



MORRIS HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

520 West Main Street
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School Profile 2025-2026

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School

Morris Hills High School, founded in 1953, is one of the two comprehensive high schools that comprise the Morris Hills Regional School District. Morris Hills is located in Rockaway, NJ, 35 miles west of New York City, on a 39-acre site formerly occupied by the Gunther Estate. The current enrollment in grades 9-12 is approximately 1,304.

Community

Morris Hills High School serves the residential communities of Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, and Wharton, located in northwestern Morris County. These communities represent a cross-section of suburban and industrial America.

Innovative Programs

AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination)

The AVID program is a nationwide, four-year initiative supporting students in developing college readiness skills. AVID students must complete 140 credits to graduate, including 20 credits from AVID Elective courses and at least one Honors or AP course per year. The focus of each AVID Elective is: 9th grade—transition to high school and organizational skills; 10th grade—WICOR skills and higher-order questioning; 11th grade—college admissions and test prep; 12th grade—critical reading, writing, and college applications. Morris Hills currently has 85 AVID students in grades 9-12.

The Math & Science Magnet Program

The Magnet Program is a rigorous, four-year AP Capstone Program requiring 155 credits, including three research classes: Research-Based Analysis Honors, AP Seminar, and AP Research. Students must design and conduct an original research project, complete a 4,000-5,000 word thesis, and defend it orally. They may also earn the AP Capstone Certificate or Diploma. Currently, 88 students in grades 9-12 are enrolled in the program. Information on the Magnet Class of 2025 is included in the document.

Gifted and Talented

The district's GT Program includes all six federally-recognized categories of giftedness. Students in the district's GT Program participate in a rigorous application and interview process in order to be accepted into the program. Students create a year-long or semester-long independent learning proposal with quarterly goals under the guidance of a mentor. Other GT options include online coursework, self-study, and Option II. All GT Programs are labeled on the transcript with the course code "GT."

Aviation at Morris Hills High School

The Aviation Program at Morris Hills is a 3-course sequence, in partnership with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), that prepares students for careers in piloted and unmanned aerial flight (UAS). As the first in New Jersey to offer this program, students can earn their FAA Part 107 credential and pass the FAA written ground test. With hands-on learning using flight simulators, drones, and industry connections, students are well-equipped for success in aviation. Currently, 17 students in grades 9-12 are enrolled in the program.



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High School Graduation Requirements

Morris Hills High School students must complete 140 credits, 20 credits above the state guideline, while Magnet students are required to complete 155 credits, 35 credits above the state requirement. Students must take at least 35 credits each academic year. Morris Hills follows an alternating A-Day, B-Day block schedule, with students attending four 88-minute classes on each day. Most courses run from August to June and are worth 5 credits, while a few semester-long courses, lasting half the year, earn 2.5 credits.

Content Area	Credits Required for Graduation	Most Rigorous Courses Offered in Content Area
English	20	AP English—Literature and Composition AP English – Language and Composition
Social Studies	15	AP European History, AP United States History, AP Psychology, AP Economics, AP Human Geography, AP US Government & Politics
Mathematics	15 *20	Calculus III—Multivariable A/H, AP Calculus BC, AP Calculus AB, & AP Statistics
Science	15 *30	AP Physics 1, AP Physics C, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, *AP Seminar, & *AP Research
World Language	5	AP French Lang, AP Spanish Lang, & German 4H
Computer Literacy	5	AP Computer Science A & AP Computer Science Principles
Visual & Performing Arts	5	AP Art History, AP Studio Art (2D, 3D & Drawing), & AP Music Theory
Physical Education/ Health	20	N/A
Other Electives	40	Electives are offered in all core academic departments as well as in art, business, family/consumer science, music, and technology.

***For Magnet Students ONLY**

Honors Coursework

World History H	College Accounting 1 H	Algebra 2 H	German 3 H
United States History 1 H	College Accounting 2 H	Pre-Calculus H	German 4 H
Biology 1 H	Calculus III-Multivariable H	French 3 H	Spanish 3 H
Chemistry 1 H	Calculus/Analytic Geometry H	French 4 H	Spanish 4 H
Geometry H	*Research Based Analysis H	Acc Spanish H	Advanced Band H
Advanced Concert Choir H	Strings Ensemble H	English 9 H	**AVID English 9 H
		English 10 H	English 11 H

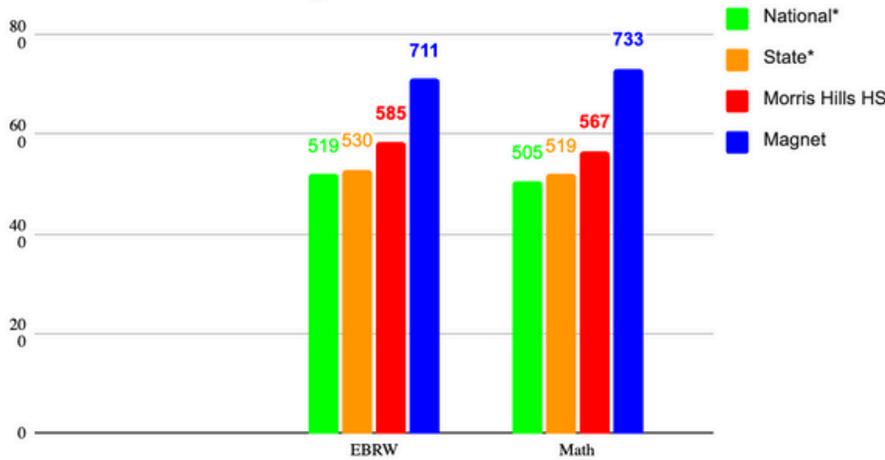
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Average SAT Scores - Class of 2025



Class of 2026 Profile

Morris Hills HS Senior Class: 279

Magnet Senior Class: 17

Highest cumulative GPA: 104.3708

MHHS Average Cumulative GPA: 88.77

Magnet Average Cumulative GPA: 100.44

**National & State based on 2024 SAT's*

2025 Advanced Placement Outcomes	
Number of students taking at least one AP Exam:	420
Total Number of Exams taken:	1,166
Percentage of students scoring 4 or 5	82%
Percentage of students scoring 3 or more	93%
National Merit Recognitions	7

AP Scholars					
In July 2025, two hundred and forty students earned AP Scholars Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams earning 3 or higher on three or more AP exams with a 4.21 Average Score including:					
	AP Scholar	AP Scholar With Honor	AP Scholar With Distinction	AP Capstone Diploma	AP Seminar & Research
# of Scholars	59	46	135	37	1
Average Score	3.62	3.89	4.43	4.03	2.57

Grading System

Students earn grades based on a quarterly system. Final grades are calculated by averaging each of the four quarters and the quarterly exams or projects for each course. Grades may be interpreted as follows:

- A 90-100 AU Audit (no credit)
- B 80-89 P or PS Pass
- C 70-79 F Fail
- F < 70 I Incomplete

- GT Gifted Talented/Independent Study
- DF/DP Drop Fail/Pass (loss of credit due to poor attendance)
- WF/WP Withdraw Fail/Pass (withdrawal from class after deadline)

Class Rank/GPA: All courses are included in class rank/GPA calculation, with the exception of Physical Education and any courses taken on a pass/fail or audit basis.

Weighting: Honors/Advanced courses earn an extra 5 points in GPA calculation and are designated on the transcript with an “H” at the end of the course name. Our 20 Advanced Placement courses earn an extra 10 points in GPA calculation and are designated on the transcript as “AP.”



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Class of 2025 Post-Secondary Plans

Plans	# of 2025 Graduates	% of 2025 Graduates
4-year College	187	61%
2-year College	68	22%
Technical/Trade School	16	5%
Military	6	2%
Employment/Year Off	17	6%
Other	13	4%
Total	307	100%

Class of 2025 Matriculations

Arizona State University - Tempe
Artistic Academy
Bergen Community College
Berkeley College - Woodland Park
*Boston University
Brigham Young University - Idaho
Caldwell University
*Carnegie Mellon University
Centenary University
Clark University
*Cornell University
<County College of Morris
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
<DeSales University
<Drew University
*Duke University
East Stroudsburg University
*Emory University
<Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.
Florham/Metropolitan Campuses
Florida Atlantic University
*Georgia Institute of Technology
Main Campus
Indiana University - Bloomington
Ithaca College
Kean University
Kutztown University of
Pennsylvania

Lackawanna College
Lincoln Technical Institute
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Marist University
Marywood University
<Montclair State University
New Jersey City University
*<New Jersey Institute of Technology
*New York University
*Northeastern University
*Nova Southeastern University
Pennsylvania State University -
Penn State Main Campus
Plymouth State University
*Princeton University
*Purdue University, Main Campus
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
<Rowan University
*<Rutgers University
New Brunswick/Newark Campuses
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
St. John's University, New York
Stevens Institute of Technology

Stockton University
Syracuse University
Temple University
*<The College of New Jersey
<The College of Wooster
*University of California -
Berkeley
*University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
*University of Maryland -
College Park
Univ. of Massachusetts - Amherst
Univ. of Massachusetts -
Dartmouth
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*University of Pennsylvania
*University of Pittsburgh -
Pittsburgh Campus
University of Rhode Island
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina - Columbia
Utah State University
Virginia Tech
<West Chester University
Western Governors University
Wilkes University
William Paterson University
*Yale University

*Includes Magnet Student College Matriculations
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