ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

MAHWAH HIGH SCHOOL

Connecting Classrooms to Careers

2026-2027



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Mahwah High School



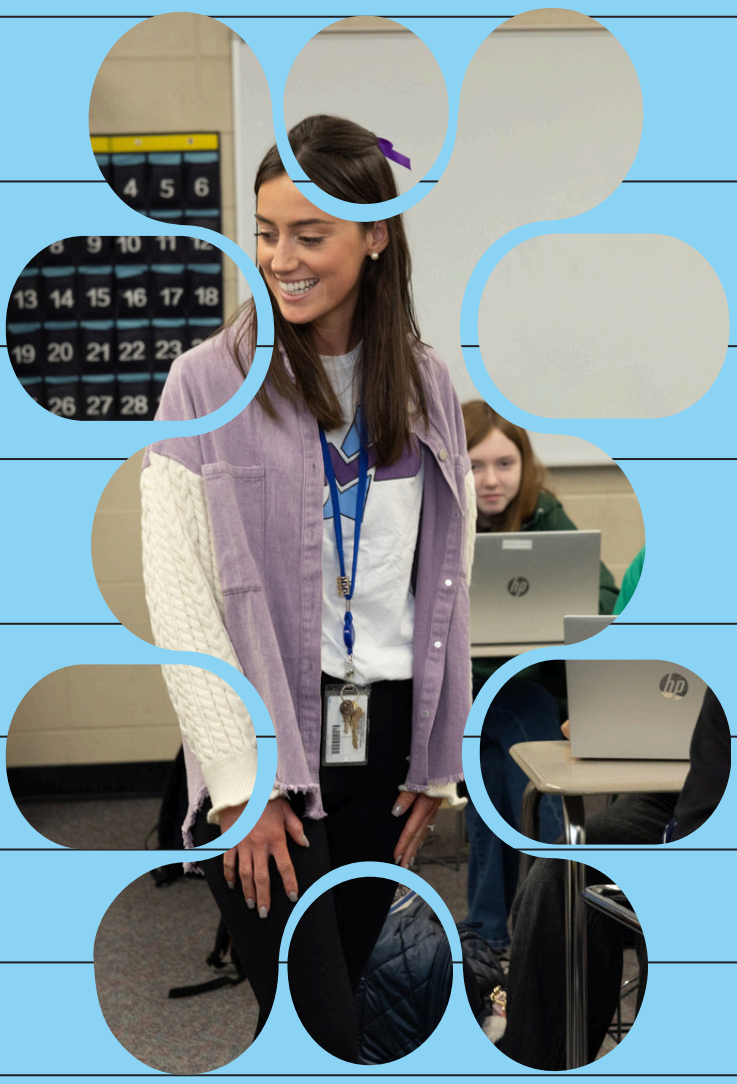








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Program of Studies

Thank you for choosing Mahwah HS!

Mahwah High School offers a comprehensive, 21st century skills-based program of studies. This program of studies is a reference guide for students, parents, and school personnel actively involved in curriculum planning at Mahwah High School. It is a complete guide of current course offerings at Mahwah High School. Each department has described its specific course offerings, highlighting the chief components of each course, as well as prerequisites for enrollment.

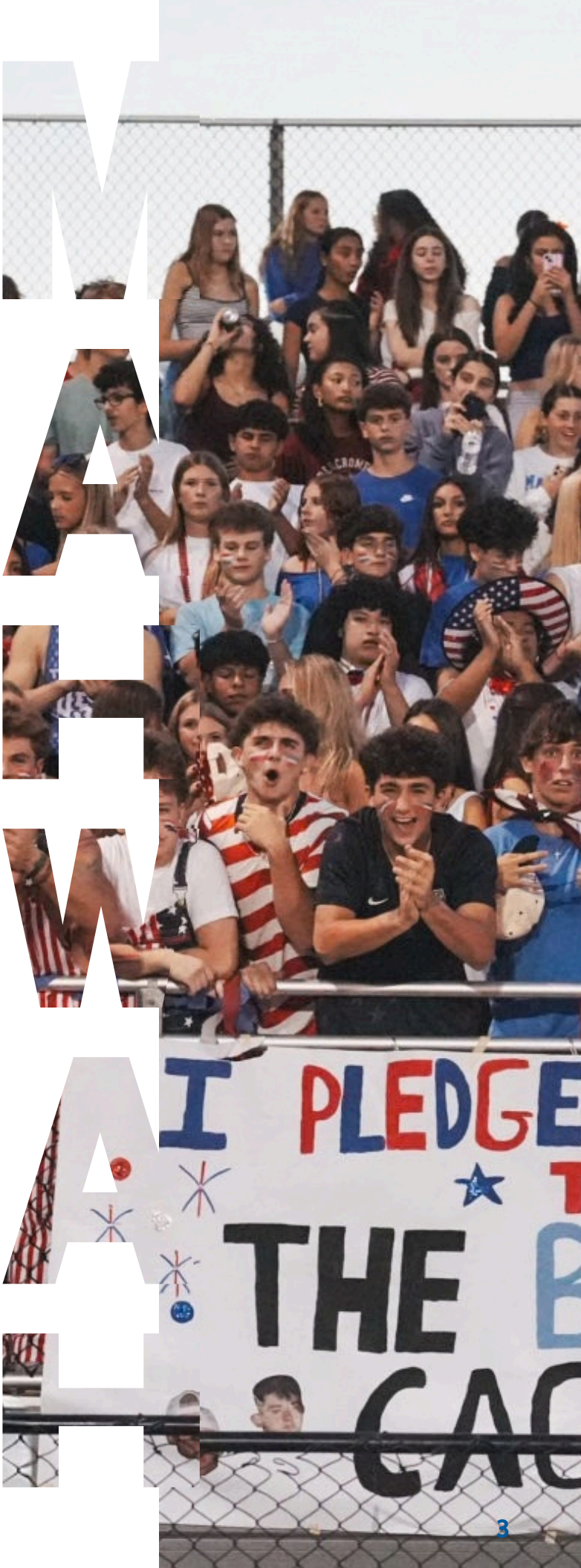
Planning an individual student's high school program of studies demands a cooperative effort between home and school. The program of studies that a student pursues in high school should reflect his or her career pathway, achievements, and aptitudes. Our course offerings provide students with many opportunities to meet their individual educational needs. Beyond state, district, college and career requirements, the students are encouraged to select courses that will be academically stimulating and personally enriching. It is imperative when selecting courses, to consult with parents, counselors, and teachers, each of whom can help provide insight and guidance in developing an academic plan that is appropriate for each student.

Final decisions regarding the actual offerings of any particular course for the upcoming school year depend upon enrollment, class size, and staffing availability. While we are committed to providing a diverse academic program based upon interest for each student, not all courses listed in this program of studies are guaranteed to be offered every school year, nor are students guaranteed enrollment in a specific class.

We are so eager to embark on this exciting academic journey with you and your family. If you have any questions about scheduling or course requirements, please reach out to your school counselor.

Program of Studies

Course Sequence



Ready for Take Off

New Courses For 2027-2028



AP Seminar

Ever thought about how social media impacts teen mental health? Do you think rules around college sports should be changed? In AP Seminar, you choose what real-world or academic topics to investigate. AP Seminar teaches you how to find and use evidence from experts, and how to present the case from your own perspective effectively, both through writing and multimedia presentations.

AP Business with Personal Finance

AP Business with Personal Finance is an introductory, college-level business and personal finance course. Students explore the business disciplines of entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, accounting, and management through real-world business application, case studies, and project-based learning. In addition, students learn and apply all of the National Standards for Personal Financial Education created by the Council for Economic Education and the Jump$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.





AP Cybersecurity

AP Cybersecurity trains students in the field and aligns closely with standard first-year collegiate cybersecurity courses. Students explore in depth defense strategies and learn to address specific vulnerabilities, attacks, mitigations, and detection measures across a variety of domains, including physical spaces, computer networks, devices, applications, and data. Developed in partnership with college faculty and industry leaders, this yearlong course aligns with the NICE Workforce Framework.

Earn an Employer-Endorsed Credential

By taking AP Business with Personal Finance and Cybersecurity courses and completing the AP Career Kickstart Exam, you can turn what you know into college credit and a credential that demonstrates your skills to employers. Developed in collaboration with industry leaders, AP Career Kickstart credentials help prepare you for what's next—whether that's an apprenticeship, a two- or four-year degree program, or a career.





Soar Ahead: Earn College Credit at MHS

Why wait until college to start earning college credit? Mahwah High School offers **34 courses** that allow students to earn both MHS and college credit through partnerships with seven colleges and universities. Last year, 121 students earned college credits across 184 course enrollments, giving them a valuable head start on their college journey—while still right here at Mahwah!

DUAL ENROLLMENT AND COLLEGE EXPERIENCE PARTNERS

Fairleigh Dickinson University — Fortiter et Suaviter

Seton Hall University — 1856

NJIT New Jersey Institute of Technology

Thomas Aquinas College — Fides Quaerens Intellectum

Saint Elizabeth University

Bergen Community College — 1965

Ramapo College of New Jersey

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses	Years of Study	Credits
English	4	20
Social Studies (World History, US History 1 & US History 2)	3	15
Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2) [Three years of mathematics level courses must be completed while enrolled in high school.]	3	15
Science (Core: Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3	18
World Language (two consecutive years of the same language)	2	10
Physical Education/Health/Driver Education	4 (During each year of enrollment)	16-20
Visual or Performing Arts (Art, Music, Drama, Dance)	1	5
21st century life and careers, or career and technical education, media arts (Practical Arts)	1	5
Financial Literacy	0.5 (Semester)	2.5
Freshman Advisory	1	1
Electives	4	22.5
Total Credits		125

While these are the **minimum requirements** for earning a diploma, students are encouraged to challenge themselves and pursue a rigorous course of study. Please see your school counselor for guidance on course options and planning.

TYPICAL COURSE PATTERN

The following is the typical course-taking pattern for a student enrolled in the district. Specific courses to be taken will be determined in consultation with the student, parent(s), and the school counselor.

Courses	Freshmen	Sophmore	Junior	Senior
1	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
2	World History	US History 1	US History 2	Social Studies Elective
3	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
4	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Science Elective
5	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
6	Visual, Performing, or Practical Arts	Visual, Performing, or Practical Arts	Financial Literacy	Elective
7	PE/Health 9	PE/Driver's Ed	PE/Health 11	PE/Health 12
8	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
9	Freshman Advisory			



SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULE

Student: Michelle Mahwah		Grade: 12	Prospective Pathway: Engineering and Technology (STEAM)	
Time Block	**Day 1**	**Day 2**	**Day 3**	**Day 4**
0	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir
1	AP Psych	AP Calculus BC	Physical Education	AP Chemistry
2	AP Calculus BC	Physical Education	AP Chemistry	AP Psych
3	Physical Education	AP Chemistry	AP Psych	AP Calculus BC
Unit Lunch				
4	Senior Off Campus Study Hall	AP Computer Science	Honors Spanish 5	AP Literature
5	AP Computer Science	Honors Spanish 5	AP Literature	Senior Off Campus Study Hall
6	Honors Spanish 5	AP Literature	Senior Off Campus Study Hall	AP Computer Science

PUT YOUR LEARNING TO WORK

THUNDERBIRD EXTERNSHIP & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

At Mahwah, students gain practical experience by applying what they learn in the classroom alongside industry leaders who challenge their thinking, support their growth, and invest in their success. Through our externship and internship experiences, students explore careers, build meaningful connections, develop valuable skills, and gain firsthand insight into the world beyond the classroom.

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Pruthviraj Patel, Class of 2028
Engineering & Technology Pathway

CAREER PATHWAYS

What's your flight path?

Mahwah High School's Career Pathways elective program provides opportunities for students to design an educational program aligned with their possible post-secondary college and career interests.

We are excited to offer eight Career Pathways that are comprised of sequenced elective course concentrations:

- Business Administration
- Biotechnology Research and Health Sciences
- Engineering and Technology
- Government and Social Sciences
- Information and Computer Science Technology
- Performing and Communication Arts
- Technical, Career, and Community
- Visual and Integrated Design

“My internship with the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce gave me hands on experience in outreach, marketing, and website design. This work pushed me to apply what I'd learned in the classroom to real business challenges. It confirmed my interest in entrepreneurship and gave me a clearer picture of what it takes to build and grow a business.”

Amolak Khurana, Class of 2027



Students may select their rigorous required curricula and elective courses to build a concentration of courses that form an academic plan that not only match students' interests, and fulfill graduation requirements, but also align to post-secondary goals.

Students may elect to follow a pathway and are not locked into one pathway during their time at Mahwah High School. Students may select any course as long as they meet all requirements and prerequisites.

Pathways provide students with the opportunity to self-direct a customized learning experience, and capitalize on school and community opportunities for personal interest, post-secondary education, and careers. The purpose of the Career Pathway Endorsement is to certify that a student has accomplished deep learning in a chosen area of interest by actively pursuing experiences in a pathway that combines academic study, co-curricular application of skills, and community-based learning experiences. A Career Pathway Endorsement recognizes that a student has actively chosen a series of learning experiences in a pathway and persisted in engaging with and mastering the content.

A Career Pathway Endorsement adds value to the high school diploma by:

- signaling to employers, colleges, universities, training programs, and the military that a student has completed a comprehensive, in-depth, and applied course of study in a specialized area;
- cultivating transferable work habits including self-reflection, self-direction, and perseverance through purposeful and meaningful planning of learning experiences;
- promoting engagement, effectiveness, and growth by allowing for choice in how, when, and in what ways students learn and demonstrate learning; and
- supporting learning opportunities that are diverse, rigorous, and connected to the world outside of the school

Amolak Khurana | Class of 2027 | Business Administration Career Pathway

Amolak is gaining valuable real-world experience as an intern with the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce, connecting classroom learning with hands-on business experience.



CAREER PATHWAY ELECTIVES

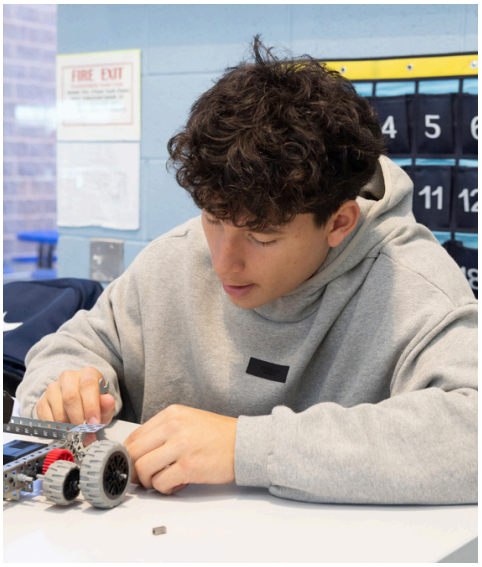
Mahwah High School offers 98 elective courses in Science Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, World Language, Business and the Humanities!

VISUAL AND INTEGRATED DESIGN

- Advanced Woodworking/Furniture Design
- Advanced Interior and Architectural Design
- Animation
- AP Art History
- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP 3-Dimensional Design
- Ceramics & Sculpture
- Computer Modeling
- Digital Photography
- Digital Media
- Advanced Digital Media
- Graphic Design
- Honors 2D Portfolio Development
- Honors 3D Portfolio Development
- Independent Study in Woodworking/Furniture Design
- Interior and Architectural Design
- Intermediate Woodworking/ Furniture Design
- Intro to Woodworking/Furniture Design
- Level 4 or Higher Language
- Painting and Drawing
- Technology and Engineering Principles
- Visual Arts

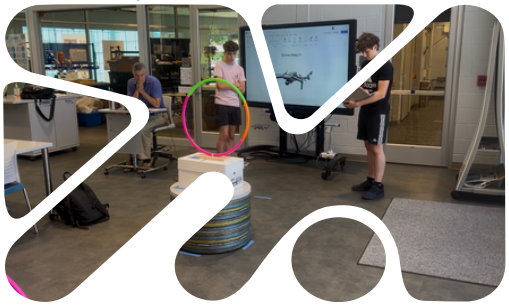






ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

- Advanced Interior & Architectural Design
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Statistics
- Computer Modeling
- Computer Programming and Design
- Entrepreneurship
- Honors Community Problem Solving
- Honors Future Problem Solving
- Honors STEAM Capstone: Research/Internship
- Honors STEAM: Design & Research Statistics
- Humanoid Robotics
- Interior & Architectural Design
- T^3 Innovations & Inventions
- Technology & Engineering Principles





INFORMATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

- Animation
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Statistics
- Computer Modeling
- Computer Programming & Design
- Data Structures
- Honors Community Problem Solving
- Honors Future Problem Solving
- Honors STEAM Capstone: Research/Internship
- Humanoid Robotics
- Interior & Architectural Design
- Statistics
- T^3 Innovations and Inventions
- Tech & Engineering Principles



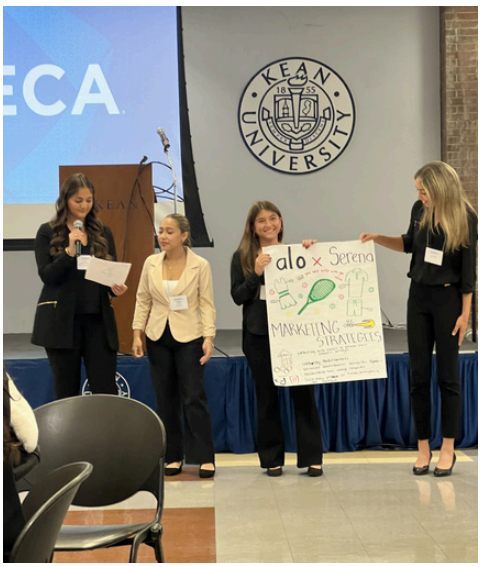
BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND HEALTH SCIENCE

- Anatomy and Physiology
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Calculus AB or BC
- AP Psychology or Practical Psychology
- AP Statistics
- Biotech Engineering
- Computer Programming & Design
- Computer Modeling
- Environmental Science
- Forensic Science
- Honors Community Problem Solving
- Honors Future Problem Solving
- Honors Sociology
- Honors STEAM Capstone: Research/Internship
- Honors STEAM Design & Research
- Marketing & Advertising
- Mindfulness, Resilience, & Wellness
- Statistics
- Technology & Engineering Principles
- T^3 Innovations & Inventions



GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- AP Art History
- AP Economics
- AP European History
- AP Government and Politics
- AP Psychology
- Business and Personal Law
- Contemporary Issues
- Economics for 21st Century
- Education as a Career
- Effective Communication
- Film: Historical Perspectives
- Honors Community Problem Solving
- Honors Future Problem Solving
- Honors Sociology
- Practical Psychology
- Racism, Genocide, and the Holocaust
- Student Government Assoc. (Option 2)
- The Big History Project



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Accounting 1
- AP Economics
- AP Statistics
- Business and Personal Law
- Digital Photography
- Economics for the 21st Century
- Effective Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Fundamentals of Investing
- Graphic Design
- Honors Accounting II
- Honors Community Problem Solving
- Honors Future Problem Solving
- Honors Marketing
- Honors Sociology
- International Business
- Marketing & Advertising
- Social Media in Business
- Sports and Entertainment
- Management
- Statistics
- Writing: Creatively & Technically



TECHNICAL, CAREER, AND COMMUNITY

- Advanced Woodworking/Furniture Design
- Bergen County Technical Schools AM/PM
- Broadcast Journalism
- Community Based Instruction (CBI)
- Community Service (MHS)
- Crossroads Life Skills Program
- Digital Media
- Advanced Digital Media
- Education as a Career
- Independent Study
- Introduction to Woodworking & Furniture Design
- Intermediate Woodworking/Furniture Design
- Option 2 and other approved programs
- Peer Leaders
- Student Government Assoc. (Option 2)
- Technology & Engineering Principles
- Transition Planning

PERFORMING AND COMMUNICATION ARTS



PERFORMING ARTS

- Choir 9
- Jazz Band 9
- Marching Band & Color Guard 9
- String Orchestra 9
- Symphonic Band 9
- Choir 10
- Jazz Band 10
- Marching Band & Color Guard 10
- String Orchestra 10
- Symphonic Band 10
- Choir 11
- Jazz Band 11
- Marching Band & Color Guard 11
- String Orchestra 11
- Symphonic Band 11
- Choir 12
- Jazz Band 12
- Marching Band & Color Guard 12
- String Orchestra 12
- Symphonic Band 12





PERFORMING AND COMMUNICATION ARTS





COMMUNICATION ARTS

- Adv. Play Production (12)
- Animation
- AP Chinese/French/Spanish Language & Culture (12)
- AP Music Theory
- Broadcast Journalism
- CPE/Honors Chinese/French/Span
- Digital Film Production
- Digital Media
- Digital Photography
- Discover Identity Through Contemporary Young Adult Literature
- Education as a Career
- Effective Communication
- Elements of Advanced Acting
- Evolution of American Music
- Film as Literature
- Film: Historical Perspectives
- Graphic Design
- Honors Community Problem Solving
- Honors Future Problem Solving
- Journalism
- Music Theory
- Newspaper (Option 2)
- Play Production
- Theater Arts Fundamentals
- Visual Arts
- Writing: Creatively and Technically
- Yearbook (Option 2)

THANK YOU!
Thunderbird CAREER PARTNERS



Become a Career Partner Today!

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MAHWAH HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE 2026-27



COMMUNITY

Mahwah is a suburban town in Northern Bergen County, New Jersey (population 25,890), approximately 25 miles from metropolitan New York City. Known as "Bergen County's Parkland," it is the northernmost and largest municpality in Bergen County, covering over 26 square miles. Mahwah is ideally located in the foothills of the picturesque Ramapo Mountains, intersected by the Ramapo River, and bordered by the towns of Upper Saddle River, Ramsey, Allendale, Wyckoff and Franklin Lakes in New Jersey and Ramapo and Suffern in New York. The Ramapough Mountain Indians were the original inhabitants of Mahwah and now number approximately 5,000 people living around the Ramapo Mountains of northern New Jersey and southern New York.

The name Mahwah is derived from the Lenni Lenape *mawewi*, which means, ***"a place where people and paths meet."*** Last year, MHS was ranked by Niche as the #9 Best Public High School and #17 Best High School for STEM in Bergen County, as well as #43 in the Best Public High Schools in New Jersey for 2025. US News and World Report also listed Mahwah HS #11 in Bergen County Public Schools, 51 st in NJ public high schools, #140 in New York Metro Area high schools, and #301 in STEM high schools nationally. Mahwah School District's commitment to providing a robust integrative STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) education program is recognized by the International Technology and Engineering Education Association's (ITEEA) STEM Center for Teaching and Learning™ as an ITEEA STEM School of Excellence for the 2024- 2025 school year.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The MHS Habitat for Humanity Chapter raised approximately $57,000 toward a newly built home in Bergen County
- Our district is a Future Ready School District; and 2025-26 ITEEA STEM School of Excellence
- 258 Athletes earned Minds in Motion for the 2025-26 school year (students earned high honor roll and varsity letter)
- 3 National Merit Finalists and 7 commended students in the Class of 2026
- 75 students completed our Internship/Externship Program
- 53 students earned the NJ Seal of Biliteracy in the 2025-26 school year
- The Symphonic Band and String Orchestra both earned Gold Ratings in regional competitions. Eight members of the Concert Choir and one String Orchestra student were selected for the 2026-2027 All-State Choruses and All-State Orchestra. Six music students traveled and performed in Europe last summer with the American Music Abroad Red Tour, representing our school and community.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MICHAEL DETURO, ED.D.

PRINCIPAL: DANIELLE WOOD

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:
CRAIG JANDOLI & MICHAEL MCCABE

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL COUNSELING:
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SCHOOL COUNSELORS:
MEGAN BEATTY - EXT. 2316
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STACY MANDEL - EXT. 2317

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS:
NANCY MARIANI - EXT. 2311
DENISE WRIGHT - EXT. 2312

POST GRADUATION PLANS

	2026	2025	2024
Total Seniors	223	205	226
4 Year Colleges	83%	83%	82%
2 Year Colleges	10%	10%	7%
Career Education/Postgrad	2%	3%	4%
Other (Employment, Military, etc.)	4%	4%	7%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Years	Credits
English	4	20
Mathematics	3	15
Social Studies	3	15
Science	3	18
World Language	2	10
Phys. Ed/Driver Ed/Health	4	16-20
Performing/Visual Arts	1	5
21st Century Career & Life Skills	1	5
Financial Literacy	0.5	2.5
Total		**125**

GPA WEIGHTING AND VALUES

GPA Values

Letter Grade	Numerical Range	GPA Value
A	90-100	4
B	80-89	3
C	70-79	2
D	65-69	1
F	Below 65	0

Course Weighting

Course Type	Weight
AP	10
Honors	8
Academic & Elective	3
Basic & Elective	0

OUR SCHOOL

School: Mahwah High School is a four-year high school (grades 9-12). Three Elementary schools (preK-3), one intermediate school (4-5), and one middle school feed directly into the district's only high school. Our current student enrollment is 770 (206 Seniors).

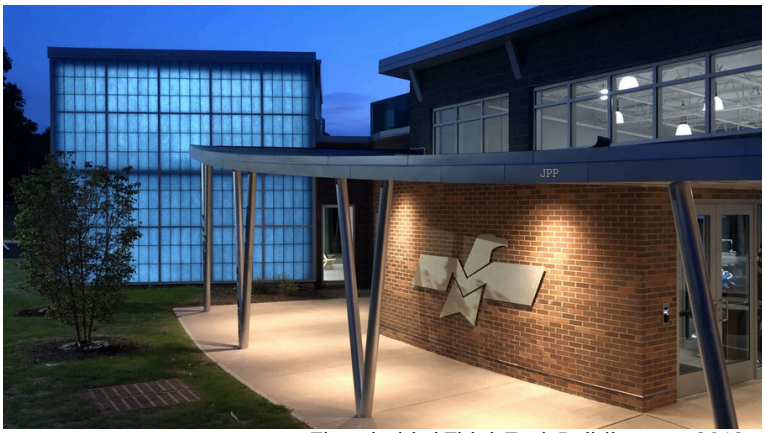
Faculty: The professional staff is comprised of 116 Members. Four full-time counselors and one student assistance counselor support students in academic, social-emotional, and college & career matters.

Grading & Ranking: Mahwah High School uses a numerical grading system; the lowest passing grade is 65. Given the rigorous nature of the curriculum and highly motivated student body, Mahwah High School does not rank students.

College Level Courses: Twenty-four Advanced Placement, thirty-three honors, and thirty-four dual enrollment courses are offered.

Curriculum: Mahwah High School has a four-day rotating schedule and fifty-five-minute classes. All students are scheduled for eight courses, six of which meet daily. No study halls are permitted in grades 9-11, and only one is allowed in grade 12. All students must complete a total of 125 credits and show proficiency in mathematics and Language Arts Literacy to earn a state-endorsed diploma. There are numerous elective course offerings in business, world languages, industrial arts technology, performing and visual arts.

Course Offerings: Course descriptions can be found on our website and at the link MHS Program of Studies 26-27



Thunderbird Think Tank Building, est. 2019

AP TEST RESULTS

- **200** Students took **530** exams in **23** academic subjects in May 2026
- **94%** of the students scored 3 or better
- **AP Scholar**: 24 Students (3.82 avg score)
- **AP Scholar with Honor**: 20 Students (3.98 avg score)
- **AP Scholar with Distinction**: 55 Students (4.31 avg score)
- AP Courses are offered in 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades

AP Exam	Total Exams	Average Score
2-D Art & Design	3	3
3-D Art & Design	3	4
Biology	37	3.6
Calculus AB	33	3.7
Calculus BC	27	4.9
Chemistry	12	3.1
Chinese	1	5
Comp Sci A	15	3.5
Drawing	3	5
English Language	43	4.4
English Literature	56	4.1
European History	23	3.9

AP Exam	Total Exams	Average Score
French Language & Culture	11	2.4
Macroeconomics	23	3.6
Microeconomics	23	3.7
Music Theory	5	4.8
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	17	2.9
Physics C: Mechanics	17	3.6
Psychology	74	4
Spanish Language & Culture	17	4.2
Statistics	33	4.1
US Government & Politics	17	4.8
US History	36	4.3

SAT AVERAGES

2025-26	Mahwah HS	New Jersey	Nation
Total Score	1188	1080	1045
Math	596	538	515
Reading & Writing	592	542	530

ACT AVERAGES

Year	Composite	Math	English	Reading	Science
2026	25	26	24	25	22
2025	25	25	25	25	24



POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS - CLASS OF 2026

The Seniors in the MHS Class of 2026 are attending 90 different colleges and universities in 27 states across the country.

Bard College	Drexel University	Kean University	Penn State University	Southern Methodist	The Ohio State University	University of Scranton
Bergen Community College	East Carolina University	Loyola University Maryland	Pratt Institute	St. Bonaventure University	University of Alabama	University of South Carolina
Binghamton University	Endicott College	Lycoming College	Quinnipiac University	St. John's University (NY)	University of Colorado (Boulder)	University of South Florida
Boston University	Fairfield University	Lynn University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Connecticut	University of Tampa
Brandeis University	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Marist University	Rensselaer Polytechnic	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Delaware	University of Tennessee
Brigham Young University	Fordham University	Middlebury College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Stony Brook University	University of Florida	University of Washington
William Paterson University	George Washington	Montclair State University	Rowan University	SUNY Fashion Institute of	University of Maryland	University of Wisconsin
Centenary University	Georgia Tech	NJ Institute of Technology	Rutgers University	SUNY Purchase College	University of Massachusetts	Villanova University
Clemson University	Hamilton College	New York Institute of Technology	Sacred Heart University	SUNY Rockland Community	University of Miami	Virginia Tech
Colby College	High Point University	New York University	Saint Michael's College	Susquehanna University	University of Michigan	Wilkes University
College of Charleston	Iowa State University	Northeastern University	San Diego State University	Syracuse University	University of Mississippi	
College of the Holy Cross	Ithaca College	Pace University (New York City)	Savannah College of Art and Design	Temple University	University of New Haven	
Columbia University	James Madison University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Seton Hall University	The College of New Jersey	University of Rhode Island	

CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM

MAHWAH HIGH SCHOOL CAREER PATHWAY ENDORSEMENT program provides opportunities for students to design an educational program aligned with their potential post-secondary college and career interests. Students have the option to select from the following 8 Career Pathways:

- **Business Administration**
- **Government & Social Sciences**
- **Performing & Communication Arts**
- **STEAM Biotechnology Research and Health Sciences**
- **STEAM Engineering & Technology**
- **STEAM Information & Computer Science Technology**
- **STEAM Visual & Integrated Design**
- **Technical, Career & Community**

Students are eligible to earn a career pathway endorsement if they have successfully completed three components: 15 credits of academic study, co-curricular application of skills, and a community-based internship/externship experience. Endoresements can be found on a student's transcript. Last year, 55 students graduated with a Career Pathway Endorsement on their transcript.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

MHS offers 34 courses that qualify for MHS and college credit from 7 different colleges/universities.

Where Passion Meets Performance

Inspiring Excellence Through Sound, Expression, and Community

Mahwah's Music Program has a long-standing tradition of excellence, offering students diverse opportunities in band, orchestra, and choir. Through large and small ensembles, individual lessons, and performances, students grow artistically and socially. With a focus on process over product, we emphasize individual development through quality instruction, creativity, and community.

Course Offerings:
Symphonic Band • Jazz Band • Marching Band • String Orchestra • Concert Choir • Lessons • Music Theory • Evolution of American Music • AP Music Theory

9 Performing Arts Groups

1 Gold rated Symphonic Band	**1** Gold rated Orchestra	**1** Gold rated Marching Band
19 Bergen County Band & Chorus Members	**7** NJ All State Chorus & Orchestra Members	**12** North Jersey Region 1 Band, Chorus, and Orchestra members









GET INVOLVED
AND GO FURTHER!

With 52 clubs and organizations, Mahwah High School offers countless ways for students to personalize their high school experience, discover new interests, and become an active part of the school community. Mahwah's co-curricular offerings include 34 clubs, 6 honor societies, 8 performing arts groups, and 4 publications, providing students with a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom.

Students have opportunities to lead clubs, organize events, support meaningful causes, develop new skills, and build lasting connections with their peers. Getting involved is more than adding an activity to your résumé—it's about discovering your interests, finding your voice, and becoming an active part of the Mahwah community.

Find something that inspires you. Get involved. Make an impact.

Co-Curricular Information





More than Academics

Pride & Spirit Through Athletics

The Mahwah School District is committed to providing a dynamic co-curricular program that serves as a vital component of the overall learning experience for students. As an integral part of the educational program, athletics offer "real life" experiences, providing unique opportunities for students to learn valuable lessons including: the value of competition, learning to win with grace and lose with dignity, the importance of setting goals and developing plans to achieve those goals, and commitment to excellence and continuous improvement. Additionally, athletics help to instill essential values in students, including discipline, teamwork, dedication, responsibility, fairness, and trustworthiness. Through participation in the Mahwah athletic program, students will build a healthy self-concept and a healthy body and mind that will serve them well in all aspects of their lives.

Athletic Information



27
Varsity Sports

12:1
Average Coach to Athlete Ratio

21
Student Athletes earned 3 varsity letters 25/26

133
All Conference Honors in 25/26

258
Scholar Athletes in 25/26

133
College Athletes Since 2017

Thunderbird/*noun*

An individual with pride, who leads with heart, and soars with spirit.

Where Thunderbirds Soar – and Championships Follow



203 League Championships

73 Sectional Championships

6 Team State Championships

27 County Championships

7 Individual State Championships

Pride & Spirit Through Athletics and Activities

Clubs & Activities **33**

Publications **4**

Honor Societies **6**

THUNDERBIRDS IN FLIGHT



J.J. Sass is a 2008 Mahwah High School graduate and professional investor with experience across private equity, venture capital, hedge funds, credit, and special situations. He holds degrees from Notre Dame and Columbia University and now lives in South Florida with his wife, Cristina (MHS '08), and their two sons, George and James.



Jae S. Lim, Class of 1968, MIT Electrical Engineering Professor and holder of 40 patents in advanced TV systems and signal compression.



Kyle Teel, Class of 2020, was drafted 14th overall by the Boston Red Sox and now plays for the Chicago White Sox.

ONCE A THUNDERBIRD... ALWAYS A THUNDERBIRD

Thunderbird Alumni Network

Stay Connected. Stay Involved. Stay Mahwah.

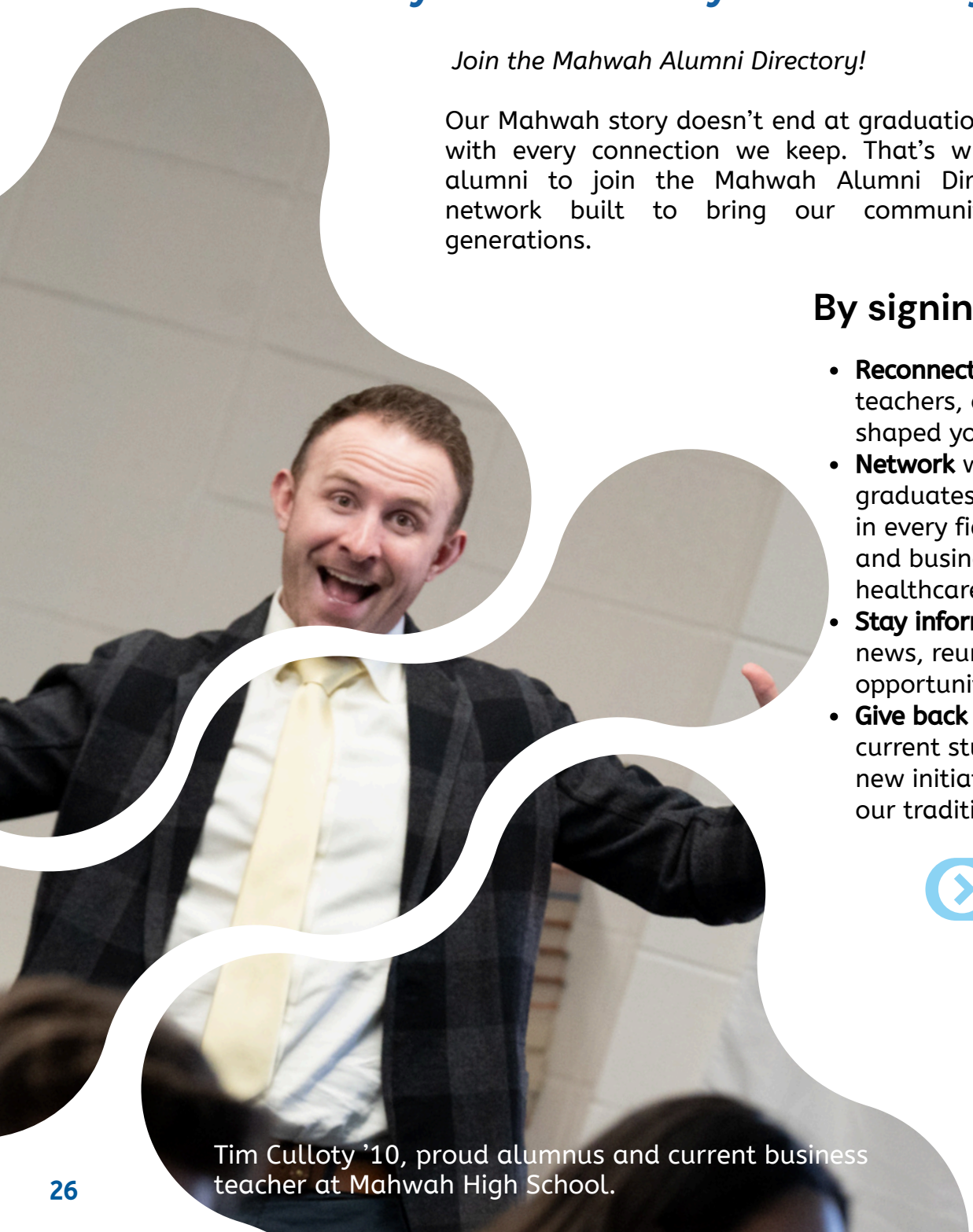
Join the Mahwah Alumni Directory!

Our Mahwah story doesn't end at graduation – it grows stronger with every connection we keep. That's why we're inviting all alumni to join the Mahwah Alumni Directory, an exclusive network built to bring our community together across generations.

By signing up, you'll:

- **Reconnect** with classmates, teachers, and teammates who shaped your journey.
- **Network** with fellow graduates making an impact in every field – from education and business to technology, healthcare, and the arts.
- **Stay informed** about Mahwah news, reunions, volunteer opportunities, and events.
- **Give back** by mentoring current students or supporting new initiatives that continue our tradition of excellence.

JOIN NOW



Tim Culloty '10, proud alumnus and current business teacher at Mahwah High School.



Mahwah Excellence

67-Year	Tradition of Academic Excellence, Athletic Distinction, and Community Service
Awarded	2025-2026 ITEEA STEM School of Excellence; Future Ready School District
68.6-Acre	Campus with 2 Academic Buildings; 1 Athletic Building; 5 Athletic fields; and 2 Tennis Courts
116	Certified Staff Members; 9:1 Teacher-Student Ratio
1:1	Hewlett Packard ProBook 440 G11 Touch Screen
8	Academic Career Elective Pathways Open to All Students
216	Courses Offered, With All Instruction on Campus
24	Advanced Placement Courses; 93.3% (194/208 Students) scored 3 or above
34	Dual Enrollment courses Through 7 Colleges/Universities
17+	Option Two Programs to earn credit outside the traditional brick and mortar school.
15+	Visual and Media Arts Courses
60+	Two New Programs: Thunderbird Externship: Career Pathway Exploration & Job Shadowing & Thunderbird Internship: Career & Academic Internships (Work-based Learning Experience)
60+	Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities
27	Varsity Level Sports as well as Freshman and JV Levels
100	Concert Band Members; 51 Marching Band Members
67	Choir Members
54	Orchestra members
4	Theater Arts Courses; 2 Theatrical Performances Each Year
100%	Advance to four-year colleges/Universities, community colleges, technical and trade schools, military service, or employment

Class of 2026



8

Thunderbird Platinum Scholars

90% or higher in all courses, every year, for four years

97%

of Graduates moving on to Post Secondary Education

83.4% were accepted to 4 year colleges

1226

College Acceptances

Out of 1998 applications our students submitted to 350 different Colleges in 24 states and Canada.

3

College Board National Merit Finalist

7 College Board Commended Students

171

Career Pathways

171 seniors were enrolled in a career pathway; 55 earned endorsement, while 52 seniors earned an average of 6+ college credits over 4 years, totaling 474 credits as a class!

30

Presidential Education Recipients

Students have a GPA of 90 or higher, SAT score of 675 in both math & reading or an ACT score of 30 or higher

53

Seal of Bi-Literacy Recipients

Proficiency in English and a second language

116

Advanced Placement Scores

113 seniors participated in AP Courses. Seniors scored a 3 or higher on 274 exams out of 317 Exams taken (86.4%)

99

Advanced Placement Scholars

29 AP Scholars, 20 AP Scholars with Honors, 55 AP Scholars with distinction.

$9,991,300 scholarship dollars earned!

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