Class Ranking Procedure

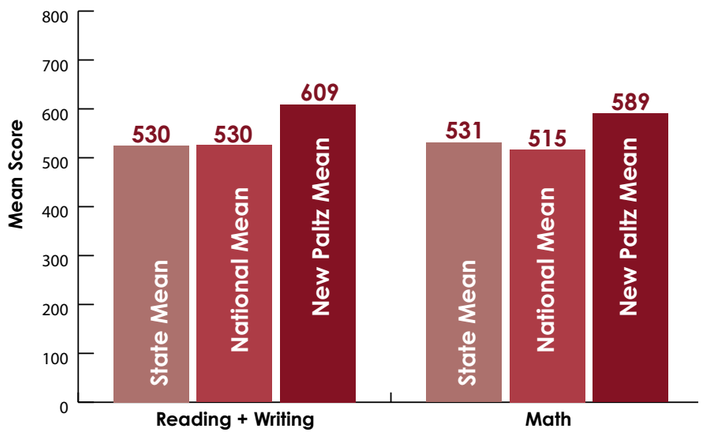
The grade point average (GPA) is determined by adding the grades received in each course and dividing by the number of units attempted. The GPAs are listed in numerical order from highest to lowest. The rank in class is reported numerically, with one being the highest. Letter grades are not converted so are not used in determining rank.

Weighted grades are used to determine overall GPA for college-level and Advanced Placement courses. Full-year courses are weighted 1.06, and half-year courses are weighted 0.53. Individual class grades do not reflect a weighted average.

DIPLOMAS CONFERRED: 2022-2026

NEW PALTZ HIGH SCHOOL	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Regents Diploma	100%	100%	97%	97%	96%
Regents with Career/Tech	11%	20%	17%	18%	18%
Advanced Designation	72%	58%	53%	55%	49%
Advanced Designation with Honors	29%	27%	17%	15%	9%

COMPARISON OF MEAN SAT SCORES: CLASS OF 2026



2026 GRADUATES ATTENDING COLLEGE

The Class of 2026 had 158 graduates.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
2-Year College	28	29	25	17	31
4-Year College	88	101	130	97	102
Total	116	130	155	114	133

Post-Secondary Education

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES CURRENTLY ATTENDED BY NEW PALTZ GRADUATES CLASS OF 2026

Amherst College
Brooklyn College
Clark University
Coastal Carolina University
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY Hunter College
Dutchess Community College
East Stroudsburg University
Fordham College
George Washington University
Hobart and William Smith College
Howard University
Ithaca College
Johnson and Wales
Lafayette College
Leslie University
Lincoln Tech
Marist University
Mercy College
Michigan State University
Montclair State University
Montana State University
Mount Saint Mary College
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Orange County Community College
Penn State University (University Park)
Point Park University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
St. John's College, NM
St. Lawrence University
Salisbury University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Springfield College
Suffolk University
Sullivan County Community College
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Canton
SUNY Cortland
SUNY ESF
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Maritime
SUNY Niagara's Culinary Institute
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego



SUNY Polytechnic
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Schenectady
SUNY Ulster Community College
Syracuse University
University of Albany
University at Buffalo
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Kansas
University of Maine at Augusta
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Miami
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Vermont
Utica University
Virginia Tech

PROFILE 2026~2027

NEW PALTZ HIGH SCHOOL

Caring, Connecting & Making a Difference!



Mission

The New Paltz Central School District exists for the children of the community. The focus of its programs and activities is the commitment to measured excellence and continuous growth and development for all.

Vision

Our school community – students, staff, families, and community members – are citizens of the world, passionate about learning, and empowered to achieve their dreams.

District Goals

- **Focus on learning and success for all.**
- **Create a cohesive and inclusive culture pre-K~12, across buildings and departments.**
- **Empower and create success.**

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2026 Achievements

- **4** National Merit Scholarship Commended Students
- **40** Seniors who earned the Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma
- **41** Seniors who earned the Seal of Civic Readiness
- **395** AP exams taken by NPHS students; 83% received a score of 3 or higher above average
- **273** New York State Public High School Athletic Association scholar athletes
- **17** NPHS Regional Scholastic Art Award winners
- **5** All State New York State School Music Association finalist and alternates

The School

New Paltz High School serves 598 students in Grades 9-12. Our current senior class has an enrollment of 164 seniors. There are 64 full- and part-time members on the professional staff. The faculty is actively involved in the development and refinement of the instructional programs. A commitment to quality instruction and learning is supported by our mission to become a community of learners, with an emphasis on mutual respect and responsibility where all students realize their potential. Our school community—students, staff, families, and community members—are citizens of the world, passionate about learning and empowered to achieve their dreams. We believe that education is a partnership between the school and the community, and that this partnership is dependent upon continued dialogue and communication.

The District

The New Paltz Central School District offers a wealth of programs and activities to prepare students for a global society while nurturing their social, emotional, and artistic, as well as academic, needs and interests. New Paltz is rich in economic diversity, with apple orchards and high technology existing side by side. Located midway between Albany and New York City, the District has easy access to a variety of cultural, arts, and outdoor activities. New Paltz is often referred to as a "college town" because the State University of New York at New Paltz—with internationally known scholars and artists on faculty—is located in our historic village.

Graduation Requirements

REGENTS DIPLOMA REQUIRED COURSES	
English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Language other than English (LOTE)	1
Art/Music	1
Health	.5
Physical Education	2
Electives	3.5
TOTAL	22

To become a graduate of a New York State public high school, a minimum of 22 units of credit is required, including four units of English, four units of social studies, three units of science, three units of mathematics, one-half unit of health, one unit of art or music, one unit of language other than English (LOTE), and two units of physical education along with the New York State Regents Exams or their equivalent.

The Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation requires all of the above, plus two additional years of a language other than English (LOTE) with an additional Regents exam in math, a language other than English (LOTE), and science.

Course Offerings

The High School offers 38 college-level courses ***(shown in italics)*** to give students a head start on their post-secondary education. Students can choose from 16 Advanced Placement ***(AP)*** classes, two world language classes through SUNY New Paltz, Collegian classes within Business, English, Social Studies, and Music through SUNY Ulster, a University of Albany science research program, and a pre-engineering curriculum through Project Lead the Way. In addition, the High School provides a full range of sports and co-curricular activities, as well as a television studio.



ENGLISH

AP English Language
AP English Literature
English 101
English 102
English 12
English Language & Composition
English 9, 10
Creative Writing
Identity Studies
Exploratory Issues
Greek Mythology
Journalism 1 & 2
English Literature
Public Speaking
Science Fiction/Fantasy
The Art of the Film
The Drama

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP American History
AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP European History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Psychology
Economics
Global History 9, 10 Regents
Participation in Government
Psychology
Sociology
Introduction to Sociology Soc 101
U.S. History and Government Regents
Post WWII America as "Pop Culture"
Social Studies 12
Human Rights
Cultural Anthropology
Black History 1 & 2
Women's History 1 & 2

MATH

AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science
Algebra 1
Algebra A
Geometry
Geometry A
Algebra 2
Algebra 2A
College Algebra
Introduction to Calculus
Computer Science 1 & 2
Statistics

SCIENCE

AP Environmental Science
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
Physics 101/102
Science Research (SUNY Albany)
Life Science: Biology
Chemistry Regents
Earth & Space Science
Science 9 Transition
Horticulture
Oceanography
Forensic Science
Anatomy & Physiology
Field Biology

WORLD LANGUAGES

UHS Spanish 4, 5, 6 (SUNY New Paltz)
Spanish 1, 2, 3

MUSIC

Hybrid College/Community Band
Intensive Seminar - Small instrument Band
Band Seminar
Choir
Music Theory
Music in History & Pop Culture
Voice
African Drumming

ART

AP Studio Art
Creative Crafts
Drawing and Painting
Advanced Drawing & Painting
Introduction to Film and Media Arts: Digital Photography FMA 158
Studio Art
Studio in Ceramics
Advanced Ceramics
Studio in Photography
Studio in Sculpture

BUSINESS

Accounting
Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
Keyboarding
Personal Finance
Sport Management
Introduction to Marketing

TECHNOLOGY

Intro to Digital Media Arts
Graphic Design & Animation
Film & Video Production
Keyboarding
Advanced Film & Video Production

FAMILY/CONSUMER SCIENCES

Fashion Design
Nutrition and Food Prep
Culture & Foods
Gourmet Foods
Child Development
The Development of Children HFS 202
Housing/Interior Design
Career Life Prep (LP9)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

Lifetime Wellness
Health Education
Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12
Sports Medicine

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PRE-ENGINEERING THROUGH ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY [RIT])

Introduction to Engineering Design
Civil Engineering and Architecture
Engineering Design & Development
Digital Electronics

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

BOCES Alternative High School
Career & Technical Center
Vocational Program
New Visions Career Exploration
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
Independent Study Programs
P-Tech (Hudson Valley Pathways Academy)

WORK BASED LEARNING

Work Based Learning 1
Work Based Learning 2

College-level Courses

AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP American History
AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP European History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Psychology
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science
AP Environmental Science
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Studio Art
American History 1 & 2
College Algebra
English 101
English 102
Hybrid College/Community Band
Intensive Seminar - Small instrument
Physics 101/102
Western Civ II
Science Research (SUNY Albany)
UHS Spanish 4 (SUNY New Paltz)
UHS Spanish 5 (SUNY New Paltz)
UHS Spanish 6 (SUNY New Paltz)
Introduction to Engineering Design (RIT)
Civil Engineering and Architecture (RIT)
Engineering Design & Development (RIT)
Accounting (SUNY Ulster)
Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management (SUNY Ulster)
Digital Electronics
The Development of Children HFS 202
Introduction to Sociology Soc 101
Introduction to film and Media Arts: Digital Photography FMA 158