

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

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THE COMMUNITY

West Orange, New Jersey, is a community of approximately 48,000 residents in the center of Essex County. The population is culturally diverse and spans all economic strata. West Orange is a primarily residential community located less than 20 miles west of New York City. Its 12.6 square miles are spread over two ridges and valleys of the Watchung Mountains. Approximately one-fourth of the land is open space, consisting of town and county parks, playgrounds, private and public golf courses and undeveloped acreage. The West Orange school system educates approximately 7,000 students in seven elementary schools, three middle schools, and one high school.

THE SCHOOL

West Orange High School has a comprehensive program with a variety of course offerings to meet the needs of its diverse student population which numbers approximately 2,000. A faculty of approximately 240 includes administration and supervisory personnel, as well as Guidance Staff, two full-time Library Media Specialists, three Nurses, two Student Assistance Counselors, and a full-time Child Study Team. The majority of the professional staff members have earned Masters Degrees and 16 have earned Doctorate Degrees.

THE CURRICULUM

West Orange High School offers an individualized curriculum of more than 200+ courses. Students must satisfy the state and local requirements for graduation in grades 9 through 12, and successfully complete a minimum of 135 credits. In addition to the basic academic courses offered at multiple ability levels, there are Honors and Advanced Placement courses in most disciplines. The interests and needs of all students are addressed by programs in career education, technology & engineering education, computer education, performing and fine arts, and English as a Second Language. The Cooperative Education Program provides students with the opportunity to study academics as well as receive on-the-job training. Students can also choose from a wide variety of electives to complement their individualized curriculum.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE – CLASS OF 2025

Size of Class	535
Percent Attending Four Year Colleges	59.7
Percent Attending Two Year Colleges	8.6
Other Post-Secondary/Technical/Military	3.9
Total Pursuing Further Education	72.2%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARDS CLASS OF 2025

AP Scholars	48
AP Scholars with Honor	20
AP Scholars with Distinction	49

23 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

During the May 2025 Administration, 336 students took 609 Advanced Placement Exams

Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Chinese Language & Culture
Computer Science A
English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
Environmental Science
French Language
Government & Politics: United States
Italian Language & Culture

Music Theory
Physics 1
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Physics C: Mechanics
Psychology
Spanish Language
Spanish Literature
Statistics
Studio Art
United States History
World History

46 HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

Honors Advanced Dance
 Honors Advanced Theatre
 Honors Algebra 1
 Honors Algebra 2
 Honors Anatomy & Physiology
 Honors Architectural & Engineering Design
 Honors Art & The Human Experience
 Honors Art 4
 Honors Beginner Heritage Spanish
 Honors Biology
 Honors Chamber Orchestra
 Honors Chamber Choir
 Honors Chemistry
 Honors Chinese 2
 Honors Chinese 3
 Honors Chinese 4

Honors Python & Networking
 Honors College Accounting
 Honors Contemporary World Literature
 Honors Cyber Security
 Honors English 9
 Honors English 10
 Honors Environmental Science
 Honors French 2
 Honors French 3
 Honors French 4
 Honors Geometry & Analysis
 Honors Introduction to Philosophy
 Honors Italian 2
 Honors Italian 3
 Honors Italian 4
 Honors Intermediate Heritage Spanish

Honors Linux
 Honors Modern World History
 Honors Physics
 Honors Pre-Advanced Heritage Spanish
 Honors Pre-Calculus
 Honors Spanish 2
 Honors Spanish 3
 Honors Spanish 4
 Honors Literature & The American Experience
 Honors Survey of British Literature
 Honors United States History 1
 Honors United States History 2
 Honors Virtual Enterprise
 Honors Wind Ensemble

WEIGHTED GPA – WEIGHTING

WOHS does not publish class rank, but provides each student with a Grade Point Average. Grade Point Average is calculated by multiplying the number of credits per course, times the graded weight to determine quality points. Total quality points will be divided by the total credits taken. Our weighted system is as follows:

Academic Grade	AP Courses	Honors Courses	College preparatory Standard Courses
A+	5.33	4.83	4.33
A	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	4.66	4.16	3.66
B+	4.33	3.83	3.33
B	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	3.66	3.16	2.66
C+	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	2.66	2.16	1.66
D+	2.33	1.83	1.33
D	2.00	1.50	1.00
D-	1.66	1.16	.66
F	.00	.00	.00

Grade Scale	
Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent
A+	97-100
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	50-59
I	Incomplete
WP	Withdrawn Passing
WF	Withdrawn Failing
NC	No Credit
NM	No Mark

MEAN SAT SCORES – CLASS OF 2025 Each section of the SAT is scored out of a possible 800 points.

	2025
Mean SAT – Top 10%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	690
Math	688
Mean SAT – Top 20%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	655
Math	639
Mean SAT - Overall	576
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	548
Math	

WOHS HIGHLIGHTS

★ According to historical high school rankings, West Orange High School was ranked as one of the best 2,000 public high schools in the nation- those that have proven to be the effective in turning out college-ready grads. West Orange High School's ranking is based on six components: graduation rate, college acceptance rate, Advanced Placement exams taken per student, average SAT/ACT scores, average Advanced Placement Scores, and the percent of students enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement course. Furthermore, The Daily Beast, Washington Post and US News & World Report have also named West Orange High School in their Top High Schools.

★ WOHS continuously strives to individualize our educational programs. In our efforts to do so, WOHS has developed the following special programs:

- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- IMS (Institute for Mathematics and Science)
- IH (Institute for Humanities)
- ICE (Institute for Citizen Empowerment)
- AFJROTC (Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps)

★ WOHS has 70+ co-curricular clubs and activities, including 14 Honor Societies, which focus on academic and special interests. For the second season in a row, the Marching Mountaineers were STATE CHAMPIONS and have a long tradition of being awarded regional, state, and national championships. The Honors Wind Ensemble has recently performed at the Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational, the Music for All National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana; the annual New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) convention, and Carnegie Hall. The Wind Ensemble is also a frequent representative of Region I in the New Jersey State Gala Concert. West Orange High School hosts a Winter Color Guard, which competes locally in the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network circuit and nationally in the Winter Guard International circuit. The WOHS Indoor Percussion program has been featured at percussion festivals across the state, including performances at William Paterson University and Caldwell University. Both Jazz Ensembles, Jazz I, and Jazz II, competed in local festivals and competitions. WOHS Jazz I once again qualified for the state finals. Many students of the WOHS Band program successfully auditioned for Area, Region, and All-State Honor Ensembles. The Boys' Step Team is a 10x nationally ranked step team that has been featured on various media outlets such as News12 NJ and Pix11. They participate in several community service initiatives throughout the year on campus and in the town. Our boys currently hold the title of #2 in the region and are ranked 3rd nationally in the boys' division (YouthstepUSA). In 2012, they reigned as #1 in the country. Our Girls' Step Team currently holds the title of #1 in the region and ranks 3rd nationally in the girls' division (YouthstepUSA). Eight of our students from the Honors Chamber and 9th Grade Choir auditioned and were selected to participate in the North Jersey Regional Choir. The Honors Chamber Choir performed in a concert of Spanish Choral Music at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2024 and plans to return next school year for a different choral festival. Glee Choir held its 7th annual Broadway Night, raising money for Broadway Cares. Drama Club students won awards at the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey competition. Thespian seniors won awards at the NJ Thes Fest. Drama Club hosted two Coffeehouse productions and a Mis-cast Cabaret. The Thespian Society inducted new members, awarded Honors Bars, National Honors and International Honors, and produced Mousetrapped directed by Carlo Henriquez, Evonna Steele and Laila Fowlkes. Senior Ethan Szymanski won second place for Best Film in the NJ Ten Day Film Challenge. The Glee Choir has raised over \$10,000 over the years for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS through its annual Broadway Night Concert. The Tri-M Music Honors Society continues to induct 40-50 members each year who complete service hours at various music & arts events.

★ WOHS has State of the art athletic complex complete with top-level playing fields, courts, track and facilities that are the envy of the region. We have a Comprehensive Athletics Program with 32 Varsity Teams, 29 Junior Varsity Teams and 10 Freshman Teams including the following:

- Girls Soccer - County Finalist in 2024 (for the 6th consecutive season). Ranked top 20 in the state.
- Boys Soccer - Won the 2025 Super Essex Conference American Division Championship. Were ranked top 20 in New Jersey in 2024. Won the 2025 Super Essex Conference American Division Championship.
- Football- Super Football Conference Freedom Red Divisional Champions. Ranked Top 20 in NJ. Had three players earn D1 scholarships (Bucknell, Syracuse, Marshall) as well as having 12 other graduating seniors committed to play at the D2 and D3 level.
- Bowling- this year's squad won the 2025 Essex County Championship and was named Star Ledger and NJ.com's Essex County's Team of the Year.
- Girls Basketball- The team broke many records in the program's finest season. They also won the Essex County and Group IV North 1 State Sectional Tournaments. Also made it to the NJ State Finals and had players score over 1000 points in their careers. The 2025 team was the Star Ledger and NJ.com's Essex County Team of the Year. Two graduating players have earned full D1 scholarships.
- Girls Winter Track- this year's team won the 2025 Essex County Championship Title in one of its best seasons in school history.
- Girls Lacrosse- Broke the school record for the most wins and recorded our best season in the program's history. Building off of two NJIGLL Colonial Division Championship seasons.
- Girls Volleyball- Have two players earning national recognition.
- Wrestling- had two wrestlers (1 girl and 1 boy) qualify for the state individual wrestling championships.
- Girls Flag Football- In 2025 won their first Super Football Conference Divisional Title. The team was ranked top 10 in the state. Three players were selected among the top players in the state.
- The Softball Team- 2025 Super Essex Conference Division Champions. The third SEC championship in 3 years.
- Cheerleading- Won four team invitational tournaments during their competition season and qualified and competed in the national tournament in Orlando Florida.
- Girls Spring Track and Field- Won the 2025 Group IV North 1 State Sectional Championship. Five Track and Field athletes have signed to compete at the next level.
- Award winning [West Orange High School Sports Media Association](#) made up of 9th-12th grade students who share a passion for sports, business, marketing, content creation, and a love of their community.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES – CLASS OF 2025

As in years past, West Orange High School continues to have several acceptances to Ivy League Universities and mini-Ivies, as well as the top state universities and colleges in the nation. Members of the Class of 2025 received acceptances to the following post high school institutions:

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	North Carolina State University at Raleigh
American Institute for Ultrasound Technician	Northeastern University
Arizona State University-Tempe	Norwich University
Bard College	Ohio State University-Main Campus
Bates College	Old Dominion University
Bergen Community College	Pace University
Berkeley College	Passaic County Community College
Berklee College of Music	Pennsylvania State University
Binghamton University	Princeton University
Bloomfield College of Montclair State University	Purdue University
Boston College	Quinnipiac University
Boston University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bucknell University	Rhodes College
Caldwell University	Rider University
Christine Valmay International School of Esthetics	Rivier University
Clemson University	Rowan University
Coastal Carolina University	Rutgers University
Columbia University in the City of New York	Saint Peter's University
Coppin State University	Salisbury University
Cornell University	Savannah College of Art and Design
County College of Morris	Seton Hall University
Delaware State University	Skidmore College
Drew University	Southeastern University
Drexel University	Spelman College
Eastern University	St. John's University-New York
Emerson College	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Emory University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Empire Beauty school	Stevenson University
Essex County College	Stony Brook University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Suffolk University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Sussex County Community College
Felician University	Syracuse University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Temple University
Florida State University	Texas Southern University
Georgetown University	The College of New Jersey
Georgia Southern University	The George Washington University
Georgia State University-Perimeter College	The University of Texas at Dallas
Greensboro College	Union County Vocational Technical School
Hampton University	Universal Technical Institute
HoHoKus RETS (Eastwick College-Nutley)	University at Albany, SUNY
Howard University	University of Central Florida
Hudson County Community College	University of Chicago
James Madison University	University of Connecticut
Johns Hopkins University	University of Delaware
Kean University	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Lincoln Tech	University of Massachusetts-Boston
Louisiana State University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Loyola Marymount University	University of New Haven
Lycoming College	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
Manhattan School of Music	University of Rhode Island
Marist University	University of Scranton
Marshall University	University of Southern California
Marywood University	University of Vermont
Miami University-Oxford	Vassar College
Monroe Community College	Villanova University
Montclair State University	Virginia State University
Morehouse College	Virginia Tech
Morgan State University	Western New England University
Mount Holyoke College	William Paterson University of New Jersey
New Jersey City University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
New Jersey Institute of Technology	US Army
New York Institute of Technology	Air Force
Norfolk State University	Army
North Carolina A & T State University	