

Mahwah High School Profile 2025-26

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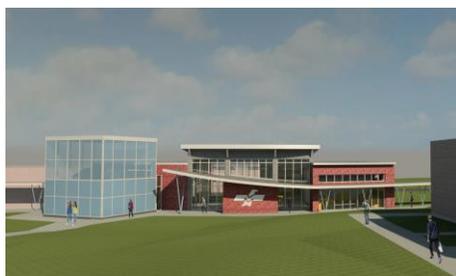
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Community

Mahwah is a suburban town in Northern Bergen County, New Jersey (population 25,890), approximately 25 miles from metropolitan New York City. Mahwah is near the Ramapo Mountains and Ramapo River and bordered by the towns of Upper Saddle River, Ramsey, Allendale, Wyckoff and Franklin Lakes in New Jersey and Ramapo and Suffern in New York. The Ramapough Mountain Indians were the original inhabitants of Mahwah and now number approximately 5,000 people living around the Ramapo Mountains of northern New Jersey and southern New York. The name Mahwah is derived from the Leni Lenape *mawewi*, which means, "a place where people and paths meet."

MHS is ranked by Niche as the #9 Best Public High School and #17 Best High School for STEM in Bergen County, as well as #43 in the Best Public High Schools in New Jersey for 2025. US News and World Report listed Mahwah HS #11 in Bergen County Public Schools, 51st in NJ public high schools, #140 in New York Metro Area high schools, and #301 in STEM high schools nationally.

Mahwah School District's commitment to providing a robust integrative STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) education program is recognized by the International Technology and Engineering Education Association's (ITEEA) STEM Center for Teaching and Learning™ and was selected as an ITEEA STEM School of Excellence for the 2024-2025 school year.

School: Mahwah High School is a four-year high school (grades 9-12). Three Elementary schools (preK-3), one intermediate school (4-5), and one middle school feed directly into the district's only high school. *Our current student enrollment is 813 (230 Seniors).*

Faculty: The professional staff is comprised of 119 Members. Four full-time counselors and a student assistance counselor support individuals in academic, social-emotional, and college & career matters.

Grading & Ranking: Mahwah High School uses a numerical grading system; the lowest passing grade is 65. *Given the rigorous nature of the curriculum and highly motivated student body, Mahwah High School does not rank students.*

Curriculum: Mahwah High School has a four-day rotating schedule and fifty-five-minute classes. All students are scheduled for eight courses, six of which meet daily. No study halls are permitted in grades 9-11, and only one is allowed in grade 12. All students must complete a total of 125 credits and show proficiency in mathematics and Language Arts Literacy to earn a state-endorsed diploma. There are numerous elective course offerings in business, world languages, industrial arts technology, performing and visual arts.

College Level Courses: Twenty-two Advanced Placement, thirty-three honors, and thirty-four dual enrollment courses are offered.

GPA Values

Letter Grade	Numerical Range	GPA Value
A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	65-69	1.0
F	Below 65	0.0

Course Weighting Scale

	Weight		Weight
AP	10	Academic & Elective	3
Honors	8	Basic & Elective	0

Graduation Requirements

Subject	Years	Credits
English	4	20
Mathematics (Algebra 1 & Geometry)	3	15
Social Studies	3	15
Science (Biology, Chemistry, & Physics)	3	18
World Language	2	10
Physical Education/Driver Ed./Health	4	16-20
Performing/Visual Arts	1	5
21 st Century Career & Life Skills	1	5
Financial Literacy	0.5	2.5
Total		125

SAT Mean Score Breakdown

Year	Math	ERW
Class of 2025	584	574
Class of 2024	603	601
New Jersey 2025	519	530

SAT EBRW & Math Combined Mean Scores

Year	Mahwah High School	New Jersey	Nation
2025	1158	1049	1050
2024	1204	1080	1028

ACT Mean Score Breakdown

	Math	English	Reading	Science	Composite
2025	25.3	25.1	25.2	24.2	25.2
2024	24.7	25.2	26.2	24.8	25.3

Mahwah High School Noteworthy Accomplishments

- MHS is on a quest to raise \$140,000 for Habitat for Humanity, to date we have raised over \$58,000.
- Our district is a Future Ready School District, as a result of our technology committee's collaborative creation of our district's action plan forward.
- Our T3: Thunderbird Think Tank, a STEAM Facility with robotics lab, 2 innovative engineering & manufacturing labs, & 3D printing room is fully operational.
- We offer 31 dual enrollment courses with 7 colleges/universities. 121 students earned college credits in 184 classes; 36 students, from the Class of 2025, over four years earned six or more credits.
- 3 National Merit Semifinalists in the Class of 2026
- **168** Athletes earned Minds in Motion for the year 2024-2025 (High Honor Roll and Varsity Letter).
- The Symphonic Band and String Orchestra both earned Gold Ratings in regional competitions. Seven members of the Concert Choir and one student from String Orchestra were selected for the 2025-26 All-State Choruses and All-State Orchestra. Nine music students toured Europe last summer with American Music Abroad, representing our school and community.
- The Drama Club earned three Metropolitan High School Theater Award Nominations: Outstanding Achievement in Graphic Design, Outstanding Achievement by a Supporting Actor, and Outstanding Achievement in Technical Theater.
- Over 60 Students completed internships and externships to obtain a Career Pathway Endorsement on their transcript.
- 61 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy in the 2024-25 academic year

Post-Graduation Plans

	2025	2024	2023
Graduates	205	226	198
4 - Yr. Colleges	83%	82%	86%
2 -Yr. Colleges	10%	7%	5%
Career Education /Postgraduate	3%	4%	3%
Other (Employment, Military, etc.)	4%	7%	6%

AP Test Results

- **210** Students took **492** exams in **25** academic subjects in May 2025
- 93.3% of the students scored 3 or better
- AP Scholar w/ Distinction: 34 Students (4.34)
- AP Scholar w/ Honor: 18 Students (4.08)
- AP Scholar: 35 Students (3.76 avg score)

AP Course	Avg. Score
Art History	3.0
Biology	3.5
Calculus AB	3.4
Calculus BC	4.8
Chemistry	3.7
Computer Science A	4.0
Computer Science Principles	3.0
English Language	4.3
English Literature	4.3
European History	4.4
French Language	3.0
Macroeconomics	3.7
Microeconomics	3.7
Music Theory	3.6
Physics C – E & M	3.1
Physics C- Mechanics	3.2
Psychology	3.8
Spanish	4.2
Statistics	3.8
Studio Art-2D	3.8
Studio Art-3D	3.5
US Govt. & Politics	4.9
US History	4.1

Mahwah High School Course Offerings

Course descriptions can be found under: [MHS Program of Studies 2025-26](#)

ENGLISH

AP

Language & Composition
Literature & Composition

Honors

English 9, 10, 11, 12

CPE

English 9, 10 11, 12

Electives

Broadcast Journalism
Writing: Creatively &
Technically
Effective Communication
Film as Literature
Journalism: Study in Print
Media
Discovery Identity Through
Contemporary YA Lit
Theater Arts Fundamentals
Elements of Advanced Acting
Play Prod: Acting, Directing
Advanced Play Production
SAT EBRW
ACT Reading/Writing

WORLD LANGUAGES

AP

Chinese
French
Spanish

Honors

French 2,3,4,5
Spanish 2,3,4,5
Mandarin Chinese 3,4

CPE

French 1,2,3,4,5
Spanish 1,2,3,4,5
Mandarin Chinese 1,2

THUNDERBIRD INTERNSHIP & EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Externship: Career Pathway
Exploration & Job Shadowing
Internship: Academic & Career

PERFORMING ARTS

AP

Music Theory

CPE

Music Theory I
Evolution: American Music
Band/Lessons
Choir/Lessons
Marching Band/Color Guard 1-4
Symphonic Band
String Orchestra/Lessons
Jazz Band 1-4

SCIENCE

AP

Biology
Chemistry
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Physics C: Mechanics

Honors

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
STEAM Capstone
STEAM: Design & Research

CPE

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Anatomy & Physiology
Biotech Engineering
Environmental Science
Microbiology
Forensic Science

CP

Biology
Chemistry
Physics

VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS

AP

Studio Art Drawing
2D Design
3D Design
Art History

Honors

Studio Portfolio Development
3D Portfolio Development

CPE

Interior & Structural Design
Adv. Interior & Structural Design
Painting & Drawing
Three-Dimensional Design
Animation
Graphic Design
Computer Modeling
Visual Arts
Digital Photography
Digital Media
Digital Film Production
Broadcast Journalism

GUIDANCE

Freshman Advisory
Peer Leaders
Community Service
Mindfulness, Resilience &
Wellness

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Honors Future Problem Solving
Honors Community Prob. Solving
Intro. to Fut. Problem Solving

MATHEMATICS

****Multivariable Calculus**

++Data Structures

AP

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles

Honors

Calculus
Pre-Calculus
Algebra 2
Geometry

CPE

Algebra 2
Geometry
Algebra 1
Pre-Calculus
Statistics
Computer Programming & Design
Humanoid Robotics
SAT Math

CP

Algebra 1
Geometry
Algebra 2

BUSINESS

AP

Microeconomics
Macroeconomics

Honors

Accounting II
Marketing

CPE

Education as a Career
Accounting I
International Business
Business & Personal Law
Sports & Enter. Management
Entrepreneurship
Marketing & Advertising
Financial Literacy
Fundamentals of Investing
Economics for the 21st Century
Social Media in Business

****For students who have completed AP Calculus BC, Multivariable Calculus is a university level course beyond AP.**

++For Students who have completed AP Computer Science, Data Structures is a university level course beyond AP.

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP

Psychology
U.S. History
European History
U.S. Govt. & Politics

Honors

U.S. History I
U.S. History II
World History
Constitutional Law
Sociology

CPE

U.S. History I & II
World History
The Big History Project
Film: Historical Perspectives
Contemporary Issues
Racism, Genocide, & Holocaust
Practical Psychology

CP

World History
U.S. History I
U.S. History II

INTEGRATED DESIGN & ENGINEERING

Intro Wood & Furniture Design
Inter. Wood & Furniture Design
Adv. Wood & Furniture Design
Tech. and Engineering Principles
T3 Innovations & Inventions

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Phys. Ed/Health 9,11,12
Phys.Ed/Driver's Education 10

ADDITIONAL COURSES

English as a Second Lang.
Foundations of Eng. 9,10,11,12
Reading/Language Arts
Foundations of Algebra
Foundations of Geometry
Foundations of World History
Found. of US History I & II
Foundations of Biology
Foundations of Chemistry
Foundations of Physics
Foundations of Spanish 1 & 2
Transition Planning
English 1,2,3,4
Applied Math 1,2,3,4
Global History
American History 1 & 2
Integrated Science 1,2,3,4
Basic Spanish Culture 1 & 2
Life Skills 9,10,11,12
Work Based Learning Exp.
Community Based Instruction

Post-Secondary Institutions

Class of 2025

MHS Class of 2025 Seniors are attending 88 different post-secondary destinations in 24 states and 1 country outside of the United States.

Albany College of Pharmacy & Health	Florida Atlantic University	Parisian Beauty Academy	The College of New Jersey
American University	High Point University	Pennsylvania State University	The George Washington University
Auburn University	Hofstra University	Quinnipiac University	The University of Alabama
Belmont University	HoHoKus School of Trade	Ramapo College of New Jersey	The University of Tampa
Bergen Community College	Indiana University-Bloomington	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Tulane University of Louisiana
Binghamton University	James Madison University	Rider University	United States Military Academy
Boston College	Johnson & Wales University	Roger Williams University	University of Connecticut
Boston University	Lincoln Technical Institute-Mahwah	Rowan University	University of Delaware
Case Western Reserve University	Long Island University - Post	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Florida
Clemson University	Loyola University Maryland	Rutgers University-Newark	University of Hartford
College of the Holy Cross	Lynn University	Sacred Heart University	University of Hawaii
Culinary Institute of America	Marist University	Saint Peter's University	University of Maryland
Dartmouth College	Marywood University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Minnesota
Dominican University New York	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Seton Hall University	University of New Hampshire
Drew University	McGill University	St. John's University	University of New Haven
East Carolina University	Monmouth University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Rhode Island
Elon University	Montclair State University	SUNY at New Paltz	University of Scranton
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina
Emory University	New York University	Stockton University	University of Vermont
Fairfield University	Northeastern University	Suffolk University	Villanova University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Ohio State University-Main Campus	Susquehanna University	Virginia Tech
Felician University	Pace University	Syracuse University	William Paterson University

[MAHWAH HIGH SCHOOL CAREER PATHWAY ENDORSEMENT](#) program provides opportunities for students to design an educational program aligned with their possible post-secondary college and career interests. Students have the option to select from the following 8 Career Pathways:

- *Business Administration*
- *Government & Social Sciences*
- *Performing & Communication Arts*
- *STEAM Biotechnology Research and Health Sciences*
- *STEAM Engineering & Technology*
- *STEAM Information & Computer Science Technology*
- *STEAM Visual & Integrated Design*
- *Technical, Career & Community*

Students are eligible to earn a career pathway endorsement if they have successfully completed three components: academic study, co-curricular application of skills, and community-based learning experiences.