



HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile

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2025-2026

Who We Are

[Hackensack High School](#), home of the Comets, is a four-year comprehensive school serving over 1,800 students from Hackensack, South Hackensack, and Rochelle Park. Recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Newsweek* as a top American high school, HHS is known for academic excellence, equity, and closing the achievement gap. With over 200 courses, including AP and dual-enrollment, along with a 1:1 Chromebook initiative, students are challenged and supported to reach their full potential. Beyond the classroom, HHS offers 50+ clubs, 26 athletic teams, award-winning arts programs, and a championship Academic Decathlon Team. Supported by strong community partnerships, scholarships, and wellness initiatives, Hackensack High prepares students to thrive in a global and ever-changing world.

CEEBCODE: 310460

Student Demographics –1736 students

Asian	4%	Free/ Reduced Lunch Eligible	62%
Black/African American	20%	First Generation College Students	73%
Hispanic	64%	English Language Learners	18%
Pacific Islander	< 1%		
White	10%		

Grade Point Average and Ranking

A cumulative non-weighted GPA is computed at the end of each academic year. A cumulative weighted GPA is computed at the end of the 6th and 7th semesters for purposes of class rank.

Grading System

Letter Grade	Numerical Range	Unweighted GPA Value*
A+	97-100	4.0
A	90-96	4.0
B+	87-89	3.5
B	80-86	3.0
C+	77-79	2.5
C	70-76	2.0
D	65-69	1.0
F	0-64	0.0

2025-2026 Course Guide

68 College-Preparatory (CP) courses
44 Honors courses
24 Advanced Placement (AP) courses
27 Dual Credit (DC) courses

Dual Enrollment Partnerships

Bergen Community College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Seton Hall University

Graduation Requirements

English: 4 years
History: 3 years (*US History 1,2 & World History*)
Math: 3 years (*Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2, or Mathematical Modeling*)
Science: 3 years (*Biology, Chemistry, and Physics or Environmental Science*)
World Language: 1 year (*Spanish, French, Italian*)
Financial Literacy: 1 semester
Career/Technical Education: 1 year
Fine and Performing Arts: 1 year
Physical Education and Health: 4 years
Passing Score on approved State test in both Math and English

Testing Data

SAT 2024-2025 Averages

	English	Math
10 highest scores	704	659
All Students	522	494

AP Five-Year School Summary

	Number of Exams	% Exams with Scores 3+
2025	505	62%
2024	419	61%
2023	389	61%
2022	371	68%
2021	355	61%

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Post-Secondary Pursuits

Plan	'25	'24	'23	'22	'21
4 Year College	46%	46%	49%	43%	48%
2 Year College	26%	30%	31%	35%	30%
Trade/Technical School	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%
Employment	7%	6%	5%	6%	7%
Military	5%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Other	6%	5%	3%	5%	6%

Extra-Curricular Offerings

Academic Decathlon	FBLA	National Honor
Art/Open Studio	Guitar Club	Society
Beekeepers Club	Future Engineers	NJ Math League
Black Student Union	Gamers Club	Philosophy Club
Chess Club	HHS GSA	Power To The
Color Guard	HHS Dance Team	People
The Cold Case Club	Hip Hop and DJ Club	Puzzle Club
Comet Ambassadors	Improv Club	Robotics Club
Creative Writing	Interact Club	Science Research
Club	Italian Club	SheUnited
Crew (Rowing)	Italian Honor Society	Ski/Snowboard
Criminal Justice Club	Jazz Band	Club
D&D Club	Key Club	Spanish Honor
Debate Team	Knitting/Crochet	Society
Destination	Latin American Student	Step Dynamic
Imagination	Assn.	Student Council
Drama/Stage Crew	Literary Magazine	Tri-M National
Club	Marching Band	Music Honor
Fashion Club	Medical Club	Society
Film Club	Model United Nations	Varsity H Club
French Club	Muslim Student	
French Honor Society	Association	

Athletics

Baseball	Golf
Basketball	Indoor Track
Bowling	Soccer
Cheerleading	Softball
Competition Cheer	Track & Field
Cross Country	Swimming
Flag Football	Tennis
Football	Volleyball
Wrestling	

Class of 2025 Matriculations-4-year Institutions

Amherst College	Messiah University
Berkeley College	Montclair State University
Bloomfield College	Morgan State University
Brown University	New Jersey City University
Caldwell University	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Centenary University	New York Institute of Technology
Cornell University	Norfolk State University
Delaware State University	Northeastern University
Delaware Valley University	Olivet Nazarene University
Dominican University	Pace University
Drew University	Ramapo College
Drexel University	Rutgers University
Eastern University	Seton Hall University
Elizabeth City State University	South Carolina State University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	St. John's University
Felician University	St. Peter's University
Franklin Pierce University	Stockton University
Hampton University	The College of New Jersey
Hofstra University	University Of Connecticut
Iona University	University of Delaware
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Johnson and Wales University	University of Michigan
Johnson C. Smith University	University of New Haven
Kean University	University of North Carolina at
Keene State College	Charlotte
Lehigh University	University of Pittsburgh
Lehman College	Vermont State University
Lycoming College	Villanova University
Marist University	Virginia State University
	William Paterson University

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