

# HUNTERDON CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

2025 – 2026 School Profile

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## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

Located in beautiful, historic Hunterdon County in central New Jersey, Hunterdon Central Regional High School serves the five municipalities of Delaware Township, East Amwell Township, Flemington Borough, Raritan Township and Readington Township. One of the largest, campus-style high schools in New Jersey, Hunterdon Central occupies a 72-acre campus and includes four general classroom buildings, a music/communications building housing an FM radio station and cable television station, a 2,000 seat Fieldhouse, a 900 seat auditorium, a 248 seat theater, and a state-of-the-art Instructional Media Center. The high school's rigorous and comprehensive academic program supports the district mission:

Hunterdon Central is an innovative educational community dedicated to the intellectual, social, and emotional safety and growth of all students. While fostering curiosity and promoting wellness, we aspire to create powerful learning experiences, establish strong partnerships, and serve as contributing members of society.

The academic program is further enhanced by a co-curricular program that includes 33 interscholastic athletic teams, over 100 clubs and activities including dramatics, student government, publications, service organizations, an award-winning marching band, and award-winning orchestral and choral programs.

The anticipated student enrollment at Hunterdon Central for the 2025 – 2026 academic year is 2,187 with a senior class size of 553.

#### EMPOWERING EACH CHILD

In July 2022, Hunterdon Central's Board of Education unanimously passed the Central Advocates Respect & Equity (CARE) Policy, to ensure that each student will grow through the promises of our mission, and all students will belong for who they are. Each is every, and all means all. The District believes that bias and inequity are antithetical to our mission and our core values and pledges to:

- Grow capacity and learn to fight against bias, discrimination, and inequity in our school community;
- Align our curricular, extracurricular, and support programs to ensure that every decision supports these efforts;
- · Track and communicate our progress toward specific and measurable goals; and
- Build structures for students, staff members, and community members to work and celebrate together.

#### STAFF

Hunterdon Central's dedicated professional staff is committed to providing a rigorous and expansive academic program. In the classroom, teachers incorporate technology and instructional strategies that develop critical thinking skills, as well as content knowledge. The district offers a staff training program that has achieved state and national recognition from The National Center for Public Productivity at Rutgers University, The New Jersey Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the U.S. Dept. of Education – Professional Development National Awards. Faculty at Hunterdon Central use technology as a powerful transformative tool; curriculum and instruction feature wireless connectivity, digital multimedia devices, web publishing tools, and a wide array of subject specific software to enhance students' comprehension and skills.

#### DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

In 2002, Hunterdon Central became the only New Jersey school to be awarded the status of Blue Ribbon School by the U. S. Department of Education for the second time, the first being in 1997. This honor, the highest national recognition a school can achieve, is awarded for excellence in instructional delivery and educational environment. The school was also the first in the State of New Jersey to be designated as a Star High School by the New Jersey Department of Education.

- BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE: Two-time national recipient: 1997 and 2002
- SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION: Inclusion of Hunterdon Central's Cyberspace Regionalization in the Permanent Research Collection on Information Technology
- NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: 14 Best Practice Awards; 3 Star School Awards; 1st recipient of Classrooms-Connections to the Future Grant
- NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES: National Social Studies Program of Excellence
- CHARACTER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP: Promising Practices
- AP HONOR ROLL: Named to the AP Honor Roll for Expanding Opportunities and Improving Performance of AP Students in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016
- WALLACE PROJECT: Selected as one of 16 high schools to participate in the 2008 Wallace Project sponsored by the NJ DOE for the NJ High School Redesign Initiative, positioning the district for 21st century teaching and learning.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

In order to graduate and receive a high school diploma from Hunterdon Central each student must take and pass required state mandated testing and successfully complete a minimum of 120 credits with the following requirements. 5 credits = 1 credit year.

English	20 credits	World Language	10 credits
Science	15 credits	Visual/Performing Arts	$5 \ \mathrm{credits}$
Mathematics	15 credits	21st Century Skills	$5 \ \mathrm{credits}$
United States History	10 credits	Financial Literacy	2.5 credits
World History/Global Studies	5 credits	Electives	12.5  credits
Health/Physical Education	20 credits		

#### **CLASS RANK**

Hunterdon Central Regional High School offers its students a rigorous, comprehensive curriculum in a challenging academic environment. The majority of our students respond by earning exceptional grades. We believe that the achievements and abilities of our students cannot be represented by a single statistic, but rather by a combination of courses selected, grades earned, standardized test scores, and extracurricular experiences. Therefore, it is the policy of Hunterdon Central to not report class rank.

# **GRADING SCALE**

Grade	Numeric Equivalent	GPA	WGPA-HNS	WGPA- AP
A+	97-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A	93-96	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
В	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
С	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	65-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	< 65	0.0	0	0.0

## **CLASS OF 2026 GRADE DISTRIBUTION**

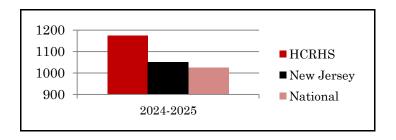
WGPA*	<u>%</u>
4.2458+	5
4.1234+	10
4.0085+	15
3.9408+	20
3.8156+	30

\*End of 6<sup>th</sup> semester. We will provide updates to admission office as needed for scholarship and evaluation purposes.

Highest GPA 4.625 (highest unweighted: 4.0)

Median GPA 3.368 (weighted)

#### **2024-25 SAT SCORES**



	Mean/ERW	Mean/M	<u>Total Mean</u>
HCRHS	593	580	1173
New Jersey	y <b>5</b> 31	519	1050
National	519	505	1024

## AP SCORES - MAY 2025

691 students took 1,507 exams in 2025 77% earned scores of 3 or higher

## **2024-25 AP SCHOLARS**

118 Scholars; 65 w/ Honors 112 w/ Distinction; 40 AP Capstone Diploma; 32 AP Seminar/Research Certificate

## NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM - CLASS of 2026

9 Commended Students; 2 Semi-Finalists

#### ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Hunterdon Central operates on an A/B day schedule. Students meet in four 80-minute blocks each day. Exceptional students are often limited to five or fewer AP opportunities based on scheduling parameters, however there is no set maximum. It is requested that these facts be considered when evaluating the academic rigor of Hunterdon Central students' schedules. The academic course offerings that were available to the Class of 2026 are listed below. Courses designated as Honors or AP (Advanced Placement) are weighted courses in **BOLD**.

English — English 1, 2, 3; English 1, 2, 3 Academic Assistance; Creative Writing; Journalism; Crime, Mystery, & Media Literature; Public Speaking; SAT Preparation; Literature and Sports; Sci-Fi & Fantasy Literature; Senior English Inquiry; The Short Story; Critical Issues in Literature. Honors English 1, 2; Honors College English I, II; Honors Imaginative Process; Honors American Voices; Honors Senior English Inquiry; AP English Language and Composition; AP English Literature and Composition, AP Research, AP Seminar.

Social Studies – US History 1, 2; US History 1, 2 Academic Assistance; Global Studies; Global Studies Academic Assistance; Intro to Geography; The Classical World; Political Science & Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Intro to Behavioral Sciences; Psych of Wellness, Special Topics; Economics; Holocaust & Human Behavior; The Medieval World; Comparative World Religions; Gender Studies; Summer Gov't Internship; Social Justice in America; Research in Archives and Local History; NJ History Day.

Honors Intro to Western Philosophy; AP Psychology; AP Human Geography; AP European History; AP US History; AP Economics; AP Gov't & Politics; AP World History Modern; AP African American Studies.

World Languages – French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4; German 1, 2, 3, 4; Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4; Chinese Conversation; Latin 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1. Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4, 5; Honors German 2, 3, 4, 5; Honors French 2, 3, 4, 5; Honors Chinese 2, 3, 4; Honors Latin 2, 3. AP Spanish Lang & Culture; AP Spanish Lit & Culture; AP German Lang & Culture; AP Chinese Lang & Culture; AP French Lang & Culture, AP Latin Lit & Culture; Spanish for Heritage Speakers Honors.

Science – Environmental & Earth Science; Environmental and Earth Science CP; Intro to the Biomedical Sciences; Biomedical Sciences 2, 3, 4; Biology; Biology CP; Oceanography; Human Impact on the Environment; Chemistry; Chemistry CP; Anatomy & Physiology; Astronomy; Physics CP; Intro to Forensic Investigations; Aquatic Biology; Meteorology; Aviation Science.

Honors Environmental & Earth Science; Honors Biology; Honors Chemistry; Honors Organic Chemistry; Honors Genetics; Honors Physics; AP Biology; AP Physics 1; AP Physics (C); AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science.

<u>Mathematics</u> – Algebra 1A, 1B; Algebra 1, 2 CP; Algebra 2; Algebra 1, 2 STEM; Geometry; Geometry CP; Geometry STEM; Pre-Calculus CP; Pre-Calculus STEM; Calculus 1 CP; Probability & Statistics; SAT Preparation; Number Systems; Discrete Math; Computer Science 1 Java; Internet of Things; Cybersecurity 1, 2. **Honors Algebra 2; Honors Linear Algebra; Honors Pre-Calc; Honors Geometry; Honors Discrete Math; Honors Calculus 1; AP Statistics; AP Computer Science; AP Computer Science Principles; AP Calculus A; AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC; AP Calculus ABC; AP Calculus BC Multivariable.** 

For a complete listing of courses, including Fine Arts, Broadcast Technology, Tech/Engineering/Design, Business Education, Family & Consumer Science, Health & Physical Education, Polytech, and Special Services, visit our website at: <a href="https://www.hcrhs.org/academics/program-of-studies">https://www.hcrhs.org/academics/program-of-studies</a>

## **MAGNET PROGRAMS**

Hunterdon Central offers its students opportunities to pursue specialized programs that empower them to focus on a particular passion or career area. Our magnet programs include **Architectural Design, Biomedical Sciences, Computer Science, Robotics, and Engineering and Media & Communications.** Each program consists of a cohesive series of three of four courses and includes opportunities for dual enrollment or articulated college credit, an industry-valued credential, or both. Magnet program students engage in capstone-type experiences, which can include an independent research project, an internship or mentorship experience, and/or an independent student experience such as a college course or a credential. More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.hcrhs.org/academics/program-of-studies/magnet-program">https://www.hcrhs.org/academics/program-of-studies/magnet-program</a>

#### **DUAL ENROLLMENT and OPTION II COURSES**

**Dual Enrollment** offers qualified students the opportunity to take college-level courses and earn college credits while still in high school. Through Dual Enrollment, students will receive additional academic stimulation and an early start on their college career. Students obtain actual college credit, which is based upon progress throughout the course and course grade as opposed to a single score on a standardized examination. **Option II** provides students with the opportunity to earn credits in a more personalized and independent manner, rather than the traditional "in-the-seat" course enrollment option. Option II offers alternative paths to credits that meet or exceed the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and are based on student interest or career goals. Both Dual Enrollment and Option II courses are noted on the official high school transcript. More information about both programs can be found here: <a href="https://www.hcrhs.org/academics/dual-enrollment">https://www.hcrhs.org/academics/dual-enrollment</a>

#### **GRADUATE PLACEMENT**

The following list is a representative sample of the college and university enrollments for the Class of 2025:

American University **Baylor University** Binghamton University Boston College Boston University Bowdoin College Brandeis University **Bucknell University** Carnegie Mellon University Catholic Univ. of America Citadel Military Coll. of SC Clemson University Colgate University College of Charleston Cornell University DePaul University Dickinson College Drew University Drexel University Elon University Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ. **Endicott College** Fairfield University Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. Fashion Inst. of Technology Fordham University George Mason University George Washington Univ. Gettysburg College Hamilton College

High Point University Hofstra University Indiana University Ithaca College James Madison University Johnson & Wales Univ. Kean University Kutztown Univ. of PA Lafavette College Lehigh University Loyola University Maryland Monmouth University Montclair State University Moravian University Muhlenberg College New Jersey Inst. of Tech. North Carolina State Univ. Northeastern University Ohio University Pace University Penn State University Princeton University Purdue University Quinnipiac University Ramapo College Raritan Valley Comm. Coll. Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. Rider University Rochester Inst. of Tech.

Rowan University

Rutgers University Rutgers University Sacred Heart University Saint John Fisher Univ. Saint Joseph's University Saint Peter's University Salisbury University Savannah Coll. Art/Design Seton Hall University Siena University Skidmore College Smith College Stevens Inst. of Tech. Stevenson University Stockton University SUNY at New Paltz SUNY Oneonta Susquehanna University Syracuse University Temple University The College of New Jersey The Ohio State University The University of Alabama The University of Tampa The Univ. of Tennessee US Mil. Acad./West Point University at Albany Univ. of Central Florida Univ. of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut

University of Delaware University of Georgia University of Groningen Univ. of Illinois at U-C University of Iowa University of Lynchburg University of Maine University of Maryland Univ. of Massachusetts University of Michigan University of Mississippi Univ. of New Hampshire University of New Haven **UNC Chapel Hill UNC Wilmington** University of Notre Dame University of Pittsburgh University of Rhode Island University of Richmond University of Rochester University of Scranton Univ. of South Carolina University of South Florida Univ. of Southern Calif. University of Vermont University of Wisconsin Villanova University Virginia Tech West Chester University

## CLASS OF 2025: COLLEGE MATRICULATION & POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

4-Year College: 67% 2-Year College: 18%

Employment/Trades/Military/Other: 15%

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