

JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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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 430 students with our current senior class numbering 117. James I. O'Neill High School was recognized as America's Best High Schools by US News and World Report. Additionally, James I. O'Neill is 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 reading and writing college-preparatory course with a focus on individualized projects in the form of intensive research, internships or artistic/performance-based projects.) Students must pass the English Regents exam to graduate.
- Mathematics courses are geared to match students' abilities varying from HS Math Concepts to AP Calculus BC. 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/BC, and SUPA Personal Finance.
- 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 Government and Economics. Advanced courses are available starting sophomore year in AP European History, US History Honors, AP US History, SUPA Public Policy, SUPA Economics, and AP Seminar. Students can receive the Seal of Civic Readiness: a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset and civic experiences.
- 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. Three levels of American Sign Language is also available to students, and college credit is available through Herkimer Community College.
- 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, Academic Intervention Services (AIS) 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: 2 administrators and a faculty of 50, as well as 3 school counselors and a school social worker. Of the faculty, 49 have received Masters Degrees and 1 has a Doctorate Degree.

CLASS OF 2022 DATA

FUTURE PLANS

59% 4-year College
 15% 2-year College
 7% Military Academy
 2% Other Education
 7% Work Force
 2% Military
 8% Other

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE COURSE

ENROLLMENT

APs: Seniors sat for 89 exams;
 Juniors sat for 92 exams;
 Sophomores sat for 34 exams in
 the following subjects:
 Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus
 BC, Chemistry, Computer
 Science A, Drawing, English
 Literature, Environmental
 Science, European History,
 Physics, Research, Seminar and
 United States History.

68% of the scores were 3 or
 higher

51 students were eligible to earn
 Syracuse University Project
 Advance (SUPA) credits. 28
 Students were eligible to earn
 Orange County Community
 College (OCCC) credits. 6
 students were eligible to earn
 Herkimer Community College
 credits.

TOTAL GRADUATES - 106

TESTING SCORES (CLASS MEAN AVERAGE)*

SAT RESULTS

	OHS	National
SAT MEAN	1200	1010
SAT MATH	590	530
SAT READING/ WRITING	610	480

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

ACHIEVEMENTS

National Merit Scholarship Certificate of Merit	1
National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation	5
President's Award for Educational Excellence	21
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence	4
NYS Comptroller's Student Achievement Award	6
Seal of Bilingual Awards	3

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 will have an extra 5%
 added with a maximum grade of 105. For Honors
 (H) courses an extra 4% will be added with a maxi-
 mum grade of 104. No other courses will be given an
 additional weight.

DECILE PLACEMENT IN CLASS GPA RELATIONSHIP CLASS OF 2023 (117 STUDENTS)

1st	94.699—100.439	6th	85.908—87.225
2nd	93.276—94.694	7th	82.344—85.026
3rd	91.496—93.257	8th	79.026—82.195
4th	90.237—91.401	9th	75.206—78.488
5th	88.082—89.810	10th	58.925—74.338

CLASS of 2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

** self-reported responses

American University of Paris	High Point University	Ohio State University	SUNY Cortland	University of Michigan
Appalachian State U	Indiana University	Oregon State University	SUNY Dutchess CC	University of New England
Auburn University	Iona University	Pace University	SUNY Maritime College	University of New Hampshire
Barnard College	James Madison University	Pennsylvania State U	SUNY Morrisville	University of North Carolina
Barry University	Keene State College	Princeton University	SUNY Orange County CC	University of North Texas
Brigham Young University	Le Moyne College	Quinnipiac University	SUNY Stony Brook U	University of Oklahoma
California State University	Lincoln University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	SUNY University at Albany	University of Oregon
Castleton University	Long Island University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of Rhode Island
Clarkson University	Loyola University Maryland	Salisbury University	Syracuse University	University of Scranton
Clemson University	Maine Maritime Academy	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Temple University	University of Utah
Coastal Carolina University	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Seton Hall University	Texas A & M University	University of West Florida
Colorado School of Mines	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Shippensburg U of Penn	Texas Tech University	Utah Valley University
Cornell University	Mercy College	Siena College	Union College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
CUNY College of Staten Island	Merrimack College	Skidmore College	University College Dublin	Wagner College
D'Youville University	Miami University, Oxford	St. John's University	University of Alabama	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Delaware Valley University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Stonehill College	University of California	Western Connecticut State University
Dominican University	Molloy College	SUNY College at Brockport	University of Central Florida	
East Carolina University	Montclair State University	SUNY College at Oswego	University of Colorado	
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	University of Connecticut	
Florida Atlantic University	Nazareth College	SUNY College of Tech at Delhi	University of Delaware	
Fordham University	North Carolina State U		University of Dubuque	
Georgia Institute of Tech			University of Hawaii	
			University of Maine	
			University of Massachusetts	