MORRIS HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

520 West Main Street
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School Profile 2026-2027

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School

Morris Hills High School, founded in 1953, is one of the two comprehensive high schools that comprise the Morris Hills Regional School District. Morris Hills is located in Rockaway, NJ, 35 miles west of New York City, on a 39-acre site formerly occupied by the Gunther Estate. The current enrollment in grades 9-12 is approximately 1,279.

Community

Morris Hills High School serves the residential communities of Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, and Wharton, located in northwestern Morris County. These communities represent a cross-section of suburban and industrial America.

Innovative Programs

AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination)

The AVID program is a nationwide, four-year initiative supporting students in developing college readiness skills. AVID students must complete 140 credits to graduate, including 20 credits from AVID Elective courses and at least one Honors or AP course per year. The focus of each AVID Elective is: 9th grade—transition to high school and organizational skills; 10th grade—WICOR skills and higher-order questioning; 11th grade—college admissions and test prep; 12th grade—critical reading, writing, and college applications. Morris Hills currently has 84 AVID students in grades 9-12.

The Math & Science Magnet Program

The Magnet Program is a rigorous, four-year AP Capstone Program requiring 155 credits, including three research classes: Research-Based Analysis Honors, AP Seminar, and AP Research. Students must design and conduct an original research project, complete a 4,000-5,000 word thesis, and defend it orally. They may also earn the AP Capstone Certificate or Diploma. Currently, 91 students in grades 9-12 are enrolled in the program. Information on the Magnet Class of 2025 is included in the document.

Gifted and Talented

The district's GT Program includes all six federally-recognized categories of giftedness. Students in the district's GT Program participate in a rigorous application and interview process in order to be accepted into the program. Students create a year-long or semester-long independent learning proposal with quarterly goals under the guidance of a mentor. Other GT options include online coursework, self-study, and Option II. All GT Programs are labeled on the transcript with the course code "GT."

Aviation at Morris Hills High School

The Aviation Program at Morris Hills is a 3-course sequence, in partnership with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), that prepares students for careers in piloted and unmanned aerial flight (UAS). As the first in New Jersey to offer this program, students can earn their FAA Part 107 credential and pass the FAA written ground test. With hands-on learning using flight simulators, drones, and industry connections, students are well-equipped for success in aviation. Currently, 11 students in grades 9-12 are enrolled in the program.

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High School Graduation Requirements

Morris Hills High School students must complete 140 credits, 20 credits above the state guideline, while Magnet students are required to complete 155 credits, 35 credits above the state requirement. Students must take at least 35 credits each academic year. Morris Hills follows an alternating A-Day, B-Day block schedule, with students attending four 88-minute classes on each day. Most courses run from August to June and are worth 5 credits, while a few semester-long courses, lasting half the year, earn 2.5 credits.

Content Area	Credits Required for Graduation	Most Rigorous Courses Offered in Content Area
English	20	AP English—Literature and Composition AP English – Language and Composition
Social Studies	15	AP European History, AP United States History, AP Psychology, AP Economics, AP Human Geography, AP US Government & Politics
Mathematics	15 ***20***	Calculus III—Multivariable A/H, AP Calculus BC, AP Calculus AB, & AP Statistics
Science	15 ***30***	AP Physics 1, AP Physics C, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, ****AP Seminar, & *AP Research***
World Language	5	AP French Lang, AP Spanish Lang, & AP German
Computer Literacy	5	AP Computer Science A & AP Computer Science Principles
Business	5	AP Business w/Personal Finance
Visual & Performing Arts	5	AP Art History, AP Studio Art (2D, 3D & Drawing), & AP Music Theory
Physical Education/ Health	20	N/A
Other Electives	40	Electives are offered in all core academic departments as well as in art, business, family/consumer science, music, and technology.

***For Magnet Students ONLY**

Honors Coursework

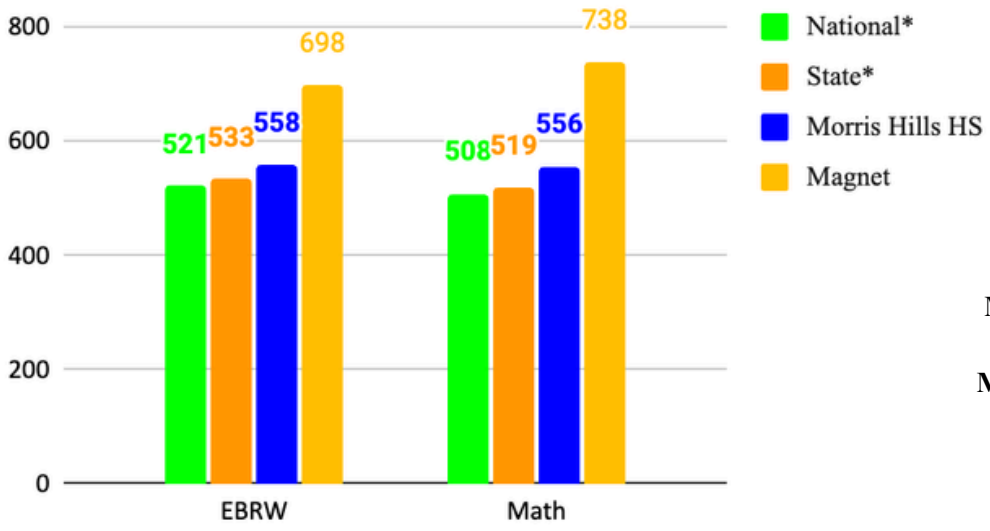
World History H	College Accounting 1 H	Algebra 2 H	German 3 H
United States History 1 H	College Accounting 2 H	Pre-Calculus H	German 4 H
Biology 1 H	Calculus III-Multivariable H	French 3 H	Spanish 3 H
Chemistry 1 H	Calculus/Analytic Geometry H	French 4 H	Spanish 4 H
Geometry H	*Research Based Analysis H	English 9 H	Advanced Band H
Advanced Concert Choir H	Strings Ensemble H	English 10 H	**AVID English 9 H
			English 11 H

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Average SAT Scores for the Class 2026



Class of 2027 Profile

Morris Hills HS Senior Class: 248

Magnet Senior Class: 23

Highest cumulative GPA: 104.83

MHHS Average Cumulative GPA: 88.07

Magnet Average Cumulative GPA: 100.68

National & State based on 2025 SAT's

2026 Advanced Placement Outcomes	
Number of students taking at least one AP Exam:	379
Total Number of Exams taken:	1,028
Percentage of students scoring a 4 or 5	79%
Percentage of students scoring 3 or more	94%
National Merit Recognitions	9

AP Scholars

In July 2026, **two hundred and ten** students earned AP Scholars Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams earning 3 or higher on three or more AP exams with a **4.33 Average Score** including:

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar With Honor	AP Scholar With Distinction	AP Capstone Diploma	AP Seminar & Research Certificate
# of Scholars	38	39	133	16	1
Average Score	3.90	3.95	4.43	4.31	3.75

Grading System

Students earn grades based on a quarterly system. Final grades are calculated by averaging each of the four quarters and the quarterly exams or projects for each course. Grades may be interpreted as follows:

A 90-100	AU Audit (no credit)
B 80-89	P or PS Pass
C 70-79	F Fail
F < 70	I Incomplete
GT	Gifted Talented/Independent Study
DF/DP	Drop Fail/Pass (loss of credit due to poor attendance)
WF/WP	Withdraw Fail/Pass (withdrawal from class after deadline)

Class Rank/GPA: All courses are included in class rank/GPA calculation, with the exception of Physical Education and any courses taken on a pass/fail or audit basis.

Weighting: Honors/Advanced courses earn an extra 5 points in GPA calculation and are designated on the transcript with an "H" at the end of the course name. Our 20 Advanced Placement courses earn an extra 10 points in GPA calculation and are designated on the transcript as "AP."

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Class of 2026 Post-Secondary Plans

Plans	# of 2026 Graduates	% of 2026 Graduates
4-year College	243	74%
2-year College	41	12.5%
Technical/Trade School	5	1.5%
Military	8	2%
Employment/Year Off	12	4%
Other	19	6%
Total	**328**	**100%**

Class of 2026 Matriculations

Arizona State University - Tempe
Binghamton University (SUNY)
Caldwell University
Case Western Reserve
Centenary University
Coastal Carolina University
<County College of Morris
*Dartmouth College
<DeSales University
Drew University
*East Carolina University
Elizabethtown College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. Florham/Metropolitan Campuses
*Georgia Institute of Technology Main Campus
Indiana University - Bloomington
<James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Kean University
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
*Lafayette College
Lincoln Technical Institute
Marist University
Mississippi College
Monmouth University
<Montclair State University
*<New Jersey Institute of Technology
*New York University
*Northeastern University
*Nova Southeastern University
Pennsylvania State University - Penn State Main Campus
*Purdue University, Main Campus
Quinnipiac University
<Ramapo College of New Jersey
Regis College
*Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
*<Rutgers University New Brunswick/Newark Campuses
<Sacred Heart University
<Seton Hall University
St. John's University, New York
*Stevens Institute of Technology
<Stockton University
The College of New Jersey
The Culinary Institute of America
*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*United States Military Academy
Universal Technical Institute
Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE)
University of Albany (SUNY)
University of Central Florida
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
*University of Maryland - College Park
University of Massachusetts - Boston
University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth
*University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus
University of New Haven
University of Oklahoma
*University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Scranton
University of Vermont
Virginia Tech
Washington and Lee University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Western Michigan University
<West Virginia University
<William Paterson University
York College of Pennsylvania

***Includes Magnet Student College Matriculations**
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