



**Black Horse Pike Regional School District**  
**HIGHLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**450 ERIAL ROAD**  
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**CEEB /ACT Code: 310101**



*Where Inspiring Excellence is our Standard and Student Achievement is the Result*

**COMMUNITY:**

Gloucester Township, NJ is a 24 square mile suburban community situated in Camden County, within the Philadelphia Metropolitan area, only 8 miles east of Philadelphia and 50 miles west of Atlantic City. Communities of Gloucester Township include parts of Blackwood, Glendora, Erial, Sicklerville, Blenheim, Lambs Terrace, Chews Landing, and Hilltop. Gloucester Township is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Southern New Jersey with a population approaching seventy thousand residents. It is well served by the North/South Freeway, the Black Horse Pike and numerous well-maintained county and municipal roads. Gloucester Township provides a full range of municipal services, including police and fire protection, youth and health services, and community development activities.

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

Accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education, Highland Regional High School is a four-year public school that emphasizes college preparation. It is one of three high schools in the Black Horse Pike Regional School District. Highland Regional High School is a Renaissance school, where the core values of which are respect, recognition, rewards, and reinforcement for academic performance and good school/community citizenship. The current enrollment is approximately 1,080 students and our average class size is 24 students.

**CURRICULUM:**

The class of 2026 must earn a minimum of 120 credits to meet New Jersey graduation requirements. An individual program is developed for each student and courses are offered at varying levels of difficulty. Honors, Advanced Placement and dual credit college courses are offered across discipline areas.

**CLASS RANK:**

Method of computation is based on the National Association Secondary School Principals (NASSP) recommendation. All students and all subjects are ranked. Honors and AP courses are weighted by one (1.0) point. **\*Starting in 2024-25, class rank will no longer be printed on transcripts!**

**\*STEAM CAPSTONE\*:**

The S.T.E.A.M. CAPSTONE program at Black Horse Pike Regional is a rigorous three-year interdisciplinary program designed to provide a strong educational foundation for students planning to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math.

**AP COURSES OFFERED (17):**

AP Language & Composition (Jr. & Sr.)  
AP Literature & Composition  
AP United States History II  
AP United States Government & Politics  
AP Psychology  
AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics, AP Pre-Calculus  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Sciences  
AP Physics I, AP Physics II  
AP 2-D Art  
AP Music Theory

**HONORS COURSES OFFERED (16):**

English I, II Honors  
World History/Cultures Honors  
US History I Honors  
Algebra II Honors  
Geometry Honors  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
Lab Chemistry Honors  
French, Italian, Spanish Levels III & IV Honors

**GRADE CODES:**

|                                                |                                |                   |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> = 93 – 100                            | <b>A-</b> = 90-92              |                   |
| <b>B+</b> = 80 – 89                            | <b>B</b> = 83-86               | <b>B-</b> = 80-82 |
| <b>C+</b> = 77 – 79                            | <b>C</b> = 73-76               | <b>C-</b> = 70-72 |
| <b>D+</b> = 67 – 69                            | <b>D</b> = 65-66               |                   |
| <b>F</b> = Below 65                            | <b>P</b> = Pass                |                   |
| <b>W</b> = Withdrawal                          | <b>WF</b> = Withdrawal Failure |                   |
| <b>NC</b> = No Credit due to excessive absence |                                |                   |

**SAT REASONING MEAN SCORES (BHPRSD):**

ERW: 514                      Mathematics: 513

**POST-SECONDARY PLANS:**

The Class of 2026 (272 students)

- 35%    4-year Colleges & Universities
- 34%    2-year Colleges
- 6%    Military/Trade/Technical
- 12%    Employment
- 13%    Other

### **HIGHLAND ADMINISTRATION:**

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Mr. Ryan C. Varga</b> | <b>Principal</b>      |
| Ms. Alexis Banner        | Vice Principal Gr. 11 |
| Mr. Daniel Beaver        | Vice Principal Gr. 12 |
| Mrs. Adrienne Dalessio   | Vice Principal Gr. 10 |
| Mr. TJ Schug             | Vice Principal Gr. 9  |

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF:**

|                                                            |                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Mr. Art Alessandroni, Director of School Counseling</b> |                                    |
| Mrs. Alicia Guida                                          | School Counselor A - C             |
| Mr. DJ Gore                                                | School Counselor D - Har           |
| Mrs. Tiffany Strauss                                       | School Counselor Has - Man         |
| Mrs. Ashley Yandach                                        | School Counselor Mar - Re          |
| Mrs. Lauren McElroy                                        | School Counselor Rh - Z            |
| Ms. Stephanie Rodgers                                      | Student Assistance Coordinator     |
| Ms. Abigail Altman                                         | Mental Health Assistance Counselor |

It is necessary for a student's program to comply with the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Requirements established by the Board of Education and sound principles of education before a diploma will be granted. In order to graduate a student must:

- Pass the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) - Math & ELA
- Earn 120 Credits
- Pass the following courses:
  - 4 years of English
  - 4 years of Physical Education
  - 4 years of Health
  - 1 year of World History/Cultures
  - 2 years United States History
  - 3 years of Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry & 3rd year building upon those skills)
  - 3 Years of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental or Physics, & a 3rd year lab based)
  - 1 Year of World Language
  - 1 year of Visual/Performing Arts
  - 1 year Career Education, 21st Century Life & Careers or Vocational-Technical Education
  - ½ year of Economics
- Meet the District Attendance Policy #5113

*The mission of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District is to educate a diverse population in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals of a free and democratic society. We are committed to an exemplary educational program, based upon the New Jersey Student Learning Standards as adopted by the State Board of Education. It is the expectation of this district that all pupils achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards, at all levels. We will continue to improve students' and teachers' technological literacy as a means of preparing for the future with confidence and creativity. Our schools will ensure the safety and security of all students and strive to provide the best learning environment. We will enhance our students' growth by providing them with a creative, purposeful, and ethical atmosphere. We are dedicated to providing our students an opportunity to achieve academic goals, develop good citizenship skills, and make a positive contribution to society.*