

# Eastchester UFSD

## Board of Education Meeting

April 21, 2026



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**EASTCHESTER**  
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Recognizing Eastchester Students:



# Maddy Murray Scores 100th Career Goal

- On April 16, sophomore Maddy Murray recorded her 100th career goal in an 18-8 win over Croton-Harmon.
- The girls lacrosse team has gotten off to a great start this spring and currently boasts a 6-1 record.



# Recognizing Eastchester Students: EHS Players Club Presents “Groundhog Day: The Musical”



- The EHS Players Club’s production of *Groundhog Day: The Musical* will premiere on Friday night.
- There are three performances this weekend, with 7 PM shows on Friday and Saturday and a 2 PM matinee on Sunday.
- Tickets are available on [www.eastchester.booktix.com](http://www.eastchester.booktix.com)
- On Monday, April 20, the EHS Players Club Fall Comedy (*The Three Musketeers*) was honored with 10 awards by the Eastern Student Artists Guild.



# Eastchester Student Excellence and Pathways Forward

# Recognizing Eastchester Students: Destination Imagination Teams

- Eastchester launched its first Destination Imagination pilot with teams from Anne Hutchinson and Greenvale.
- Students engaged in creative, student-driven challenges focused on teamwork and problem-solving.
- Both teams showed growth, resilience, and confidence at the regional tournament.
- This marks the start of expanding DI into a broader “Destination Eastchester” experience.



# Destination Imagination: Team Rosters

## Greenvale Students

Mr. Powers (Team Manager)

Anna Baranchuk

Connor Henry

Lorenzo Monaco

Theodore Philipp

Oliver Schwer

Isaac Shi X

Xiaochen Zheng X

## Anne Hutch Students

Ms. Constan (Team Manager)

Giada Faragi

Maxim Baranov

Lucia Vinci

Giovanni Vinci

Sadie Hooten

Charles Jha

Andrew Reilly

Christian Wager



# Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision National Competition

## Honorable Mention Award

Michael Rogener (Greenvale), Luca Liriano (Greenvale), & Gerald Ray (Anne Hutch)

ExploraVision: STEM competition for K-12 students

## DEBBREE Bot 2000

An ocean vacuum robot designed to remove microplastics from the ocean.



## Biomimetic Design

The robot resembles a jellyfish with tentacles containing eutectic solvents and bacteria to digest microplastics.

# EHS College Planning: Trends, Strategies and Outcomes

# The Big Picture: National Trends



Applications surged, public flagships grew more selective, and students applied broadly but enrolled with clear identity-driven intent.

**8M+**

**Common App Submissions**

~6% year-over-year growth

**~10%**

**Public College App Increase**

Between 2023-24 and 2024-25

**72%**

**National Avg. Acceptance Rate**

Elite headlines don't reflect the full landscape

**8.9**

**Apps Per Eastchester Student**

Above public average; below independent norms

# Broad "High-Level" Trends

National shifts in selectivity, diversity, and application volume are reshaping the admissions landscape.



## Public Flagship Competitiveness

Out-of-state applicants to schools like Michigan, Texas, Georgia, and Florida are surging, pushing selectivity to historic highs even at large public institutions.



## Shifting Volume & Yield Patterns

While application volume is increasing, admission rates in selective tiers have not kept pace, leading to volatile yield patterns.



## Application Hyper-Inflation

Students applying to 15-20+ schools depresses yields, resulting in massive waitlists and unpredictable admissions curves for middle-tier institutions.



## The Return of Testing Advantage

Testing is making a comeback as a strategic differentiator; even at test-optional schools, a strong score helps middle-tier applicants stand out.

# Acceptance Patterns over 5 Years



Eastchester students show a strong preference for high-value anchors in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.



## Top Accepted Schools

### Tier 1: Very High Frequency

- Penn State (Main), Delaware, UConn
- Rhode Island, Quinnipiac, Sacred Heart
- Fairfield, Iona, Manhattan, Pace

### SUNY Remains an Anchor

- Binghamton
- Albany
- Stony Brook
- Oneonta
- Cortland



## Regional Corridor

Students disproportionately attend schools within the Northeast Pipeline:

**NY / CT / NJ • PA / DE / MD • MA / RI**



## Strategic Context

Comfortable driving radius, leveraging existing networks and perceived cost-to-value advantage.

# The SEC & Southern Pipeline Is Real

## A Strategic Shift Worth Naming

Eastchester is now becoming part of a decade-long Northeast → SEC migration pattern. Attendance at **Auburn, Ole Miss, Tennessee, Tampa, Alabama, and South Carolina** reflects deliberate family choices, not random outcomes.



### High merit aid

Out-of-state scholarships reduce cost gaps with NY privates



### Lifestyle & culture

Athletics, Greek life, modern amenities, warmer climate



### Lower admissions anxiety

Strong options without Ivy-level selectivity pressure

# Continued Areas of Focus for EHS



A focus on personal statement development, strength of curriculum, GPA, and demonstrated interest.



## Personal Statements

Help students find and articulate genuine narratives rather than manufactured stories (supported by recommendations).



## Holistic Application

Ensure academic interests, extracurriculars, and essays tell a coherent story.



## Demonstrated Interest

Encourage students to make meaningful campus trips and develop strong why-school essays.

## Encourage Challenging Classes & Taking SAT / ACTs

The courses a student takes and their GPA continue to be the most important factor in determining admissions.

## Early Decision & Early Action

EA and ED applications admit a disproportionate share of students at selective schools; encourage strategic early applications where appropriate.

# A Sampling from the Class of 2026

