

Class Of 2008 Profile

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THE COMMUNITIES

The suburban towns of Allendale, Upper Saddle River, Ho-Ho-Kus and Saddle River are located 20 miles from New York City. Residents are employed primarily in executive, professional, and managerial positions. Northern Highlands is the hub of activity for our students; it serves as both an academic and social community.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION OF FACULTY

B.A.	33
B.A. plus 30	1
M.A.	58
M.A. plus 30	18
M.A. plus 60	23
Ph.D./Psy.D./Ed.D./J.D.	4

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Northern Highlands Regional High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school that addresses the needs of all of its students and has as its chief emphasis preparation for education beyond high school. Current school population is 1276 with 315 students enrolled in the 12th grade.

ACCREDITATION

New Jersey State Department of Education.

GPA DISTRIBUTION

Northern Highlands does not rank.

GPA is cumulative and comprises final grades from all courses, including Physical Education/Health (courses designated Pass/Fail are not included). Northern Highlands uses a differential weighting system. Courses labeled Honors receive an additional .5 of a quality point, and Advanced Placement, 1 additional point. These weights are used solely for the purpose of computing a Grade Point Average (GPA). A 7th semester GPA is forwarded to colleges on the mid-year report.

P = Pass F = Fail F/W = Fail (Withdrawn) M = Medical

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR CLASS OF 2007 (313 Graduates)

	(Number)	(Percentage)
4 year colleges	291	93.0%
2 year colleges	9	2.8%
Totals	300	95.8%

(Among 313 graduates, 300 will be attending college.)

GPA QUALITY POINTS

COURSE LEVEL				
Grades		Reg.	Hon.	AP
97 – 100	A+	4.3	4.8	5.3
93 – 96	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90 – 92	A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87 – 89	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83 – 86	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
80 – 82	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77 – 79	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73 – 76	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
70 – 72	C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
67 – 69	D+	1.3	1.8	2.3
63 – 66	D	1.0	1.5	2.0
60 – 62	D-	0.7	1.2	1.7
59/below	F	0	0	0

CURRICULUM

Northern Highlands has a four-day rotating schedule. Students are scheduled for eight courses, six of which meet daily. This schedule provides longer segments of time (57 minute periods) to engage in higher-order thinking and performance-based learning. Our program of study is designed to serve the interests and needs of all students. To receive a Northern Highlands Regional High School diploma, all students must pass the New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment, and earn a minimum of 125 credits including: 4 years of English and a semester-long freshman course in rhetoric; 1 year of World History/Cultures; 2 years of United States History; 3 years of Mathematics; 3 years of Science; 2 years of World Languages; 2 years of Career Education & Consumer, Family, and Life Skills - one semester of which is Computer Applications; 2 years of Visual and Performing Arts; and a year of Physical Education and/or Health for each year a student is in attendance at Northern Highlands.

Elective offerings in Visual and Performing Arts include: all art and music classes, Acting I, Actors' Workshop, Creative Writing I and II, Journalism, TV Production I and II, and Film Studies. Semester courses include: Digital Multimedia, Web Page Design, Mass Communications, Introduction to TV and Film, and Public Speaking. Year-long elective offerings in Family and Life Skills include: Business, Computer classes, Industrial Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences. Semester courses include Digital Multimedia and Web Page Design (applicable to EITHER Visual and Performing Arts requirements OR Family and Life Skills), Personal Finance & Investment, Entrepreneurship, and Financial Management & Accounting.

Presently, there are 37 Honors courses -- two of which are Syracuse University Honors Project Advance classes -- and 17 Advanced Placement courses in: English Language, U.S. History, European History, U.S. Government and Politics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics and Probability, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, Spanish, Latin, Economics Macro, Art History, Studio Art, and Music Theory. Starting with the class of 2009, sophomores who have an A or higher in a freshman honors class may take one AP class; seniors and juniors may take 1-5 classes each year. Seniors also have the opportunity to take a Syracuse University course in either Forensics or Writing Studio and Reading Interpretation. Although very few Highlanders take a study, those students who concurrently take two lab sciences must have a study.

ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

After a year of English 9 and a semester of the freshman writing seminar, students complete the remaining three years of English by selecting CP, Honors, or AP courses, along with elective and semester-long enrichment courses.

COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP
CP Literature /Individual CP Literature/Society CP Modern Fiction CP American Literature	Hon American Literature Hon Modern Fiction Hon Brit Literature Hon Humanities *Hon Writing Studio* and *Hon Reading Interpretation	AP English (Grade 12 only)
*Syracuse University's Project Advance course		

SOCIAL STUDIES

After a year of World History/Cultures, students concentrate on a chronological study of United States History by selecting either CP, Honors, or AP courses, along with elective and semester-long enrichment courses

COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP
CP World Hist/Cult (Gr 9) CP U.S. History I, II	Hon U.S. History I, II Hon Amer Studies Hon Model U.N.	AP U.S. History AP European History AP U.S. Government and Politics

MATHEMATICS

Over four years, students select their program from mathematics courses grouped on four levels:

GENERAL	INTERMEDIATE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS/AP
Concepts/Alg Concepts/Geom Applied Math Algebra I Business Math	Alg I Geometry Algebra II Adv Alg/Trig	CP Alg I CP Geometry CP Alg II/Trig CP Pre-Calculus CP Discrete Math	Hon Alg II/Trig Hon Geometry Hon Pre-Calc Hon Calculus AP Stat/Prob AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC

WORLD LANGUAGES

Students have the opportunity to study languages on several levels. Spanish, Italian and Latin are offered for those students with no previous World Languages background. Beginning courses focus on practical communication skills, while enriched courses are accelerated. Students who begin high school with courses labeled either CP II or IIE have already had a minimum of two years in that language.

LATIN	CP Latin I	Hon Latin II, III, IV AP Latin
FRENCH	CP French II, III, IV French IIE	Hon French III, IV, V (A & B)* AP French
SPANISH	Spanish I, II, III, IV CP Spanish II, III, IV Spanish IIE	Hon Spanish III, IV, V (A & B)* AP Spanish
ITALIAN	CP Italian I, II, III, IV	Hon Italian III, IV
*Hon French V (A) and Hon. Spanish V (A) are most rigorous.		

SCIENCE

Students take lab-science classes on three different levels (along with both electives and semester classes).

INTERMEDIATE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS/AP
Physics Human Biology Chemistry	CP Physics CP Chemistry CP Biology Astronomy Sports Med/Anatomy	Hon Physics Hon Chemistry Hon Biology *Hon Forensic Science AP Physics AP Chemistry AP Biology Hon Anat & Physiology
*Syracuse University's Project Advance course		

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Northern Highlands offers over 40 award-winning co-curricular activities and clubs: vocal and instrumental music, drama, musicals, Marching Band, Color Guard, math and science clubs, Environmental Awareness, Quiz Bowl, and more. Northern Highlands also offers a wide range of intramural sports. Our top-ranked athletic program has 15 sports for boys and 17 sports for girls. Eighty-five percent of our students participate in one or more of Highlands' extracurricular activities.

ACADEMIC AND TESTING STATISTICS

(Based on information gathered as of July 2007)

GPA BREAKDOWN FOR THE CLASS OF 2008 AS OF JULY 2007 (307 STUDENTS) DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES BASED ON SIX SEMESTERS

GPA RANGES	4.01 & above	4.00-3.51	3.50-3.01	3.00-2.51	2.50-2.01	2.00-1.03
# Students (307 as of 7/07)	45	75	88	63	31	5
% of Class	14.7%	24.4%	28.7%	20.5%	10.1%	1.6%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASS OF 2007

Of 313 graduates in the class of 2007, 95.8% (300) are attending college. The acceptance breakdown according to Barron's 26th edition of competitive ratings follows:

Total: 313	Most	Highly	Very	Competitive	Less/Non-Comp	Special	2 year	Not rated by Barron's
ACCEPTED	169	334	355	242	25	18	9	11
ATTENDING	63 (20%)	85 (27.1%)	77 (24.6%)	46 (14.7%)	8 (2.6%)	9 (2.9%)	9 (2.9%)	3 (1%)

Note: 72% of 313 students are attending **Most, Highly** and **Very Competitive** Schools.

SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST RESULTS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2006 & 2007

SAT I RESULTS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2006 & 2007

SAT I MEAN SCORES 2006		TOTAL 2006	SAT I MEAN SCORES 2007		TOTAL 2007
Male (168)	Fem (173)	341	Male (170)	Fem (155)	325
CR 548	CR 554	551	CR 561	CR 551	556
M 585	M 568	576	M 597	M 557	577
WR 556	WR 573	565	WR 569	WR 575	572

2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007 COMBINED CRITICAL READING & MATH MEAN SCORES

	Northern Highlands	New Jersey	Nation
2003	1152	1016	1026
2004	1156	1015	1026
2005	1149	1020	1028
2006	1127	1011	1018
2007	1134	1005	1017

SAT II SUBJECT TESTS MEAN SCORES 2005, 2006, & 2007

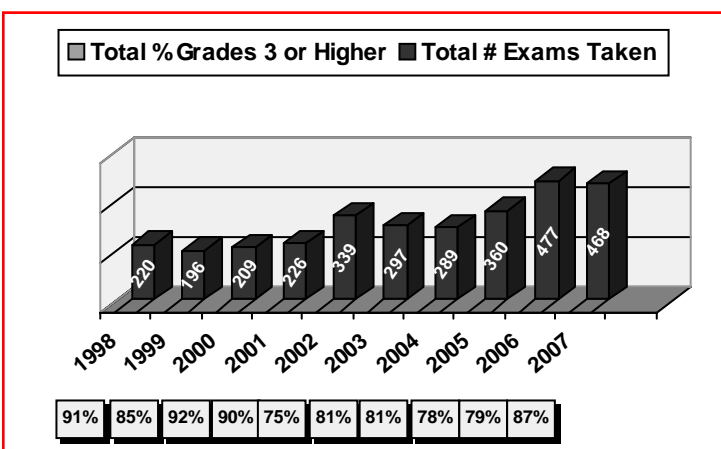
	2005	2006	2007
English Literature	585	608	589
U.S. History	619	644	646
Biology E	614	614	726
Biology M	594	685	676
Chemistry	--	606	668
French Language	--	591	--
Physics	721	677	610
Math Level I C	621	631	663
Math Level II C	697	699	710
Spanish Language	575	603	603

Mean scores are reported only when there are 5 or more test takers.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM - DISTRIBUTION OF 2007 AP TEST RESULTS

AP courses are offered in junior and senior years. (Starting with the class of 2009, AP courses will be offered in sophomore year.) Eligibility requirements include: prerequisite courses, grades, proficiency testing, and/or teacher recommendation. In May 2007, 239 students sat for 468 exams in 22 subjects (some of which are not offered as AP courses at Northern Highlands); 87% scored 3 or above.

MAY 2007 – A.P. GRADES 3 OR HIGHER



AP TESTS	SCORES			Total Tests Administered
	5	4	3	
Art History	1	4	4	15
Biology	8	14	2	30
Calculus AB	2	9	8	36
Calculus BC	8	8	5	21
Chemistry	5	4	3	16
Economics: Macro	33	22	7	64
Eng. Language/Comp	15	16	10	41
English Literature	1	1	4	6
European History	12	15	15	43
French Lang	0	1	7	11
Government/Politics - US	6	12	16	43
Music Theory	6	2	3	12
Physics B	2	5	4	13
Spanish Lang	12	13	1	28
Statistics	1	4	7	18
Studio Art Drawing	1	0	3	5
Studio Art 2D Design	0	3	3	7
U.S. History	16	27	11	55

Colleges That Accepted Highlands Students for 2007

(Numbers indicate the number of students accepted at each college)

Academy of Art University	1	Emerson College	2	Michigan State University	2	Salisbury University	1
Albright College	2	Emory University	4	University of Michigan	10	Salve Regina University	6
Allegheny College	2	Endicott College	1	Middlebury College	2	San Diego State University	1
American University	13	Eugene Lang College	1	University of Missouri/Kansas City	1	University of San Diego	1
Amherst College	1	Fairfield University	11	Monmouth University	12	San Francisco Art Institute	1
Arcadia University	4	Fairleigh Dickinson University	4	Montclair State University	16	University of San Francisco	1
Arizona State University	3	Felician College	3	Moravian College	1	Santa Clara University	1
The University of Arizona	8	Five Towns College	1	Mount Saint Mary College	1	Savannah College/Art & Design	1
University of the Arts	2	Florida State University	4	Muhlenberg College	4	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	1
Auburn University	1	Fordham University	13	Nazareth College of Rochester	1	School of Visual Arts	2
Babson College	3	Franklin Pierce College	1	New England Cons. of Music	1	The University of Scranton	11
Barnard College	1	Friends University	1	University of New Hampshire	1	Seton Hall University	7
Baruch College of the CUNY	2	George Mason University	1	University of New Haven	2	Siena College	5
Baylor University	1	George Washington University	12	New Jersey City University	2	Skidmore College	1
Bentley College	5	Georgetown University	3	New Jersey Institute of Technology	4	Slippery Rock University of PA	1
Bergen Community College	9	Georgia Institute of Technology	3	The College of New Jersey	14	Sonoma State University	1
Berkeley College of NJ	1	University of Georgia	2	New York Institute of Technology	2	University of South Carolina	9
Berklee College of Music	2	Gettysburg College	3	New York University	20	University of South Florida	1
Binghamton University	5	Gordon College	1	Niagara University	1	University of Southern California	4
Bloomsburg Univ/Pennsylvania	7	Goucher College	1	University of NC/Chapel Hill	1	Southern New Hampshire Univ.	1
Boston College	26	Hamilton College	3	University of NC/Charlotte	1	Springfield College	1
Boston University	17	Hampshire College	1	University of NC/Greensboro	1	St. John's University	4
Brandeis University	1	University of Hartford	16	North Carolina State University	3	College of St. Joseph	1
Briarcliffe College	1	Hartwick College	1	Northeastern University	10	St. Lawrence University	1
Brooklyn College of the CUNY	2	Harvard University	7	Northwestern University	6	St. Thomas Aquinas College	4
Brown University	2	Hofstra University	1	Nova Southeastern University	1	State University of NY/Albany	2
Bryant University	3	Houghton College	1	Oberlin College	1	Stetson University	2
Bucknell University	3	Hunter College of the CUNY	1	The Ohio State University	3	Stevens Institute of Technology	7
Caldwell College	3	University of IL/Urban-Champaign	9	Old Dominion University	2	Stonehill College	3
University of CA/Berkeley	1	Illinois Institute of Technology	1	University of Oregon	2	Suffolk University	1
University of CA/Los Angeles	1	Indiana University/Bloomington	6	Pace University/New York City	6	SUNY College/Old Westbury	1
University of CA/San Diego	1	Institute of Audio Research	1	Pace University/Pleas-Briar	1	SUNY College/Oneonta	1
University of CA/Santa Barbara	2	Iona College	4	Pennsylvania College/Art & Des	1	SUNY/Stony Brook	3
California University of PA	2	Ithaca College	15	Penn State/Altoona	1	Susquehanna University	2
Canisius College	1	James Madison University	10	Penn State/University Park	33	Syracuse University	14
Carnegie Mellon University	3	John Jay/Criminal Justice/CUNY	1	University of Pennsylvania	2	Tallahassee Community College	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	Johns Hopkins University	3	Pepperdine University	1	The University of Tampa	1
The Catholic University of America	3	Johnson & Wales University	7	University of Pittsburgh	4	Temple University	7
Cedarville University	1	The Juilliard School	1	Point Park University	1	Texas A&M University	2
Central Connecticut State University	1	Keuka College	1	Post University	1	The Capri Institute	1
University of Central Florida	3	Kutztown University	4	Pratt Institute	2	Towson University	2
Champlain College	1	La Salle University	3	Providence College	2	Trinity College	1
College of Charleston	1	Laboratory Inst. of Merchandising	2	Purchase College	1	Trinity University	1
Chestnut Hill College	1	Lafayette College	6	Purdue University	4	Tufts University	3
University of Chicago	3	Lasell College	1	Quinnipiac University	8	Tulane University	3
University of Cincinnati	1	Le Moyne College	1	Ramapo College of New Jersey	11	Union College	6
Clark University	3	Lehigh University	10	Randolph-Macon College	1	Ursinus College	1
Clarkson University	1	LeTourneau University	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	4	Vanderbilt University	3
Clemson University	8	Lock Haven University of PA	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Vermont	13
Coastal Carolina University	1	LIU/Brooklyn Campus	1	University of Rhode Island	18	Villanova University	9
Colgate University	4	LIU/C.W. Post Campus	2	Rice University	1	Virginia Commonwealth Univ	4
University of Colorado at Boulder	5	Loyola College in Maryland	18	Richard Stockton College	3	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	2
Columbia University	1	Loyola University Chicago	1	University of Richmond	9	University of Virginia	5
Connecticut College	3	Loyola University New Orleans	1	Rider University	11	Wagner College	1
University of Connecticut	18	Lynchburg College	1	Roberts Wesleyan College	1	Wake Forest University	5
Cornell University	7	Lynn University	4	Rochester Institute of Technology	10	Washington and Lee University	1
County College of Morris	1	Manhattan College	9	University of Rochester	1	Washington University/St. Louis	5
The Culinary Institute of America	1	Manhattan School of Music	2	Rockland Community College	1	University of Washington	2
Curry College	1	Manhattanville College	2	Roger Williams University	3	Wellesley College	1
Dartmouth College	2	Mannes College of Music	1	Rowan University	8	Wesley College	1
Davis & Elkins College	1	Marist College	13	Rutgers/Camden/Arts & Sciences	1	West Chester University/PA	4
Delaware Valley College	1	Maryland Institute College of Art	1	Rutgers/New Brunswick/Engr	6	West Virginia University	6
University of Delaware	30	University of MD/College Park	19	Rutgers/Mason Gross	2	Western Connecticut State Univ.	1
Dickinson College	1	Marymount Manhattan College	4	Rutgers/New Brunswick/Nursing	1	Wheaton College	1
Dominican College of Blauvelt	1	University of MA/Amherst	19	Rutgers/New Brunswick/Art/Sci	37	Widener University	2
Drew University	1	University of MA/Boston	1	Rutgers/New Brunswick/Env/Bio	7	College of William and Mary	3
Drexel University	10	University of MA/Dartmouth	1	Rutgers/Newark	1	William Paterson University	15
Duke University	4	McGill University	1	Rutgers/Newark/Arts & Sciences	3	Williams College	3
East Carolina University	2	McKendree College	1	Rutgers/Newark/Bus & MGT	3	University of Wisconsin/Madison	9
East Stroudsburg University	2	Mercy College	1	Sacred Heart University	9	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Elizabethtown College	1	Messiah College	1	Saint Joseph College	1	Yale University	1
Elmira College	1	Miami University of Ohio	2	Saint Joseph's University	9	York College	1
Elon University	2	University of Miami	11	Saint Peter's College	1	York College of Pennsylvania	1

