

JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery
Central School District

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COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District is located in the heart of the Hudson River Valley and draws students from Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery, West Point, and the community of Garrison. Adjacent to the United States Military Academy at West Point and 50 miles from New York City, the district offers a tremendous opportunity for cultural enrichment and highly competitive academics. Diversity broadens the educational experience at James I. O'Neill High School as local populations are interspersed with the children of military personnel from around the world who are stationed at the United States Military Academy.

James I. O'Neill High School is a comprehensive senior high school (Grades 9-12) of 387 students with our current senior class numbering 100. James I. O'Neill High School was recognized as America's Best High Schools by US News and World Report. Additionally, James I. O'Neill is a NYS Rewards School and was ranked in the J. Matthews Most Challenging High Schools.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

- All students are required to take four years of English. These courses emphasize language usage, composition, literary analysis, speaking and listening. Honors English is offered to grades 9-11. Open to 10th and 11th grade students, AP Seminar is the first of two courses for the AP Capstone Diploma, followed by AP Research. Seniors have the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement Literature, Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) English, SUPA Writing, English 12R, Film Studies or English 12-RISE (a full-year reading and writing college-preparatory course with a focus on individualized projects in the form of intensive research, internships or artistic/performance-based projects.) Students must pass the English Regents exam to graduate.
- Mathematics courses are geared to match students' abilities varying from HS Math Concepts to AP Calculus AB. All students must pass one NYS Math Regents exam and take 3 years of Math to graduate. Advanced courses include Geometry Honors, Algebra II Honors, Pre Calculus Honors, AP Calculus AB, AP Computer Science A and SUPA Personal Finance.
- The Science curriculum includes laboratory-based Biology (Living Environment), Chemistry, Earth Science and Physics. Advanced courses include AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science and AP Physics I.
- All students must take four years of Social Studies for a NY State Diploma. SS 9 and 10 comprise a two-year Global Studies curriculum culminating with a Regents exam. SS 11 offers a traditional study of American History. SS 12 is comprised Government and Economics. Advanced courses are available starting sophomore year in AP European History, AP World History-Modern, US History Honors, AP US History, AP US Government and Politics, SUPA Public Policy and SUPA Economics. Students can receive the Seal of Civic Readiness: a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset and civic experiences.
- Spanish and Chinese are presented at a variety of levels, including college level through Orange County Community College. Advanced courses are only available in Spanish 4 and 5 and Chinese 4 and 5. Three levels of American Sign Language is also available to students
- The Unified Arts department offers many electives culminating in AP Studio Art. Performing Arts opportunities include Band, Chorus, Select Chorus, Electronic Music, and myriad computer-based programming and graphic-design courses.
- In order to best support students' academic programs, Academic Intervention Services (AIS) and Resource Room are available. Other programs include the Orange-Ulster BOCES Technical Center.
- The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is a character and leadership development course that is progressive, advancing through four years of increasing levels of responsibility and depth in subject matter.
- To graduate with a Regents Diploma of Advanced Designation in NY State, students must earn a minimum of 22 credits and pass the English Regents, 2 Social Studies Regents exams, 3 Math Regents exams, 2 Science exams and complete 3 years of a Foreign Language. Regents or Local Diplomas require the 22 credits with 5 NY State assessments.
- Staff: 2 administrators and a faculty of 52, as well as 3 school counselors and two school social workers. Of the faculty, 40 have received Masters Degrees, 4 Bachelors Degrees and 2 Doctorate Degrees.

CLASS OF 2025 DATA

FUTURE PLANS

55% 4-year College
 14% 2-year College
 7% Military Academy
 2% Other Education
 5% Work Force
 2% Military
 15% Other

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE COURSE

ENROLLMENT

AP's: Seniors sat for 79 exams;
 Juniors sat for 121 exams;
 Sophomores sat for 71 exams in
 the following subjects:
 2-D Art & Design, Biology,
 Calculus AB, Calculus BC,
 Chemistry, Computer Science A,
 English Literature & Composi-
 tion, Environmental Science,
 Physics 1, Research Seminar,
 US Government & Politics, US
 History, World History Modern.

88% of the scores were 3 or
 higher

47 students were eligible to earn
 Syracuse University Project
 Advance (SUPA) credits. 15
 Students were eligible to earn
 Orange County Community
 College (OCCC) credits.

TOTAL GRADUATES - 107

TESTING SCORES (CLASS MEAN AVERAGE)*

<u>SAT RESULTS</u>	<u>OHS</u>	<u>National**</u>
SAT MEAN	1131	1147
SAT MATH	555	566
SAT READING/ WRITING	577	584

<u>ACT RESULTS</u>	<u>OHS</u>	<u>National**</u>
Composite	29	19.4
Math	25	19.1
Science	30.6	19.7
English	29.3	18.7
Reading	30.3	20.2

*This information is summarized for O'Neill HS seniors
 who took the SAT/ACT at any time during their high
 school years.

** SAT/ACT National average score in 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS

CollegeBoard National Hispanic Recognition Award	1
CollegeBoard National Rural and Small Town Award	1
President's Award for Academic Excellence	29
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence	4
National Math & Science Initiative (NMSI)STEM Star Award	3
Seal of Biliteracy Awards	4
Seal of Civic Readiness	22
CollegeBoard AP Scholars	20
CollegeBoard AP Scholar with Honors	4
CollegeBoard AP Scholar with Distinction	9
CollegeBoard AP Capstone Diploma	2
CollegeBoard AP Seminar and Research Certificate	4

GRADING AND WEIGHTING SYSTEM

A+	98	C+	78	All courses taken in grades 9 through 12 are included in GPA. The final averages on the transcript are NOT weighted.
A	95	C	75	
A-	92	C-	72	
B+	88	D+	68	
B	85	D	65	
B-	82	F	Below 65	

Grades are weighted according to the following
 guidelines in the calculation of GPA and class rank:
 AP, SUPA and OCCC courses will have an extra 5%
 added with a maximum grade of 105. For Honors
 (H) courses an extra 4% will be added with a maxi-
 mum grade of 104. No other courses will be given an
 additional weight.

DECILE PLACEMENT IN CLASS GPA RELATIONSHIP CLASS OF 2026 (100 STUDENTS)

1st	96.421—100.297	6th	83.848— 86.270
2nd	94.295—96.221	7th	81.190—83.645
3rd	91.812—94.109	8th	78.233—81.026
4th	88.062—91.134	9th	73.000—78.115
5th	86.326—88.000	10th	63.722—72.438

CLASS of 2025 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

** self-reported responses

Adelphi University	Fordham University	North Carolina A&T State U	SUNY College at Potsdam	University of Arizona
Alfred State College	George Mason University	North Carolina State University	SUNY College of Agriculture and Tech at Cobleskill	University of Bridgeport
Appalachian State University	Georgia State University	Northeastern University	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	University of Central Florida
Arizona State University	Harvard University	Norwich University	SUNY College of Tech at Delhi	University of Cincinnati
Auburn University	Hope College	Ohio Technical College	SUNY Cortland	University of Connecticut
Augusta University	Hudson Valley CC	Pace University	SUNY Fashion Institute of Tech	University of Dayton
Brigham Young University	Iona University	Pennsylvania College of Tech	SUNY Morrisville	University of Delaware
Brown University	Ithaca College	Pennsylvania State University	SUNY New Paltz	University of Maine
Butler University	James Madison University	Portland State University	SUNY Oneonta	University of Massachusetts
Caldwell University	Lee University	Quinnipiac University	SUNY Orange County CC	University of Mount St. Vincent
Citadel Military College of SC	Leeds Beckett University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	University of New Hampshire
Clark Atlanta University	Lehigh University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	SUNY Purchase College	University of New Haven
Coastal Carolina University	Liberty University	Rutgers University	SUNY Rockland CC	University of North Carolina
Colgate University	LIM College	Salem State University	SUNY Stony Brook	University of Notre Dame
College of Coastal Georgia	Lincoln University	Seton Hall University	Syracuse University	University of Wisconsin
Colorado State University	Manhattan University	Siena University	Tennessee State University	Utah State University
Columbia College	Manhattanville University	Southern Connecticut State U	Tennessee Technological U	Villanova University
Cornell University	Marist University	St. Bonaventure University	The University of Tennessee	Virginia Wesleyan University
CUNY John Jay College of	Marywood University	St. John Fisher University	Ulster County CC	Western Kentucky University
Criminal Justice	Mercy University	SUNY Albany	United States Military Academy	Wheaton College
Dominican University	Middle Tennessee State U	SUNY Binghamton	United States Military Academy - Prep School	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Drexel University	Monroe CC	SUNY Buffalo	Universal Technical Institute	
Duke University	Montclair State University	SUNY Broome CC		
Emerson College	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY College at Geneseo		
Fairleigh Dickinson U	New York Institute of Tech	SUNY College at Oswego		