



2026-2027 HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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*A nurturing community of diverse learners who foster a
just and compassionate society.*

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Located in the scenic village of Hastings-on-Hudson, just ten miles north of New York City in Westchester County, Hastings High School is a four-year public secondary school serving approximately 525 students grades 9-12. The school combines a rigorous academic environment with a close-knit, supportive community. With an average class size of 20, students benefit from individualized attention while enjoying access to a broad and challenging curriculum.

Recognized nationally as a *Secondary School of Excellence* and previously a *Blue Ribbon School* by the U.S. Department of Education, Hastings High School is accredited by both the New York State Board of Regents and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The school offers a comprehensive academic program featuring Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors (H) courses, along with college-level opportunities through partnerships with the University at Albany (SUNY Albany), Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and Syracuse University (SUPA). These programs allow students to earn college credits while completing coursework during high school.

More than 75% of students participate in extracurricular activities, including athletics, music, visual arts, and clubs. Many students are recognized as All-County musicians and athletes and regularly receive accolades for their artistic achievements. Hastings High School is proud to be a school that is “large enough to offer a rich and varied curriculum, and small enough to know and care about each student.”

PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISTINCTION

- 17 Advanced Placement courses and 10 Honors courses.
- 9 dual enrollment/college-level classes: University at Albany, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA).
- College-accredited, 3-year Science Research Program (classes of 2027 participate in a 2-year sequence of science research).
- 5-year sequential programs in Spanish and French, and a 4-year sequential program in Latin.
- Comprehensive music program, including band, orchestra, chorus, Madrigals (select choir), and jazz band.
- Award-winning drama and musical theater programs.
- Peer Leadership – A selective, full-year senior course in which students develop leadership skills and mentor freshmen through small-group lessons.
- Sweethearts & Heroes (BRAVES) Program (Non-Credit Bearing) – A selective, year-long sophomore program in which students mentor elementary students through culture-building and bullying prevention activities.
- National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Music Honor Society, and National Language Honor Society.
- Voluntary Community Service Program – ½ credit for 60 hours, 1 credit for 120 hours.
- Broad-based athletics program.
- Extensive array of teacher- and student-led clubs.

Hastings High School teachers have been awarded the Siemens Science Award; Woodrow Wilson Fellowships; and Fulbright, National Endowment for the Humanities, and National Science Foundation Grants.

CONTACTS

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GRADING INFORMATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from Hastings High School, students must complete a minimum of 22 credits and meet the New York State Regents diploma requirements. These include specific course distribution mandates across core academic areas. Students must successfully complete all required New York State Regents assessments. Most Hastings students go beyond the minimum requirements in both credits earned and course rigor.

English	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
World Language	1.0 credits
Fine/Performing Arts	1.0 credits
Physical Education	2.0 credits
Health	0.5 credits
Electives	3.5 credits

GRADE POINT AVERAGE and RANKING

Hastings High School calculates grade point averages on a 100-point numerical scale. To reflect course rigor, an additional two points are awarded for all Advanced Placement (AP), Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA), Honors (H), Science Research, and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses. These weighted values are incorporated into each student's overall cumulative GPA. Courses completed in 8th grade that appear on the high school transcript are included in the GPA calculation, with applicable weighting applied. Hastings High School does not report class rank.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION – CLASS OF 2026

All subjects are used to determine GPA

Mean GPA:	91.80
Median GPA:	92.48

TRANSCRIPT DESIGNATIONS

AP – Advanced Placement
H – Honors Level
SUPA – Syracuse University Project Advance

CLASS OF 2025-2026 FACTS AND FIGURES

Students Graduated:	112
College-Bound Students:	97.32%
4-Year College:	91.96%
2-Year College:	5.36%
Gap Year/Deferred College or obtained employment:	2.68%
Seal of Biliteracy:	6

GRADES 10-12

2026 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) RESULTS

219 Students took 529 AP exams

92% of AP Students had scores of 3 or higher
3.9 Average Score
43 AP Scholars
3.69 Average Score
21 AP Scholars with Honor
4.11 Average Score
43 AP Scholars with Distinction
4.41 Average Score

MEAN TEST SCORES – CLASS OF 2026

ACT	Number of Students:	20
	Composite Score:	29.9
SAT	Number of Students:	80
	Evidence-Based	
	Reading and Writing:	646
	Math:	637

CLASS OF 2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

National Merit Scholarship Program

Commended: 11
Finalists: 1

Scholarships

Local Scholarships Awarded: 74

HASTINGS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAM (HASP)

The Hastings Alternative School Program (HASP) is a voluntary alternative “school within a school” at Hastings High School. It seeks to provide an enriched education for every student in a family atmosphere with an emphasis on learning and success. HASP offers English and Social Studies classes across all four grade levels in addition to one Science and one Math class. Fundamental to the program are its cornerstones, which include the student court, field trips, an accountability point system, a mentoring program, small class sizes (fewer than 10 students per class), and bi-monthly community meetings.

CURRICULUM

COURSE ENROLLMENT

Hastings High School follows an open enrollment policy for Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Students may enroll in any Honors or AP course, with no limit on the number taken each year, provided they meet the prerequisite requirements outlined in the Program of Studies. While AP courses are open to all qualified students, they are typically taken during the junior and senior years, reflecting the district's recommended curriculum sequence and ensuring students have a strong academic foundation before undertaking college-level coursework.

PROGRAM	COURSES/ELECTIVES	HONORS/COLLEGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT
English	English 9, English 10, American Literature 11, English 12, Building a Better Bookshelf – Literacy in the 21st Century, Creating Writing, Facing Ourselves, Journalism, Revealing Women, Speak for Yourself: The Art of Communication, TV & Digital Media Broadcasting, Cracking the Case: Detectives in Film and Literature, Film Studies I & II	Eastern Perspectives on Global Events Honors (Grades 10-12) (first offered in 2026-2027 school year) American Literature Honors (Grade 11) SUPA English: Advanced Writing and Literary Theory (Grade 12) AP English: Literature and Composition (Grade 12)
Social Studies	World History I & II, US History 11, Economics, Anthropological Perspectives, Criminal Justice in America, Psychology for You, Trial Law, Modern Middle Eastern History, The Power of Protest: The History of Social Reform Movements in the US, Arts Perspectives, Contemporary Politics, Women History and the World, Two Americas, Sociology, Peer Leadership 9, Peer Leadership 12	SUPA College Learning Strategies SUPA United States History (Grade 11) AP United States History (Grade 11) AP European History (Grade 12) AP Macroeconomics (Grade 12) AP Psychology (Grade 12)
Mathematics	Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Principles of Geometry (formerly Math 2), Geometry, Principles of Algebra 2 (formerly Math 3), Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Data Analysis, The Visual Beauty of Mathematics, Financial Algebra, JAVA Programming	Geometry Honors Algebra 2 Honors AP Precalculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science Principles AP Statistics
Science	8 th Grade: Earth and Space Sciences taken for high school credit Biology with Laboratory, Chemistry with Laboratory, Physics with Laboratory, Chemistry in Context, Culinary Chemistry, Deep Space Astronomy, Diseases and Society, Introduction to Forensic Science, Material Science & Nanotechnology, Genetics, Anatomy & Physiology, Robotics	Project Lead the Way (PLTW): Introduction to Engineering Design (RIT) Science Research- 3-year sequence (SUNY Albany) (Class of 2027 follows a 2-year sequence) AP Biology with Laboratory AP Chemistry with Laboratory AP Environmental Science with Laboratory AP Physics 1 with Laboratory AP Physics C: Mechanics with Laboratory
World Languages	French I (8th grade), French II, French III Latin I, Latin II Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV, Spanish Conversation and Culture through Film, Cultures of Latin America, Spanish for Heritage Speakers	French IV Honors (SUNY Albany) French V Honors (SUNY Albany) Latin III Honors (SUNY Albany) Latin IV Honors (SUNY Albany) Spanish IV Honors (SUNY Albany) Spanish V Honors (SUNY Albany)
Art (Fine Arts)	Studio Art, Darkroom Photography I & II, Digital Photography I & II, Portfolio Development I & II, Drawing & Painting, Digital Studio Art (formerly Media Arts), Animation, Ceramics I, II, & III, Creative Construction I & II, Illustration, Yearbook, Sewing: Construction & Design I & II, Sculpture I & II, 2-D Video Game Design	Advanced Media Arts AP Art & Design
Music (Performing Arts)	Chorus, Band, Orchestra, Music Theory, Recording Technology, Jazz Band	AP Music Theory
PE Health Leadership	Physical Education 9-12 Health (typically offered in 10 th grade) Community Service	

CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

(Colleges in bold indicate that at least one member of the Class of 2026 currently attends that college or university)

American University Amsterdam University College (1) Arizona State University-Tempe Auburn University Bard College Barnard College (1) Bates College Bath Spa University Bennington College Binghamton University (11) Blackburn College Boston University Bryant University California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo Campbell University Canisius University Case Western Reserve University Champlain College Chapman University City of London College Claremont McKenna College (1) Clark University (1) Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Colgate University (1) College of Charleston (1) Colorado State University Columbia University (1) Concordia University (1) Connecticut College Cornell University (2) CUNY Baruch College CUNY City College of New York CUNY Hunter College (1) Dalhousie University DePaul University Drexel University Duke University (2) Durham University East Carolina University Elon University (1) Emerson College (1) Fairfield University (1) Fashion Institute of Tech. (2) Ferris State University Florida Institute of Technology Florida International University Florida Southern College Fordham University Georgia Institute of Technology Goldsmiths University of London Goucher College Hartwick College High Point University Hofstra University Howard University Indiana University (1) Iona University Ithaca College James Madison University	Keene State College Kent State University Keuka College (1) King's College King's College London (1) Kingston University (1) Lafayette College (1) Lehigh University Leiden University College The Hauge London College of Fashion Long Island University Post Long Island University Riverhead Loyola Marymount University Lynn University Manhattan University (1) Manhattanville University Marist University Maryland Institute College of Art (1) Marywood University McGill University (3) McMaster University Mercy University (1) Miami Dade College (1) Michigan State University Morgan State University Muhlenberg College (1) New England College New York Institute of Technology New York University (1) Nichols College Northeastern University (1) Ohio Northern University Ohio University (1) Pace University (1) Pennsylvania State University (2) Plymouth State University Pratt Institute Purdue University Queen Mary University of London Queen's University Kingston Quinnipiac University Reed College (1) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rice University (1) Rochester Institute of Technology (1) Rollins College Rutgers University-Camden Rutgers University-New Brunswick (1) Sacred Heart University Saint Edward's University (1) San Diego State University Santa Clara University (1) Savannah College of Art and Design Seton Hall University Siena University	Skidmore College (2) SOAS (University of London) St. John Fisher University St. John's University St. Thomas Aquinas College Stetson University Stony Brook University (1) SUNY Brockport SUNY Buffalo State SUNY College of Tech. at Alfred (2) SUNY College of Tech. at Delhi SUNY Cortland (1) SUNY ESF SUNY Farmingdale State College SUNY Fredonia SUNY Geneseo (1) SUNY New Paltz (1) SUNY Oneonta (2) SUNY Oswego SUNY Plattsburgh SUNY Polytechnic Institute SUNY Potsdam SUNY Purchase College (1) SUNY Rockland CC (1) SUNY Westchester CC (2) Syracuse University Temple University Texas Christian University (1) The Catholic University of America (1) The College of New Jersey The George Washington University (1) The New School The Ohio State University The University of Alabama The University of Arizona The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1) The University of North Carolina at Charlotte The University of North Carolina at Greensboro The University of Scranton (1) The University of Tampa (1) The University of Tennessee (1) The University of Western Ontario Tufts University (1) Tulane University (1) Union College University at Albany, SUNY (2) University at Buffalo, SUNY (2) University College Maastricht University College Utrecht University of Bristol University of California-Berkeley (1) University of California-Davis University of California-Irvine (1)	University of California-San Diego University of California-Santa Barbara (1) University of California-Santa Cruz University of California-Los Angeles University of Central Florida University of Chicago (1) University of Colorado Boulder University of Colorado Denver University of Connecticut (3) University of Delaware (2) University of Denver University of Edinburgh University of Florida (1) University of Georgia University of Glasgow University of Hartford University of Illinois University of Maine University of Maryland-College Park University of Massachusetts Amherst (1) University of Miami University of Michigan (1) University of Minnesota University of Mississippi University of Mount Saint Vincent University of New Hampshire University of New Haven University of Oregon (1) University of Pennsylvania (1) University of Pittsburgh University of Rhode Island University of Rochester University of South Carolina University of South Florida University of Southern California University of St. Andrews (1) University of the Arts London University of Toronto (2) University of Vermont (2) University of Virginia (1) University of Washington University of Wisconsin (1) University of York Ursinus College Vassar College (2) Vermont State University Villanova University (1) Virginia Tech Wake Forest University Washington University in St. Louis (1) Wesleyan University (2) West Virginia University Widener University Wilkes University William & Mary (1) Worcester Polytechnic Institute
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