

# JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

#### District

Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery  
Central School District

#### Superintendent

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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 437 students with our current senior class numbering 96. 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. Open to 10th and 11th grade students, AP Seminar is the first of two courses for the AP Capstone Diploma, followed by AP Research. Seniors have the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement Literature, Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) English, SUPA Writing, English 12R, Film Studies 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 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, AP Computer Science A and SUPA Personal Finance.
- The Science curriculum includes laboratory-based Biology (Living Environment), Chemistry, Earth Science and Physics. Advanced courses include AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science and AP Physics I.
- 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, AP World History-Modern, US History Honors, AP US History, AP US Government and Politics, SUPA Public Policy and SUPA Economics. 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, 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, 47 have received Masters Degrees, 2 Bachelors Degrees and 2 Doctorate Degrees.

# CLASS OF 2023 DATA

## FUTURE PLANS

58% 4-year College  
 25% 2-year College  
 6% Military Academy  
 0% Other Education  
 4% Work Force  
 3% Military  
 4% Other

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE COURSE

### ENROLLMENT

AP's: Seniors sat for 73 exams;  
 Juniors sat for 65 exams;  
 Sophomores sat for 26 exams in  
 the following subjects:  
 2-D Art & Design, Biology,  
 Calculus AB, Calculus BC,  
 Chemistry, Computer Science A,  
 English Literature & Composi-  
 tion, Environmental Science,  
 European History, Physics 1,  
 Research Seminar, US History.

58% of the scores were 3 or  
 higher

55 students were eligible to earn  
 Syracuse University Project  
 Advance (SUPA) credits. 18  
 Students were eligible to earn  
 Orange County Community  
 College (OCCC) credits. 2  
 students were eligible to earn  
 Herkimer Community College  
 credits.

## TOTAL GRADUATES - 96

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

<u>SAT RESULTS</u>	<u>OHS</u>	<u>National**</u>
SAT MEAN	1121	1050
SAT MATH	553	521
SAT READING/ WRITING	568	529

<u>ACT RESULTS</u>	<u>OHS</u>	<u>National**</u>
Composite	23.3	20.3
Math	22.3	19.9
Science	22.1	20.3
English	22.4	19.5
Reading	26.2	20.9

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

\*\* SAT/ACT National average score in 2022

### ACHIEVEMENTS

National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation	1
CollegeBoard National African American Recognition Program	1
CollegeBoard National Rural and Small Town Award	2
President's Award for Educational Excellence	6
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence	4
Seal of Biliteracy Awards	2
Seal of Civic Readiness	7

## 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 2024 (96 STUDENTS)

1st	97.181—100.616	6th	84.714— 86.547
2nd	94.189—96.279	7th	80.000—84.432
3rd	90.976—94.154	8th	77.405—79.858
4th	89.388—90.846	9th	72.722—77.378
5th	86.733—89.288	10th	71.111—68.733

# CLASS of 2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

\*\* self-reported responses

Alfred State College	Iona University	San Jose State University	SUNY Morrisville	University of Kentucky
Appalachian State University	Iowa State University	Seton Hall University	SUNY New Paltz	University of Louisville
Baylor University	Ithaca College	Siena College	SUNY Niagara County CC	University of Maine
Bowling Green State U	James Madison University	Southern Connecticut State U	SUNY Oneonta	University of Massachusetts
Brigham Young University	Marist College	Southern Methodist University	SUNY Orange County CC	University of Miami
Bryn Mawr College	Maryland Institute Coll of Art	SUNY Adirondack	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	University of Mississippi
Cairn University	Marymount Manhattan Coll	SUNY Albany	SUNY Purchase College	University of Missouri
California State University	Mercy University	SUNY at Fredonia	SUNY Rockland CC	University of Nebraska
Champlain College	Miami University, Oxford	SUNY Binghamton University	SUNY Stony Brook University	University of North Carolina
Clemson University	Monroe CC	SUNY Brockport	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of North Texas
Cleveland State University	Montclair State University	SUNY Broome CC	SUNY Westchester CC	University of Oklahoma
Colgate University	New England Institute of	SUNY Buffalo State	Susquehanna University	University of Oregon
College of Charleston	Technology	SUNY Buffalo State College	Syracuse University	University of Rhode Island
College of Saint Rose	New York Institute of Tech	SUNY College at Geneseo	Temple University	University of South Carolina
Colorado State University	Norfolk State University	SUNY College at Oswego	Texas A & M University-	University of Tampa
Cornell University	Norwich University	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	Texas State University	University of Texas
Dominican University	Old Dominion University	SUNY College of Agriculture and	Thomas More University	University of Utah
Drexel University	Pace University	Technology at Cobleskill	University of Alabama	University of Virginia
East Carolina University	Palm Beach Atlantic U	SUNY College of Environmental	University of Cincinnati	University of Washington
Fisher College	Pennsylvania State University	Science and Forestry	University of Colorado	Utica University
Florida Institute of Tech	Quinnipiac University	SUNY College of Tech at Canton	University of Connecticut	Virginia Tech
Florida State University	Radford University	SUNY College of Tech at Delhi	University of Dayton	West Chester University
Fordham University	Rensselaer Polytechnic	SUNY Cortland	University of Delaware	Western Connecticut State U
George Mason University	Rice University	SUNY Dutchess CC	University of Florida	Western New England University
Hofstra University	Rochester Institute of Tech	SUNY Farmingdale State College	University of Hartford	Widener University
Illinois State University	Rutgers University	SUNY Fashion Institute of Tech	University of Hawaii	York College of Pennsylvania
Indiana University	Sacred Heart University	SUNY Maritime College	University of Iowa	