engineering Design (RIT) Science Research (SUNY Albany) AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics C: Mechanics
World Languages	French I, French II, French III Latin I, Latin II Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish Conversation and Culture through Film, Cultures of Latin America, Spanish for Heritage Speakers	French IV Honors (SUNY Albany) French V Honors (SUNY Albany) Latin III Honors (SUNY Albany) Latin IV Honors (SUNY Albany) Spanish IV Honors (SUNY Albany) Spanish V Honors (SUNY Albany)
Art (Fine Arts)	Studio Art, Photography I & II, Digital Photography I & II, Portfolio Development I & II, Drawing & Painting, Media Arts, Ceramics I, II, & III, Creative Construction I & II, Yearbook, Sewing: Construction & Design	Advanced Media Arts AP Art & Design
Music (Performing Arts)	Chorus, Band, Orchestra, Music Theory I & II, Recording Technology, Jazz Band	AP Music Theory
PE Health Leadership	Physical Education 9-12 Health (typically offered in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade) Community Service	

# CLASS OF 2025 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

(Colleges in bold indicate that at least one member of the Class of 2025 currently attends that college or university)

Adelphi University  
 Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
**American University (1)**  
 Appalachian State University  
 Arizona State University-Tempe  
**Bard College (1)**  
 Bard College Berlin  
**Barnard College (1)**  
 Bates College  
 Bath College  
 Baylor University  
**Binghamton University (1)**  
**Boston College (1)**  
**Boston University (3)**  
 Brandeis University  
**Bridgewater State U (1)**  
**Bucknell University (1)**  
 California State U-Monterey Bay  
 Carleton College  
**Case Western Reserve U (1)**  
 Chapman University  
 Charleston Southern University  
 Clark University  
 Clarkson University  
 Clemson University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Colby College  
 Colgate University  
 College of Charleston  
 Colorado State U-Fort Collins  
**Columbia University (2)**  
**Cornell University (2)**  
**CUNY Baruch College (1)**  
 CUNY City College  
**CUNY Hunter College (1)**  
 CUNY Lehman College  
**CUNY Macaulay Honors (1)**  
 Curry College  
**Davidson College (1)**  
**Dean College (1)**  
 Dickinson College  
**Drexel University (1)**  
 Duquesne University  
 Elon University  
 Emerson College  
**Emory University (2)**  
**Fairfield University (1)**  
**Fashion Institute of Tech. (1)**  
 Felician University  
 Flagler College  
 Florida Memorial University  
**Fordham University (3)**  
 Franklin and Marshall College  
 George Mason University  
**Georgia Institute of Tech. (1)**  
 Gettysburg College  
**Grinnell College (1)**  
**Hamilton College (2)**  
 High Point University  
 Hobart and William Smith  
 Hofstra University

**Indiana University (2)**  
 Iona University  
 Ithaca College  
**James Madison University (1)**  
**Johns Hopkins University (1)**  
 Juniata College  
 Kansas State University  
 Kean University  
 Keene State College  
**Kent State University (1)**  
 King's College London  
**Lafayette College (1)**  
 Lawrence University  
**Lehigh University (1)**  
 LIM College  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Loyola University Maryland  
 Loyola University New Orleans  
**Lynn University (1)**  
**Macalester College (1)**  
**Manhattan University (2)**  
**Manhattanville University (1)**  
 Marist University  
**McGill University (1)**  
**Mercy University (2)**  
 Metropolitan State University of Denver  
 Miami University-Oxford  
 Michigan State University  
 Molloy University  
 New York Institute of Technology  
**New York University (2)**  
 North Carolina State University at Raleigh  
**Northeastern University (4)**  
**Oberlin College (1)**  
**Occidental College (1)**  
 Ohio State University  
 Ohio University  
**Pace University (1)**  
 Paul Smiths College of Arts and Science  
**Pennsylvania State University (2)**  
**Princeton University (1)**  
**Providence College (1)**  
**Purdue University (1)**  
 Quinnipiac University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rice University  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Roger Williams University  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Rowan University  
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
**Saint Anselm College (1)**  
 Saint Joseph's University  
 Saint Leo University

**San Diego State University (3)**  
 Santa Clara University  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
**Scripps College (1)**  
 Siena University  
**Skidmore College (3)**  
 Smith College  
 South Carolina State University  
 Southern Connecticut State University  
 St. John's University-New York  
 St. Lawrence University  
**St. Thomas Aquinas College (1)**  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Stony Brook University  
 SUNY Brockport  
**SUNY Buffalo State (1)**  
**SUNY College at Geneseo (2)**  
 SUNY College at Oswego  
 SUNY College at Plattsburgh  
 SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill  
**SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (1)**  
 SUNY College of Tech. at Delhi  
**SUNY Cortland (1)**  
**SUNY New Paltz (3)**  
 SUNY Old Westbury  
 SUNY Oneonta  
 SUNY Purchase College  
**SUNY Rockland CC (1)**  
**SUNY Westchester CC (6)**  
**Syracuse University (1)**  
**Temple University (1)**  
 Texas Christian University  
 The Catholic University of America  
 The City University of New York-CUNY  
**The George Washington University (2)**  
 The University of Tampa  
 Towson University  
**Trinity College Dublin (1)**  
**Tufts University (2)**  
**Tulane University of Louisiana (2)**  
 Union College (NY)  
 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
**University at Albany, SUNY (3)**  
**University at Buffalo (1)**  
 University College Dublin  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Bath  
 University of Bridgeport  
 University of Bristol  
 University of California-Davis  
 University of California-Irvine  
**University of California-Los Angeles (1)**

**University of California-San Diego (1)**  
 University of California-Santa Cruz  
 University of Colorado Boulder  
**University of Colorado Denver (1)**  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Denver  
 University of Glasgow  
**University of Hartford (1)**  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Maryland-Baltimore County  
**University of Maryland-College Park (2)**  
**University of Massachusetts-Amherst (3)**  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Mississippi  
**University of Mount Saint Vincent (1)**  
 University of New Hampshire  
**University of New Haven (3)**  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of Rochester  
 University of South Carolina-Columbia  
 University of Southern California  
 University of St Andrews  
**University of Toronto (1)**  
**University of Vermont (3)**  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin  
**Vassar College (1)**  
 Vermont State University  
 Villanova University  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
**Virginia Tech (3)**  
**Washington University (1)**  
**Wellesley College (1)**  
**Wesleyan University (3)**  
 West Virginia University  
 Western Connecticut State University  
 Western Michigan University  
 Western New England University  
**William & Mary (1)**  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)**

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