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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"***

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**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 2026:** Of 243 graduates, 96% of the class enrolled in post-secondary education (74% four-year colleges, 21% two-year colleges, .01% US military).

**National Merit and Achievement Awards for the Class of 2026:** 8 students received National Merit Scholarship Letters of Commendation.

**Class of 2026 NYS Seal of Biliteracy:** 28 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 2026 NYS Seal of Civic Readiness:** 223 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 2026 AP Scholars:** 185 Students

AP Scholar: 54

AP Scholar with Honor: 35

AP Scholar with Distinction: 96

**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:** AVID • Authentic Scientific Research • Award-Winning Music and Visual Arts Programs • Bilingual/ENL Program • 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 2025–26 school year:

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

## The Class of 2026 have been accepted to the following institutions:

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|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Adelphi University                                     | Lewis & Clark College                                               | SUNY Plattsburgh                                        |
| Albertus Magnus College                                | Lincoln Technical Institute-Mahwah                                  | SUNY Purchase                                           |
| Alfred State College                                   | Long Island University                                              | SUNY Westchester Community College                      |
| Alfred University                                      | Louisiana State University and Agricultural &<br>Mechanical College | Susquehanna University                                  |
| Arizona State University                               | Macalester College                                                  | Syracuse University                                     |
| Bard College                                           | Manhattan University                                                | Temple University                                       |
| Bates College                                          | Manhattanville University                                           | Texas State University                                  |
| Binghamton University, State University of New York    | Marist University                                                   | The College of New Jersey                               |
| Borough of Manhattan Community College                 | Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health<br>Sciences            | The George Washington University                        |
| Boston University                                      | Medgar Evers College - CUNY                                         | The University of Alabama                               |
| Brandeis University                                    | Mercy University                                                    | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill         |
| Bryn Mawr College                                      | Michigan State University                                           | The University of Tampa                                 |
| Bucknell University                                    | Montclair State University                                          | The University of Tennessee                             |
| Buffalo State University, State University of New York | Morgan State University                                             | The University of Utah                                  |
| Caldwell University                                    | Mount Saint Mary College                                            | Towson University                                       |
| California State University, Long Beach                | Muhlenberg College                                                  | Trinity College                                         |
| Central Connecticut State University                   | New York City College of Technology, CUNY                           | Tufts University                                        |
| Clark University                                       | New York University                                                 | Tuskegee University                                     |
| Clemson University                                     | North Carolina State University                                     | University at Albany, State University of New York      |
| Coastal Carolina University                            | Northeastern University                                             | University at Buffalo, the State University of New York |
| Colgate University                                     | Northwestern University                                             | University of Bridgeport                                |
| College of Staten Island, CUNY                         | Nova Southeastern University                                        | University of California, San Diego                     |
| Connecticut College                                    | Oberlin College                                                     | University of California, Santa Cruz                    |
| Coppin State University                                | Occidental College                                                  | University of California-Los Angeles                    |
| Cornell University                                     | Pace University                                                     | University of Colorado Boulder                          |
| CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice              | Penn State University Park                                          | University of Connecticut                               |
| CUNY LaGuardia Community College                       | Pepperdine University                                               | University of Delaware                                  |
| Denison University                                     | Providence College                                                  | University of Florida                                   |
| Dominican University                                   | Purdue University                                                   | University of Georgia                                   |
| Drexel University                                      | Quinnipiac University                                               | University of Hawaii at Manoa                           |
| Eastern Connecticut State University                   | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute                                    | University of Maine                                     |
| Fairfield University                                   | Rochester Institute of Technology                                   | University of Maryland, College Park                    |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University                         | Rockland Community College                                          | University of Massachusetts Amherst                     |
| Farmingdale State College                              | Roger Williams University                                           | University of Massachusetts Boston                      |
| Florida Gulf Coast University                          | Rutgers University - New Brunswick                                  | University of Miami                                     |
| Florida Institute of Technology                        | Sacred Heart University                                             | University of Michigan                                  |
| Florida International University                       | Saint Michael's College                                             | University of Mississippi                               |
| Florida State University                               | Salve Regina University                                             | University of Mount Saint Vincent                       |
| Fordham University                                     | Savannah College of Art and Design                                  | University of Nevada, Las Vegas                         |
| Georgia Institute of Technology                        | Seton Hall University                                               | University of New Haven                                 |
| Georgia State University                               | Siena University                                                    | University of North Florida                             |
| Gwynedd Mercy University                               | Skidmore College                                                    | University of North Florida                             |
| Hamilton College                                       | Smith College                                                       | University of Pittsburgh                                |
| Hampshire College                                      | Southern Connecticut State University                               | University of Rhode Island                              |
| Hartwick College                                       | St. Francis College                                                 | University of Rochester                                 |
| Harvey Mudd College                                    | St. John's University                                               | University of South Carolina-Columbia                   |
| High Point University                                  | St. Thomas Aquinas College                                          | University of Vermont                                   |
| Hillsdale College                                      | SUNY at Fredonia                                                    | University of Virginia                                  |
| Hofstra University                                     | SUNY at New Paltz                                                   | University of Washington                                |
| Hunter College- CUNY                                   | SUNY at Oswego                                                      | University of Wisconsin                                 |
| Indiana Institute of Technology                        | SUNY at Cortland                                                    | University of Wyoming                                   |
| Indiana University Bloomington                         | SUNY at Geneseo                                                     | Vanderbilt University                                   |
| Iona University                                        | SUNY at Oneonta                                                     | Vassar College                                          |
| Ithaca College                                         | SUNY of Environmental Science and Forestry                          | Villanova University                                    |
| Jacksonville University                                | SUNY College of Technology at Canton                                | Virginia Commonwealth University                        |
| James Madison University                               | SUNY of Technology at Delhi                                         | Virginia Tech                                           |
| Kean University                                        | SUNY Maritime College                                               | Wesleyan University                                     |
| Kenyon College                                         | SUNY Polytechnic Institute                                          | West Virginia University                                |
| Kingsborough Community College - CUNY                  | Stetson University                                                  | Western Connecticut State University                    |
| Lafayette College                                      | Stony Brook University, State University of New York                | Western Michigan University                             |
| Le Moyne College                                       | SUNY Brockport                                                      | William Paterson University of New Jersey               |
| Lehigh University                                      |                                                                     | Worcester Polytechnic Institute                         |
| Lehman College - CUNY                                  |                                                                     | York College - CUNY                                     |