

# JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

## 2018-2019 SCHOOL PROFILE

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

#### District

Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery  
Central School District

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### COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District is located in the heart of the Hudson River Valley and draws students from Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery, West Point, and the community of Garrison. Adjacent to the United States Military Academy at West Point and 50 miles from New York City, the district offers a tremendous opportunity for cultural enrichment and highly competitive academics. Diversity broadens the educational experience at James I. O'Neill High School as local populations are interspersed with the children of military personnel from around the world who are stationed at the United States Military Academy.

James I. O'Neill High School is a comprehensive senior high school (Grades 9-12) of 506 students with our current senior class numbering 119. James I. O'Neill High School was recognized as a NYS Rewards School and was ranked in the J. Matthews Most Challenging High Schools.

### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

- All students are required to take four years of English. These courses emphasize language usage, composition, literary analysis, speaking and listening. Honors English is offered to grades 9-11. Seniors have the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement Literature, Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) English, SUPA Writing, English 12R or English 12-RISE (a full-year course in which students pursue a college-preparatory writing and reading curriculum for a semester and design individualized projects in the form of intensive research, internships or artistic/performance-based projects during the second semester.) Students must pass the English Regents Exam to graduate.
- Mathematics courses are geared to match students' abilities varying from Algebra to AP Calculus AB. All students must pass one NYS Math Regents exam and take 3 years of Math to graduate. Advanced courses include Geometry Honors, Algebra II Honors, Pre Calculus Honors, AP Calculus AB, SUPA Finance and AP Computer Science
- The Science curriculum includes laboratory-based Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Advanced courses include AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics I, and AP Chemistry.
- All students must take four years of Social Studies for a NY State Diploma. SS 9 and 10 comprise a two-year global studies curriculum culminating with a Regents exam. SS 11 offers a traditional study of American history. SS 12 is comprised of 2 semesters of study: Economics and Participation in Government. Advanced courses are available starting sophomore year in AP European History, US History Honors, AP US History, SUPA Public Policy, SUPA Economics, SUPA Psychology and SUPA Sociology.
- Spanish and Chinese are presented at a variety of levels, including college level through Orange County Community College. Advanced courses are only available in Spanish 4 and 5 and Chinese 4 and 5. The first level of a three year sequence of American Sign Language is also available to students.
- The Unified Arts department offers many electives culminating in AP Studio Art. Performing Arts opportunities include Band, Chorus, Select Chorus, Music Theory, Electronic Music, and myriad computer-based programming and graphic-design courses.
- In order to best support students' academic programs, English Skills, HW Center, Social Studies Prep, Algebra Prep, and Resource Room are available. Other programs include the Orange-Ulster BOCES Technical Center.
- The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is a character and leadership development course that is progressive, advancing through four years of increasing levels of responsibility and depth in subject matter.
- To graduate with a Regents Diploma of Advanced Designation in NY State, students must earn a minimum of 22 credits and pass the English Regents, 2 Social Studies Regents exams, 3 Math Regents exams, 2 Science exams and complete 3 years of a Foreign Language. Regents or Local Diplomas require the 22 credits with 5 NY State assessments.
- Staff: James I O'Neill High School has 2 administrators and a faculty of 50. 2 members have Bachelors degrees and 50 have received Masters Degrees.

# CLASS OF 2018 DATA

## FUTURE PLANS

61% 4-year College  
 12% 2-year College  
 5% Other Education  
 10% Work Force  
 3% Military  
 10% Other

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE COURSE ENROLLMENT

APS: 58 seniors sat for 96 exams; 53 juniors sat for 94 exams; 41 sophomores sat for 25 exams in the following subjects: Biology, Calculus A/B, Chemistry, English Literature, Environmental Science, Physics, Studio Art, Music Theory, World History and U.S. History

63% of the scores were 3 or higher

52 students earned Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) credits. 37 Students earned Orange County Comm. Coll. (OCCC) credit.

## TOTAL GRADUATES - 120

### TESTING SCORES (CLASS MEAN AVERAGE)\*

#### SAT RESULTS

	OHS	National**
SAT MEAN	1230	1070
SAT MATH	615	533
SAT READING/ WRITING	615	538

#### ACT RESULTS\*\*

	OHS	State
Composite	25.9	23.8
English	25.6	23.8
Mathematics	24.6	24.0
Reading	26.1	24.6
Science	26.6	23.9

45 students took the ACT

\*This information is summarized for O'Neill HS seniors who took the SAT/ACT at any time during their high school years.

\*\* The data provided by the testing companies are for the 2017-18 academic school year.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

National Merit Letters of Commendation:	2
President's Award for Educational Excellence:	27
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence:	4

## GRADING AND WEIGHTING SYSTEM

A+	98	C+	78	All courses taken in grades 9 through 12 are included in GPA. The final averages on the transcript are NOT weighted.
A	95	C	75	
A-	92	C-	72	
B+	88	D+	68	
B	85	D	65	
B-	82	F	Below 65	

Grades are weighted according to the following guidelines in the calculation of GPA and class rank: AP, SUPA, and OCCC courses have 10% added to the course final average with a maximum grade of 110. Honors (H) courses have 8% added to the final average of the course with a maximum grade of 108. Chemistry R, Physics R, Algebra II/Trigonometry R, Pre-Calculus R, Calculus, Spanish 3R, Chinese 3R, and Advanced Studio Art have 4% added to the final average with a maximum grade of 104.

### DECILE PLACEMENT IN CLASS GPA RELATIONSHIP CLASS OF 2019 (119 STUDENTS)

1st	98.565—103.387	6th	82.588 – 86.916
2nd	96.726—98.562	7th	80.474—82.390
3rd	93.528—96.593	8th	77.404—80.
4th	91.181—93.391	9th	72.481—77.385
5th	87.283—91.071	10th	61.336—71.652

# CLASS OF 2018 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Adelphi University	Fordham University	Pace University	SUNY Fredonia	University of Florida
American University	George Mason University	Pacific Lutheran University	SUNY Geneseo	University of Hartford
Auburn University	George Washington U	Penn College of Technology	SUNY Maritime	University of Kansas
Bard College	Georgia Inst. Of Tech.	Pennsylvania State Univ.	SUNY Morrisville State	University of Maryland
Baylor University	Georgia Military College	Princeton University	SUNY Old Westbury	University of Massachusetts
Brigham Young University	Guilford College	Purdue University	SUNY Oneonta	University of Michigan
Boston University	Hobart & William Smith Col.	Quinnipiac University	SUNY Orange CC	University of Minnesota
California Polytechnic State U	Hofstra University	Rensselaer Polytech. Inst.	SUNY Oswego	University of New England
Calvin College	Hope College	Rochester Inst of Technology	SUNY Plattsburgh	University of North Carolina
Clarkson University	Indiana Wesleyan University	Roger Williams University	SUNY Potsdam	University of Puget Sound
Clemson University	Iona College	Sacred Heart University	SUNY Purchase	University of Rhode Island
Coastal Carolina University	Ithaca College	Seton Hall University	SUNY Rockland CC	University of Rochester
College of Charleston	Johnson & Wales University	Siena College	SUNY Stony Brook	University of South Alabama
Colorado School of Mines	Juniata College	South Dakota State U	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of Tennessee
CUNY Baruch	Kansas State University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Susquehanna University	University of Texas
CUNY Bronx CC	King's College	Suffolk University	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
CUNY City College	Lafayette College	SUNY Albany	Temple University	University of Washington
CUNY Col. of Staten Island	Loyola University Maryland	SUNY Alfred State	Texas A & M University	University of Wisconsin
CUNY Hostos CC	Marist College	SUNY Binghamton	US Air Force Academy	Virginia Commonwealth U
CUNY John Jay	Mercyhurst University	SUNY Brockport	US Mil. Academy -West Point	Washington State University
CUNY Kingsborough CC	Montana State University	SUNY Cobleskill	University of Aberdeen	West Virginia University
CUNY Medgar Evans	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY Cortland	University of Arizona	Worcester Polytechnic U
Drexel University	NJ Institute of Technology	SUNY Delhi	University of Bridgeport	
East Carolina University	NY Institute of Technology	SUNY Dutchess CC	University of California	
East Stroudsburg U of Penn	North Carolina State Univ.	SUNY Envir. Sci. & Forestry	University of Connecticut	
Elon University	Northeastern University	SUNY Farmingdale	University of Colorado	
Emory-Riddle University	Norwich University	SUNY Fashion Institute Tech	University of Delaware	