



HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile

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WHO WE ARE

Hackensack High School (HHS), home of the Comets, is a four-year comprehensive secondary school in Bergen County, NJ, with a student population of over 1800 students from the socio-economically diverse communities of Hackensack, South Hackensack, Maywood, and Rochelle Park.

Hackensack High School is a learning community that fosters an appreciation for cultural diversity, intellectual growth, and individual diligence. We strive to prepare students to accept life's challenges by encouraging them to be open-minded, reflective, life-long learners who have integrity and respect for others. Hackensack High School, in partnership with home and community, will develop citizens who make a difference in their community.

CEEB CODE: 310460

Student Demographics

Asian	4%	Free/ Reduced Lunch Eligible	48%
Black/African American	20%	First Generation College Students	64%
Hispanic	45%	English Language Learners	22%
Pacific Islander	< 1%		
White	23%		
Bi/Multiracial	7%		

COURSE OFFERINGS

- 77 College-Preparatory (CP) courses
- 7 College-Preparatory Enriched (CPE) courses
- 25 Honors courses (previously named Pre-AP) (H)
- 18 Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- 14 Dual Credit (DC) courses

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Art History*	English Language	Statistics
Biology	Italian Language	Studio Art
Calculus A/B	Macroeconomics	World History
Calculus B/C	Music Theory	<i>*18-19 school year only</i>
Chemistry	Physics 1	
Computer Science	Physics C	
Computer Science Principles	Psychology	
English Literature	Spanish Language	

CAREER-BASED ELECTIVES

Automotive

Power Mechanics 1, 2 & 3

Business

Accounting for Careers, Accounting 1 & 2, Criminal Justice, Law, Marketing, Honors Economics, AP Macroeconomics

Construction

Building Trades 1, 2, & 3, Metal/Welding 1,2 & 3, Residential Construction

Culinary Arts

Culinary 1, 2 & 3

Liberal Arts

Black Studies, Careers in Education, Contemporary Studies, Creative Writing, Journalism, Latin American Studies, Psychology, Race and Representation in Literature, Sociology, Speech Communication, Yearbook

Performing and Visual Arts

Art 1 & 2, Band, Computer Graphics, Creative Photo, Dance, Mixed Chorus, Music Appreciation, Musical Theater 1 & 2, Honors Studio Art, Honors Music Theory, Theater, TV Communications, Wind Ensemble

STEM

Anatomy/Physiology, Computer Assisted Drafting 1, 2&3, Computer Science, Medical Science, Medical Technology, Web Design 1, 2&3

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Bergen Community College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Seton Hall University

Accounting 1 & 2, Anatomy/Physiology, CAD, Careers in Education, Culinary Arts, Contemporary Studies, Criminal Justice, Discrete Math/Statistics, Latin American Studies, Metals/Welding, Mythology, Race and Representation in Literature, Sociology



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GRADE POINT AVERAGE

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Years	20 Credits
World History	1 Year	5 Credits
U.S. History	2 Years	10 Credits
Algebra 1	1 Year	5 Credits
Algebra 2 or Mathematical Modeling	1 Year	5 Credits
Geometry	1 Year	5 Credits
Biology	1 Year	5 Credits
Chemistry	1 Year	5 Credits
Physics or Environmental Science	1 Year	5 Credits
Financial Literacy	1 semester	2.5 Credits
World Language (Spanish, French or Italian)	1 Year	5 Credits
Fine, Visual/Performing Arts	1 Year	5 Credits
Physical Education/Health	4 Years	20 Credits
Career & Technical Education	1 Year	5 Credits
Passing Score on approved State test in both Math and English.		

TESTING DATA

SAT Mean Scores (data from Class of 2019*)
(Last SAT/ACT administration at HHS Dec 2019)

	ENGLISH	MATH
Top 10 Students	645	687
Top 20 Students	620	656
All Students Tested	514	513

AP Five-Year* School Summary

	Total AP Students	Number of Exams	AP Students with Scores 3+
2020	178	325	141
2019	178	323	136
2018	159	285	116
2017	153	312	114
2016	162	286	118

CLASS OF 2020, WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

4-Year College: 46% 2-Year College: 35%
 Trade/Technical School: 8% Military: 3%
 Employment: 2% Other Pursuits: 5%

COVID-19 IMPACT STATEMENT

Our community was hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. We had several students and staff members infected and affected, many of whom lost family members. The City of Hackensack had the largest number of confirmed cases in Bergen County, NJ.

In Mid-March, 2020 our school transitioned to online instruction. While we are a 1-1 device school, many families were without consistent access to the internet and experienced a variety of technological difficulties. Many students took on additional family and work responsibilities, directly impacting their ability to effectively engage in the online learning experience.

Final Grades for the 2019-2020 school year were calculated using the following modified percentages.:
 Marking Periods 1 and 2: 30% each
 Marking Periods 3 and 4: 20% each
 Final Exams were cancelled.

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POST GRADUATE CHOICES

The Class of 2020 matriculated into over 80 two- or four-year colleges, universities, or other institutions of higher education.

Adelphi University	Montclair State University
American International College	Morgan State University
American University	New Jersey City University
Arcadia University	New Jersey Inst. of Technology
Assumption College	Parisian Beauty Academy
Belmont University	Passaic County Comm. College
Bergen Community College	Pratt Institute
Bergen County Trade School	Presbyterian College
Berkeley College	Ramapo College
Berklee College of Music	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bloomfield College	Rider University
Boston University	Rowan University
Bowdoin College	Rutgers University (New Brunswick and Newark)
Brandeis University	Savannah College
Bronx Community College	School of Visual Arts
Caldwell University	Seton Hall University
Capri Institute	Skidmore College
Case Western Reserve University	Spelman College
Central College	St. Peter's University
Clark Atlanta University	Stockton University
College of Saint Elizabeth	Susquehanna University
Culinary Institute of America	Sussex County Comm. College
Cypress Community College	Teterboro School of Aeronautics
Dominican College	The College of New Jersey
Drew University	The College of Saint Rose
Eastwick College	The George Washington University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	The King's College
Felician University	The Salon Professional Academy
Florida Atlantic University	Union County College
Fordham University	Universal Technical Institute
Gallaudet University	University of Connecticut
Georgia State University	University of Hartford
Hampton University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Iona College	University of Mount Olive
James Madison University	University of New Haven
Johns Hopkins University	University of Texas at Arlington
Kean University	Vassar College
Lehigh University	Washington University, St. Louis
Lincoln Technical Institute	West Virginia University
Local 68 Education Program	Western Connecticut State University
Luzerne County Community College	William Paterson University
Marist College	York College of Pennsylvania
McDaniel University	
Mercy College	
Misericordia University	
Monmouth University	

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Approximately 80% of our students participate in at least one club, activity, sport, or music program. A partial listing of activities is indicated below:

Academic Decathlon	African Diaspora Club
Anime Club	Asian Culture Club
Chess Club	Chorus
Color Guard	Comet Ambassador
Cosplay Club (Costume & Play)	Criminal Justice
Dance Club	Debate Team HHS
Drama Club / School Play	French Honor Society
Future Business Leaders	Going Green Club
Hackensack Sports Medicine Club	HHS Dance Team
Hip Hop Club	Italian Honor Society
Latino Student Association	Marching Band
Medical Club	Model United Nations
National Honor Society	Photography Club
Poetry Club	Robotics Club
Ski Club	Soccer Club
Spanish Honor Society	Student Council
The Comet (Newspaper)	
Tri-M National Music Honor Society	
Varsity H Club	

ATHLETICS

Baseball	Indoor Track
Basketball	Outdoor Track
Bowling	Soccer
Cheerleading	Softball
Cross Country Track	Swimming
Field Hockey	Tennis
Football	Volleyball
Golf	Wrestling
Ice Hockey	

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