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# Nyack High School

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**"Building Bridges for Today's Students to Cross into Tomorrow's World with Equity, Innovation and Optimism"**

**Mission Statement:** We, the students, parents, community, and staff of the Nyack School District VALUE:

- ....The pursuit of scholastic excellence
- ....The richness of our diverse community
- ....Harmonious relationships among individuals and groups
- ....Partnerships among students, staff, parents and community
- ....Respect for self, and others
- ....Responsible ethical behavior that engenders trust
- ....Individuals who think critically and creatively
- ....Ongoing involvement in local and global issues
- ....Development of essential skills and attitudes for a productive life
- ....A safe and nurturing environment

To embody these values, we ENVISION: a community, proud of its traditions, that uses the richness of its diversity to meet the needs of all students and prepare them for a rapidly changing world. In a spirit of collaboration, we provide an environment that fosters scholastic excellence, cultural appreciation, and ethical behavior. Nyack is a community of lifelong learners, encouraging new ideas to shape a positive future.

**Student Population:** Nyack's rich blend of races, cultures, religions and socio-economic groups serves as a valuable resource. The high school has approximately 960 students. Nyack includes three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school with a total enrollment of 2813: 6% Asian; 14% Black; 36% Latinx/Hispanic; 7% Multi-Racial; 36% White; 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native & Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Over 20 countries in Central and South America, the Caribbean Islands, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific Islands are represented.

**The Community:** Located 25 miles north of Manhattan on the banks of the Hudson River and serving 23,000 residents who live in six villages and hamlets: Central Nyack, Nyack, South Nyack, Upper Grandview, Upper Nyack and Valley Cottage.

**Graduation Requirements:** Students are required to complete a minimum of 22 credits. Graduation requirements for a Regents diploma includes: 4 credits each English, Social Studies, 3 credits each Science, Math, Electives, 2 credits Physical Education, 1 credit each Languages other than English, Arts or Music, 1/2 credit Health. Students must also pass 5 Regents Exams (Math, Science, Global History, US History, & English). Advanced Regents diploma additionally require passing LOTE Checkpoint B, 2 Math & 1 Science Regents.

**Class of 2025:** Of 198 graduates, 88.8% of the class enrolled in post-secondary education (78.5% four-year colleges, 21% two-year colleges, .5% US military).

**National Merit and Achievement Awards for the Class of 2025:**

5 students received National Merit Scholarship Letters of Commendation. 3 students were awarded recognition for the National African American Recognition Award, 3 students for the National Hispanic Recognition Award and 3 students National Indigenous Recognition Award.

**Class of 2025 NYS Seal of Biliteracy:** 12 students received the NYS Seal of Biliteracy in formal recognition of having studied and attained a high proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.

**Class of 2025 NYS Seal of Civic Readiness:** 189 students received the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness in formal recognition of demonstrating the civic knowledge, skills, mindsets, and experiences necessary to become an actively engaged citizen.

**Total 2025 AP Scholars:** 152 Students

AP Scholar: 44

AP Scholar with Honor: 30

AP Scholar with Distinction: 78

**Grading Policy:** A numerical system is used. The minimum passing course grade is 65%.

**Class Rank and Weighting:** All classes are used in computing GPA's. Failing grades are included but not weighted. Honors, Regents, RCC and AP classes are "weighted". All students are included in the rank but only grades earned at NHS are averaged. Rank in class is determined by the numerical average at the end of each semester and includes all subjects. Class rank and average are based upon weighted grades. Grades on transcript do not show weighting. Weights: AP Courses +4; Honors Courses and College Level Courses +2.

**Curriculum:** Nyack High School is accredited by the New York State Board of Regents. The curriculum is designed to meet the diverse abilities and interests of our students and to provide an academically rigorous, college preparatory program. Credit is available to 8th grade students who accelerate in math, technology, science, or language. Career and technical education electives are available through the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Nyack High School has a rotating block schedule and final grades are based on each marking period, mid-terms, and final examinations.

**Special Programs:** Authentic Scientific Research • Award-Winning Music and Visual Arts Programs • Bilingual/ENL Program • Naviance College and Career Exploration • Dual Enrollment • RCC Early Admission Program • Fresh Start Program • Choice Program • WISE Individualized Senior Experience • Project Lead the Way

## Advanced Placement and College Level Courses during the 2024–25 school year:

AP English Lang/Comp	RCC MCS 101 Multicultural Studies	AP Studio Art & Design	RCC SPA 202 Spanish Intern 2
AP English Lit/ Comp	RCC ECO 202 Economics	RCC ART 249 Digital Photography	RCC French 201 Intern 1
RCC ENG 101 College Writing 1	AP African American Studies	RCC MUS 201 Music Theory 1	Albany SPN 105 Basic Spanish for Heritage Learners
RCC ENG 102 College Writing 2	STAC Personal Financial Management	AP Biology	Capstone PLTW
AP U.S. History	AP Computer Science Principles	AP Chemistry	Intro to Engineering Design
AP U.S. Gov't & Pol	AP Statistics	AP Environmental Science	Principles of Engineering
AP Macro/ Micro Eco	AP Calculus AB	AP Physics 1	Principles of Biomedical Science
AP Psychology	AP Calculus BC	AP Physics 2	Human Body Systems
RCC HIS 201 American History I	RCC MAT 135 Precalculus	RCC BIO 105 General Biology I	Medical Intervention
RCC HIS 202 American History II	RCC MAT 125 Statistics	AP Spanish Lang 5	
RCC CRJ 101 Intro to Criminal Justice	RCC MAT 134 College Algebra	AP French Lang 5	
RCC HIS 116 Civil Rights Movement	RCC ART 128 Ceramics	RCC Spa 201 Intern 1	

The Class of 2025 have been accepted to the following institutions:

Adelphi University	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY Old Westbury
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Massachusetts College Pharmacy & Health Sciences	SUNY Oneonta
Albertus Magnus College	McGill University	SUNY Purchase College
Alfred State College	Mercy University	SUNY Westchester Community College
Alfred University	Molloy University	Syracuse University
Alvernia University	Monmouth University	The University of Tampa
American University	Monroe University	Temple University
Athens Technical Community College	Montclair State University	The American Musical & Dramatic Academy
Auburn University	New York Institute of Technology	The George Washington University
Ball State University	New York University	The College of Westchester
Bates College	Norfolk State University	Ohio State University
Bennington College	Northeastern University	Troy University
Berklee College of Music	Oberlin College	Tufts University
Binghamton University	Pace University	Union College
Boston University	Pennsylvania State University	United States Coast Guard Academy
Central State University	Post University	United States Naval Academy
Clark Atlanta University	Purdue University	University at Albany, SUNY
Colby College	Quinnipiac University	University at Buffalo
Columbia University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University at California
Cornell University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Central Florida
CUNY City College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Colorado Boulder
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut
CUNY Hunter College	Rockland Community College	University of Delaware
CUNY Lehman College	Roger Williams University	University of Florida
Delaware State University	Rowan University	University of Maine
Dominican University New York	Russell Sage College	University of Maryland
Drexel University	Rutgers University	University of Massachusetts
Duke University	Sacred Heart University	University of Miami
Elizabeth City State University	Saint Leo University	University of Michigan
Elon University	Salem State University	University of Mount Saint Vincent
Endicott College	Seton Hall University	University of New England
Farmingdale State College	Shaw University	University of New Hampshire
Florida Gulf Coast University	Siena College	University of New Haven
Florida State University	Smith College	University of North Carolina
Fordham University	Springfield College	University of Pittsburgh
Franklin and Marshall College	St. John Fisher University	University of Rhode Island
Georgia Gwinnett College	St. John's University	University of Richmond
Georgia Institute of Technology	St. Joseph's University	University of Rochester
Hawaii Pacific University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Oregon
Hofstra University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina
Howard University	Stockton University	University of South Florida
Indiana University-Bloomington	Stony Brook University	University of Southern Maine
Ithaca College	SUNY Brockport	University of St Andrews
James Madison University	SUNY Buffalo State	University of Utah
Johnson & Wales University	SUNY College of Agriculture & Tech at Cobleskill	University of Vermont
Kean University	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry	University of Virginia
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	SUNY College at Geneseo	University of Wisconsin
Lafayette College	SUNY College at Oswego	Utica University
Lasell University	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	Villanova University
LIM College	SUNY College at Potsdam	Virginia Tech
Le Moyne College	SUNY College of Technology at Delhi	Wagner College
Lehigh University	SUNY Cortland	Washington and Lee University
Long Island University	SUNY Fredonia	Westfield State University
Manhattan University	SUNY Maritime College	Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Manhattanville University	SUNY Morrisville	Widener University
Marietta College	SUNY New Paltz	Yale University