
Post-Secondary Outcomes 2026

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Factors in Admissions Decisions

- high school grades
- “grade point average”
- strength of curriculum
- positive character attributes
- essay or writing sample
- student’s demonstrated interest
- letters of recommendation
- extracurricular activities
- standardized test scores



The State of Admissions: 2026

application volume continues to increase
selective admissions increasingly unpredictable
standardized testing making its return
early decision major strategic advantage
public flagships increasingly competitive
essays and recommendations matter more
value over prestige



MLHS College Application Data

	2023		2024		2025		2026	
Post-Secondary Plans	# of Students	Percent	# of Students	Percent	# of Students	Percent	# of Students	Percent
4-Year College	154	91.7%	131	86.8%	126	85%	118	87%
2-Year College	5	3%	12	8%	8	5%	5	4%
Employment	4	2.4%	3	2%	7	5%	6	4%
Technical School	1	< 1%	3	2%	2	1%	1	<1%
Military	0	N/A	1	< 1%	2	1%	0	N/A
Gap Year, Other	4	2.4%	1	< 1%	3	2%	5	4%
	168		151		148		135	

MLHS Application & Acceptance Data

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Applications Submitted	1511	1333	1330	1258
Avg. Applications per Student	11	9	10	10
Total Acceptances	805	662	786	709
Overall Acceptance Rate	53%	50%	59%	56%

Most Applied vs. Enrolled

Most Applied to:

- Rutgers University (69)
- Penn State University (30)
- Villanova University (29)
- University of Maryland (28)
- Northeastern University (26)
- James Madison University (26)
- University of Michigan (26)
- Clemson University (25)
- University of South Carolina (24)
- University of Delaware (24)
- University of Virginia (24)
- Boston College (23)
- Indiana University Bloomington (23)

Most Enrolled:

- Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Newark (6)
- Clemson University (5)
- Cornell (5)
- Fordham University (4)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (4)
- Boston College (3)
- County College of Morris (3)
- James Madison University (3)
- Northeastern University (3)
- Rowan University (3)
- University of South Carolina (3)
- Boston University, Bucknell University, Carnegie Mellon University, Lafayette College, University of Richmond, University of Pittsburgh, & 8 other universities (2)

Enrollment Data

Enrollment Breakdown:

- Attending 77 different colleges, in 21 states
- 2 students are attending college outside of the U.S.
- **In-State:** 25
- **Out-of-State/Country:** 98
- **Public:** 61
- **Private:** 62



Acceptance Data, Cont.



Ivy League

- 9 acceptances & 7 enrollments
- Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton, UPenn

Hidden Ivies

- 80 acceptances
- Boston College, Colgate, Duke, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Lafayette, Lehigh, Villanova

Public Ivies

- 169 acceptances
- Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Penn State, Ohio State, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

Honors College Acceptances:

- 35 acceptances
- Clemson, Richmond, Rutgers, Wisconsin, and more!

Intended Major/Career

Accounting
Applied Economics and Management
Applied Mathematics
Behavioral Neuroscience
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Biology
Business
Business Administration
Business Management
Business Supply Chain Management
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Cognitive Science
Communications
Computer Science
Computer Security
Cosmetology
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Cybersecurity
Economics

Education
Electrical Engineering
Electrician
Engineering
English
Environmental Science
Exercise Science
Fashion Design
Fashion Merchandising
Finance
Global Business Management
Global Studies: East Asian Track
Government
History
Human Health
Information Systems
International Affairs
International Political Economics
Kinesiology & Recreational Therapy
Management and Leadership
Marketing
Mechanical Engineering

Molecular Biology
Modern Language and Culture
Musical Theatre
Neuroscience
Nuclear Engineering
Nursing
Nutrition
Ocean Engineering
Philosophy
Plumbing
Political Science
Politics
Pre-Law
Pre-Med
Pre-Med/Biology
Pre-Professional Health Studies
Public Health
Public Policy
Physics
Psychology
Residential Construction
Sports Management

Early Decision

- 38 students applied ED I (28%)
 - 22 students were accepted ED I (58%)
 - 6 students were deferred (16%)
 - 10 students were denied (26%)
- 8 students applied ED II (6%)
 - 1 was accepted (13%)
 - 5 were denied (63%)
 - 2 were deferred (outcomes pending)



Early Decision Applications

Early Decision Apps	2026
Applications Submitted	46
Total Acceptances	23
Overall Acceptance Rate	50%

EARLY DECISION ACCEPTANCES

Boston College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Cornell University
Denison University
Drew University
Fordham University
Gettysburg College
Grove City College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Rochester Institute of Tech
Stevens Institute of Tech
The College of New Jersey
University of Richmond
University of Virginia

Athletics

NCAA Division I

4 students

*Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Football
& Swimming*

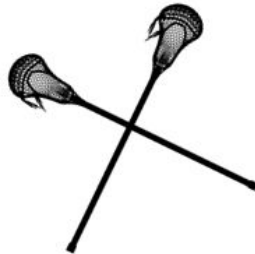
NCAA Division II

0 students

NCAA Division III

14 students

*Soccer, Lacrosse, Swimming,
Baseball, & Track/Cross Country*



Athletics (Cont)



	2023	2024	2025	2026
NCAA DI	4	7	8	4
NCAA DII	1	0	0	0
NCAA DIII	6	11	9	14
NJCAA	0	0	0	0
Total	11	18	17	18

College Destinations: Class of 2026



Alfred State College
Binghamton University, State
Boston University
Boston College
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of Holy Cross
Cornell University
Cosmetology School
County College of Morris
Denison University
Drew University

Duke University
East Carolina University
Eastern Connecticut State University
East Stroudsburg University
Electrical Apprentice
Elon University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Gettysburg College
Georgetown University
George Washington University

Grove City College
Indiana University-Bloomington
James Madison University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Misericordia University
Monmouth University
Moravian University
New Jersey City University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northeastern University Oakland
Northeastern University Manhattan
Northwestern University

College Destinations: Class of 2026



Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Raritan Valley Community College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University-Newark
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Sacred Heart University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Stevens Institute of Technology
State University of New York College
at Cortland
State University of New York College
of Technology at Delhi

Stockton University
Syracuse University
The College of New Jersey
The University of Utah
The University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
The University of North Carolina at
Greensboro
Tulane University
University of California, Berkeley
University College London
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Florida
University of Illinois at Urbana -
Champaign
University of Maryland, College Park

University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of Tampa
University of Virginia
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wesleyan University
William Paterson University of NJ