

JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

2024-2025 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 411 students with our current senior class numbering 103. 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
- 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, 48 have received Masters Degrees, 1 Bachelors Degrees and 2 Doctorate Degrees.

CLASS OF 2024 DATA

FUTURE PLANS

58% 4-year College
 19% 2-year College
 6% Military Academy
 1% Other Education
 5% Work Force
 2% Military
 9% Other

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE COURSE ENROLLMENT

AP's: Seniors sat for 87 exams;
 Juniors sat for 74 exams;
 Sophomores sat for 58 exams in the following subjects:
 2-D Art & Design, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Research Seminar, US Government & Politics, US History, World History Modern.

69% of the scores were 3 or higher

38 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	1136	1028
SAT MATH	554	508
SAT READING/ WRITING	582	520

<u>ACT RESULTS</u>	<u>OHS</u>	<u>National**</u>
Composite	25.6	19.5
Math	25.2	19.0
Science	25	19.6
English	25.2	18.6
Reading	30.3	20.1

*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 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS

National Merit Scholarship Program	2
CollegeBoard National African American Recognition Award	1
CollegeBoard National Hispanic Recognition Award	2
CollegeBoard National Rural and Small Town Award	3
President's Award for Academic Excellence	2
NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence	4
National Math & Science Initiative (NMSI)STEM Star Award	3
Seal of Bilingual Awards	2
Seal of Civic Readiness	15
CollegeBoard AP Scholars	24
CollegeBoard AP Scholar with Honors	2
CollegeBoard AP Scholar with Distinction	9
CollegeBoard AP Capstone Diploma	3
CollegeBoard AP Seminar and Research Certificate	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 maximum grade of 104. No other courses will be given an additional weight.

DECILE PLACEMENT IN CLASS GPA RELATIONSHIP CLASS OF 2024 (103 STUDENTS)

1st	96.456—99.44	6th	83.464— 85.925
2nd	92.028—96.228	7th	80.514—82.775
3rd	90.258—91.867	8th	78.810—80.218
4th	87.315—89.828	9th	74.880—77.963
5th	85.973—87.268	10th	55.585—73.773

CLASS of 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

** self-reported responses

Adelphi University	Farmingdale State College	Neumann University	SUNY Buffalo State	University of Iowa
Alabama A&M	Florida Institute of Tech	New York Institute of Tech	SUNY College at Geneseo	University of Kansas
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Florida State University	Niagara University	SUNY College at Oswego	University of Kentucky
Alfred University	Fordham University	North Carolina State University	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	University of Maryland
Appalachian State University	George Mason University	Pace University	SUNY Cortland	University of Miami
Arizona State University	Georgia Southern University	Pennsylvania State University	SUNY Dutchess CC	University of Mississippi
Auburn University	Hartwick College	Portland State University	SUNY New Paltz	University of Mount Saint Vincent
Boston College	Harvard University	Princeton University	SUNY Oneonta	University of New Hampshire
Bridgewater State University	Hawaii Pacific University	Purdue University	SUNY Orange County CC	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Brigham Young University	High Point University	Quinnipiac University	SUNY Purchase College	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Bucknell University	Hillsborough CC	Ramapo College of New Jersey	SUNY Rockland CC	University of North Georgia
Carson Newman	Hofstra University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	SUNY Stony Brook	University of Notre Dame
Citadel Military College of SC	Indiana University	Ringling College of Art and Design	SUNY-Westchester CC	University of Oklahoma
Clarkson University	Iowa State University	Rochester Institute of Tech	Susquehanna University	University of Oregon
Clemson University	James Madison University	Rutgers University	The George Washington University	University of Rhode Island
Clemson University via Tri-County Technical college	Le Moyne College	Saint Michael's College	The University of Alabama	University of Scranton
Coastal Carolina University	Long Island University	Saint Peter's University	The University of Tennessee	University of S Carolina
CUNY Queensborough CC	Manhattan University	Salisbury University	Tri-County Technical College	University of Wisconsin-Stout
DePaul University	Marywood University	Savannah College of Art and Design	United States Military Academy	University of Wyoming
Dominican University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Seton Hall University	University of Alabama	Valley Forge Military College
Drexel University	McDowell Tech	Siena College	University of Arizona	Vassar College
Duke University	Mercy University	Skidmore College	University of Arkansas	Villanova University
East Carolina University	Merrimack College	South Carolina State University	University of Auburn	West Point
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Miami University	St. Thomas Aquinas	University of Connecticut	West Virginia University
East Tennessee State U	Missouri Southern State University	Stockton University	University of Dayton	Western Carolina University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical U	Montclair State University	SUNY Albany	University of Florida	Westfield State University
	Mount Saint Mary College	SUNY Buffalo	University of Hartford	Wilkes University
			University of Houston	William & Mary