

Columbia High School Profile 2025-2026

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Community South Orange Maplewood School District is located in northern New Jersey approximately 22 miles west of New York City. The district includes two suburban communities, South Orange and Maplewood. The diverse, international, and welcoming communities have a combined population approaching 44,000. The school district has an early childhood center, six neighborhood elementary schools, two middle schools, and a high school with a total student enrollment of 7,200. The district benefits from active, supportive community and parent organizations and a strong dedication to the arts. Native languages within the school community include Arabic, Ebo, English, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Japanese, and Hindi.

School Columbia High School offers a comprehensive and rigorous program of studies for students in grades 9-12. 31 Advanced Placement courses are offered. The program of studies includes 36 Visual & Performing Arts courses, 18 21st-Century Life & Careers courses, 7 Financial, Economic, Business, Entrepreneurial courses, 18 English courses, 21 math courses – including Calculus 3 and Linear Algebra, Physical Education and Health courses, 20 science courses – including a 2-year science research course, 19 social studies courses, and 4 different language programs. In addition to the program of studies, students may participate in a wide range of more than 80 highly successful extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

Curriculum The majority of Columbia High School students carry 7 courses, including 3 academic subjects. Students are encouraged to become fully engaged in our strong elective programs in the fields of art, music, business, technology, film, performing arts, and photography. A variety of languages are offered for four years: French, Spanish, and Chinese, and three years of Italian.

Class of 2025 The percentage of graduates from the Class of 2025 who self-reported continuing their education; 95% . There were 495 graduates in the Class of 2025. The District utilizes the National Student Clearinghouse data to track student enrollment in college after high school. 383 graduates self-reported post-grad plans. Of students who self-reported: Attending four-year college/university: 86% Attending two-year college:9% Military, Gap, Career, Program:5%

AP Courses AP is an open-enrollment program. Columbia High School was named a College Board Gold Medal Honor Roll School for the second year in a row. Advanced Placement Courses for the 2025-26 school year are offered in:

African American Studies	Physics
Art History	Physics C
Biology	Psychology
Calculus AB	Spanish Language and Culture
Calculus BC	Spanish Literature and Culture
Chemistry	Statistics
Chinese Language and Culture	Studio Art (2D Art & Design)
Comparative Government & Politics	Studio Art (Drawing)
Computer Science A	United States History
Computer Science Principles	US Government and Politics
Cyber: Networking	
English Language and Composition	
English Literature and Composition	
Environmental Science	
European History	
French Language and Culture	
Italian Language and Culture	
Macroeconomics	
Music Theory	

Advanced Placement: Five-year school score. Summary (2024)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total AP Students	617	615	637	706	782
Number of Exams	1091	1142	1153	1363	1702
AP Students with Scores 3+	461	494	494	621	702
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	74.72	80.33%	77.55	87.96%	89.7%

Scholar Summary	AP Scholar	AP Scholar w/Honor	AP Scholar w/Distinction	AP International
# Scholars	103	65	114	1
Average Score	3.70	4.0	4.31	4.11

Graduation Requirements: In addition to the district credit requirements, students must demonstrate proficiency in language arts and mathematics on a state-standardized assessment or one of the alternative assessments approved by the NJDOE.

Subject	Credits Required
English	20
World History	5
US History	10
Mathematics*	15
Science	15
World Language	5
Visual & Performing Arts	5
21st Century Life & Careers	5
Financial Literacy	2.5
Health & PE	18.75
Electives	18.75
Total Credits Required	120

*Specific courses required based on year of 9th grade entrance.

National Merit Scholarship Program

Class of	Finalists	Commended
2025	4 Finalists	26

College Board National Recognition Program

2025	African American Scholars	7
2025	Hispanic Scholars	7
2025	National Indigenous	1
2025	First Generation	3

Grading Scale: Final averages are based on quarterly grades and exams each semester.

Grading Scale

Grade	Unweighted Courses	Weighted Academic	Weighted Honors	Weighted AP/Adv
A+	4.33	4.67	5.00	5.33
A	4.00	4.33	4.67	5.00
A-	3.67	4.00	4.33	4.67
B+	3.33	3.67	4.00	4.33
B	3.00	3.33	3.67	4.00
B-	2.67	3.00	3.33	3.67
C+	2.33	2.67	3.00	3.33
C	2.00	2.33	2.67	3.00
C-	1.67	2.00	2.33	2.67
D+	1.33	1.67	2.00	2.33
D	1.00	1.33	1.67	2.00
D-	0.67	1.00	1.33	1.67
F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Columbia High School Program of Studies 2025.2026

Visual & Performing Arts

Art 1
Art 2
Art 3 HN
AP Studio Art 2D Design
AP Studio Art Drawing
Drawing
Design
Ceramics 1
Ceramics 2
Fibers
Fiber Arts
Traditional Photography
Digital Photography
Animation 1
Animation 2
Filmmaking 1
Filmmaking 2
AP Art History
Computer Graphics
Computer Graphics 2 HN
Dance 1
Dance 2
Dance Appreciation
Special Dance HN

21st Century Life & Career

Integrated Business Office Technologies
21st Century (iBot)
Capital Markets Investments HN
Business Management & Entrepreneurship
Business Management and Ethics
Career Awareness
Personal Finance**
Intro to Accounting
Roadmap to Computing HN
Global Marketing**
Sports & Entertainment Marketing
AP Macroeconomics
Cyber Security HN
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles

English/Language Arts

*English 1
English 1 Humanities HN
*English 2
English 3
English 4
American Literature HN
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
Contemporary Literature HN
Literature of Drama & Performance HN
Gender Identity Across Literary Movements HN**
Journalistic Writing and Analysis HN
Creative Writing HN **
Poetry Reading Writing HN**
Literature of the African Diaspora HN
Literature and Philosophy HN
Literature of Social Criticism HN
Research-Based Writing and Debate HN
Shakespearean Literature HN
Sports in Literature HN
World Literature HN

Supplementary English

Mathematics

Algebra 1
ESL Math 1
*Geometry
*Algebra 2
* Discrete Math
Supplementary Math 12
* Pre-calculus
Calculus HN
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Advanced Topics in Mathematics HN
Calculus 3 Adv
Linear Algebra Adv
Probability & Statistics HN

Media and Technology

CHS Media 1 HN
CHS Media 2 HN
CHS News AM 1 HN**
CHS News AM 2**
Television Production
Television Production 2
Digital Cinematography

Music

Chorus
Chamber Choir (Excelsior Singers) HN
Women's Chamber Choir (Canens Vocem) HN
Concert Band
Symphonic Band
Wind Ensemble HN
Masterworks Chamber Orchestra HN
Virtuosi Chamber Ensemble HN
String Orchestra
Music Technology I and II
AP Music Theory
Symphonic Choir HN
Intro to Music Theory

Health, Physical Education

Health Education – Grade 9
Driver Education Theory – Grade 10
Health Education – Grade 11
Health Education – Grade 12
Physical Education – Grades 9,10,11,12

Science

*Biology
*Physics
*Chemistry

Science Electives

Anatomy HN
Astronomy HN
Organic Chemistry HN
AP Chemistry
*Environmental Science
Environmental Earth Science
AP Environmental Science

Forensic Science
AP Physics
Science Research II, III HN**
AP Biology
Intro to BioTech HN

Social Studies

*World History 2
*World History 2 Humanities
World History for ML
*United States History 1
AP United States History 1
*United States History 2
AP United States History 2
American History and Culture I & II
AP European History
AP Government & Politics (United States)
AP Government & Politics (Comparative)
AP Psychology
African Studies HN
AP African American Studies
Caribbean Studies HN
Economics Personal Finance Ent. HN
Psychology HN
Race, Genocide, and the Holocaust HN
Sociology HN

World Languages

*French 1,2,3,4
* Italian 2,3,4
*Spanish 1,2,3,4, 5**
*Chinese 1,2, 3, 4, 5
(Honors not available year one)
AP French Language & Culture
AP Italian Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP Chinese Language and Culture
FLES
ML

* Honors Level Offered
**Dual Enrollment Offered

Matriculation for Class of 2025

American University
Arizona State University
ArtCenter College of Design
Aviation Institute of Maintenance
Bard College
Barnard College
Benedict College
Berkeley College
Borough of Manhattan Community
Boston Conservatory Berklee
Boston University
Brown University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Cheney University
City College of New York
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell University
County College of Morris
Delaware State University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Essex County College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Felician University
Florida Institute of Technology
Franklin & Marshall College
Georgetown University
Hampton University
Howard University
Indiana University
INHolland U of Applied Sciences
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson and Wales University
Kean University
Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Lycoming College
Maastricht University
Marist University
Marymount Manhattan College
McGill University
Mercer County Community
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Montclair State University
Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey City University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Parsons School of Design
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Raritan Valley Community College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Saint Peter's University
San Diego State University
SCAD
School of the Art Inst. Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Smith College
Spelman College
St. Francis College
Stevens Institute Technology
Stockton University
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Purchase
Syracuse University
Temple University
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington University
The Pennsylvania State University
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College of Union County
Universal Technical Institute
University College Dublin
University of British Columbia
University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Los Angeles
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Nebraska
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Southern Maine
University of St. Andrews Scotland
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas Austin
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin Madison
US Military Academy Westpoint
Vanderbilt College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western New England University
William Paterson University
Yale University