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 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:
JAMES G. O'HARA - EXT. 2310

SCHOOL COUNSELORS:
MEGAN BEATTY - EXT. 2316
BRIAN GREGSON - EXT. 2315
RAYHAN JALIL - EXT. 2314
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	Numeric al 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

CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM

MAHWAH HIGH SCHOOL CAREER PATHWAY ENDORSEMENT

The Career Pathways 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 on their transcript if they have successfully completed three components:

- 15 credits of academic study
- a co-curricular application of skills
- a community-based internship/externship experience.

Endorsements can be found on a student's transcript. Last year, 55 students graduated with a Career Pathway Endorsement on their transcript.



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	

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

DUAL ENROLLMENT

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