

JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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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 471 students with our current senior class numbering 101. 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 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 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, SUPA Personal 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, and AP Seminar.
- 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 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 Acceleration, HW Center, Regents 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 53. Of the faculty, 3 members have Bachelors degrees, 47 have received Masters Degrees and 1 has a Doctorate Degree.

CLASS OF 2020 DATA

FUTURE PLANS

57% 4-year College
21% 2-year College
6% Other Education
3% Work Force
<1% Military
12% Other

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE COURSE ENROLLMENT

APS: 42 seniors sat for 70 exams; 50 juniors sat for 95 exams; 39 sophomores sat for 59 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

37% of the scores were 3 or higher

55 students earned Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) credits. 32 Students earned Orange County Comm. Coll. (OCCC) credit.

TOTAL GRADUATES - 116

TESTING SCORES (CLASS MEAN AVERAGE)*

SAT RESULTS

	OHS	National**
SAT MEAN	1160	1051
SAT MATH	585	523
SAT READING/ WRITING	575	528

ACT RESULTS**

	OHS	State
Composite	27.1	24.5
English	26.6	24.2
Mathematics	26.5	24.2
Reading	28.2	24.9
Science	26.7	24.2

29 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.

** This data provided by the testing companies is for students in the graduating class of 2020

ACHIEVEMENTS

National Merit Letters of Commendation:	3
President's Award for Educational Excellence:	22
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 2020 (113 STUDENTS)

1st	97.935—103.076	6th	85.072— 88.165
2nd	95.785—97.910	7th	83.133—84.463
3rd	94.432—95.560	8th	79.689—83.087
4th	90.231—93.960	9th	77.150—79.220
5th	88.691—90.226	10th	67.357—77.107

CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

**self-reported responses

Albany College of Pharm and Health Sciences	George Mason University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	SUNY Binghamton U	The University of Alabama
Alfred University	Georgia Institute of Tech	Northern Michigan U	SUNY Buffalo State	The University of Texas
American University	Harvard College	Norwich University	SUNY College at Brockport	US Military Academy
Arizona State University	Horry-Georgetown Tech-College	Oregon State University	SUNY College at Oswego	University of Colorado
Auburn University	Indiana University	Pace University-New York	SUNY College at Cobleskill	University of Florida
Bob Jones University	Iona College	Pasco-Hernando State College	SUNY Cortland	University of Georgia
Boise State University	Iowa State University	Penn College of Tech	SUNY Dutchess CC	University of Hartford
California State University-Bakersfield	Jacksonville University	Penn State University	SUNY Morrisville	University of Massachusetts
Castleton University	James Madison University	Pikes Peak CC	SUNY New Paltz	University of Mississippi
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Kansas State University	Purdue University	SUNY Niagara County CC	University of N Carolina
Colorado School of Mines	Le Moyne College	Quinnipiac University	SUNY Oneonta	University of Pittsburgh
Colorado State University	Liberty University	Rochester Institute of Technology	SUNY Onondaga CC	University of Richmond
Cornell University	Long Island University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	SUNY Orange CC	University of Southern California
Dominican College	Louisiana State University	Seton Hall University	SUNY Purchase College	University of Southern Mississippi
Drexel University	Manhattan College	Siena College	SUNY Stony Brook University	University of Tampa
Elon University	Marist College	South Texas College	SUNY University at Albany	University of Virginia
Florida Institute of Tech	Messiah College	St Olaf College	SUNY University at Buffalo	West Virginia University
Fordham University	Miami University	St. John's University	Syracuse University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Gardner-Webb University	Morehouse College		Temple University	
	Morgan State University		Texas A&M University	
	Mount Saint Mary College		The College of Saint Rose	