

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

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THE COMMUNITY

West Orange, New Jersey, is a community of approximately 48,000 residents in the center of Essex County. The population is culturally diverse and spans all economic strata. West Orange is a primarily residential community located less than 20 miles west of New York City. Its 12.6 square miles are spread over two ridges and valleys of the Watchung Mountains. Approximately one-fourth of the land is open space, consisting of town and county parks, playgrounds, private and public golf courses and undeveloped acreage. The West Orange school system educates approximately 7,000 students in seven elementary schools, three middle schools, and one high school.

THE SCHOOL

West Orange High School has a comprehensive program with a variety of course offerings to meet the needs of its diverse student population which numbers approximately 2,000. A faculty of approximately 240 includes administration and supervisory personnel, as well as Guidance Staff, two full-time Library Media Specialists, three Nurses, two Student Assistance Counselors, and a full-time Child Study Team. The majority of the professional staff members have earned Masters Degrees and 16 have earned Doctorate Degrees.

THE CURRICULUM

West Orange High School offers an individualized curriculum of more than 200+ courses. Students must satisfy the state and local requirements for graduation in grades 9 through 12, and successfully complete a minimum of 135 credits. In addition to the basic academic courses offered at multiple ability levels, there are Honors and Advanced Placement courses in most disciplines. The interests and needs of all students are addressed by programs in career education, technology & engineering education, computer education, performing and fine arts, and English as a Second Language. The Cooperative Education Program provides students with the opportunity to study academics as well as receive on-the-job training. Students can also choose from a wide variety of electives to complement their individualized curriculum.

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE – CLASS OF 2021

Size of Class	591
Percent Attending Four Year Colleges	62.30%
Percent Attending Two Year Colleges	9.20%
Other Post Secondary/Technical/Military	8.30%
Total Pursuing Further Education	81.10%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARDS CLASS OF 2021

AP Scholars	21
AP Scholars with Honor	15
AP Scholars with Distinction	13

23 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

During the May 2021 Administration, 245 students took 367 Advanced Placement Exams

Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Chinese Language & Culture
Computer Science A
English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
Environmental Science
French Language
Government & Politics: United States
Italian Language & Culture

Music Theory
Physics 1
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Physics C: Mechanics
Psychology
Spanish Language
Spanish Literature
Statistics
Studio Art
United States History
World History

49 HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

Honors Art 4	Honors Cisco Networking 4	Honors Modern World History	Honors Spanish 4
Honors Art & The Human Experience	Honors Algebra 1	Honors Modern World History IH	Honors Beginner Heritage Spanish
Honors English 9	Honors Algebra 2	Honors United States History 1	Honors Intermediate Heritage Spanish
Honors English 10	Honors Geometry & Analysis	Honors United States History IH	Honors Pre-Advanced Heritage Spanish
Honors English 10 IH	Honors Geometry & Analysis IMS	Honors United States History ICE	Honors Italian 2
Honors Contemporary World Literature	Honors Pre-Calculus	Honors United States History 2	Honors Italian 3
Honors Survey of American Literature	Honors Pre-Calculus IMS	Honors United States History 2 ICE	Honors Italian 4
Honors Survey of British Literature	Honors Biology	Honors Shaping of Western Thought	Honors Chinese 2
Honors Wind Ensemble	Honors Biology IMS	Honors French 2	Honors Chinese 3
Honors Chamber Orchestra	Honors Chemistry	Honors French 3	Honors Chinese 4
Honors Chamber Choir	Honors Chemistry IMS	Honors French 4	
Honors Cisco Networking 1 & 2	Honors Environmental Science	Honors Spanish 2	
Honors Cisco Networking 3	Honors Physics	Honors Spanish 3	

WEIGHTED GPA – WEIGHTING

WOHS does not publish class rank, but provides each student with a Grade Point Average. Grade Point Average is calculated by multiplying the number of credits per course, times the graded weight to determine quality points. Total quality points will be divided by the total credits taken. Our weighted system is as follows:

Academic Grade	AP Courses	Honors Courses	College preparatory Standard Courses
A+	5.33	4.83	4.33
A	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	4.66	4.16	3.66
B+	4.33	3.83	3.33
B	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	3.66	3.16	2.66
C+	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	2.66	2.16	1.66
D+	2.33	1.83	1.33
D	2.00	1.50	1.00
D-	1.66	1.16	.66
F	.00	.00	.00

Grade Scale	
Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent
A+	97-100
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	50-59
I	Incomplete
WP	Withdrawn Passing
WF	Withdrawn Failing
NC	No Credit
NM	No Mark

MEAN SAT SCORES – CLASS OF 2021 Each section of the SAT is scored out of a possible 800 points.

	2021
Mean SAT – Top 10%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	659
Math	681
Mean SAT – Top 20%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	586
Math	573
Mean SAT - Overall	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	573
Math	566

Subject	2021
Mean	
Biology – Ecology	610
English Literature	640
Math Level I	710
Math Level II	745

WOHS HIGHLIGHTS

★ According to historical high school rankings, West Orange High School was ranked as one of the best 2,000 public high schools in the nation- those that have proven to be the effective in turning out college-ready grads. West Orange High School's ranking is based on six components: graduation rate, college acceptance rate, Advanced Placement exams taken per student, average SAT/ACT scores, average Advanced Placement Scores, and the percent of students enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement course. Furthermore, The Daily Beast, Washington Post and US News & World Report have also named West Orange High School in their Top High Schools.

★ WOHS continuously strives to individualize our educational programs. In our efforts to do so, WOHS has developed the following special programs:

- TCI (The Collegiate Institute - AVID)
- IMS (Institute for Mathematics and Science)
- IH (Institute for Humanities)
- ICE (Institute for Citizen Empowerment)
- AFJROTC (Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps)

★ WOHS has 50+ co-curricular clubs and activities, including 12 Honor Societies, which focus upon academic and special interests. Our Boys' Step Team still holds the title for #1 in the state (Youthstep USA). In 2012, they reigned as #1 in the country. Our Girls also rank top 3 in our region and Top 4 (Girls' Team) in the country (YouthstepUSA). WOHS Drill Team also known as the girls step team of WOHS will be representing WO this year (May 29th) for our National Competition. The Jubilee Choir participated in the district-wide virtual "winter" concert. Many students of the WOHS Band program successfully auditioned into Area, Region, and All-State Honor Ensembles. The award winning Marching Mountaineers have previously been awarded regional, state, and national championships. For this past season, they performed at home football games and will resume a normal competitive season next year. West Orange High School hosts a Winter Color Guard which competes locally in the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network Circuit. The WOHS Indoor Percussion program is currently in its eighth year and was featured at a percussion festival at The Juilliard School in New York City as well as other local festivals. Both Jazz Ensembles, Jazz I and Jazz II, competed in local festivals and competitions. WOHS Jazz I once again qualified for state finals. The Drama Club and Advanced Theatre students competed in Virtual STANJ, the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey. Senior Olivia Ridley won a nationwide playwriting contest, *#Enough*, plays about ending gun violence. The Drama Club participated in staged reading of *#Enough*. Advanced Theatre class won 1st place for best virtual play at the New Jersey Thespian Festival. Students also won awards for Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress. The Thespian Society inducted sixteen new members, and honored three National Honors members, Alex Perez, Justin Peters and Jillian Russel and our first International Honors to Jillian Russel. The Drama Club is ending the year with two virtual staged readings of original plays, a virtual coffeehouse and a virtual student production, *Lend Me A Tenor*. The Glee Choir has raised over \$6,000 over the years for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS through its annual Broadway Night Concert. The Tri-M Music Honors Society continues to induct 30-40 members each year who complete service hours at various music & arts events.

★ WOHS has a comprehensive Athletics program that includes 28 Varsity Teams, 21 Junior Varsity Teams and 18 Freshman Teams.

- 2020-21- Football NJSFC Divisional Champions #1 Ranked 1st in Essex County
- 2020-21- Boys Soccer SEC Divisional Champions- Ranked #14 in New Jersey
- 2020-21 - Bowling- Undefeated (15-0) - Ranked #8 in New Jersey and #1 in Essex County
- 2020-21 - Girls Tennis- SEC- Divisional Champions
- 2020-21- Girls Track- SEC- Divisional Champions, Top Three in Group 4, Essex County Relay Champions
- 2020-21- Girls Cross Country- SEC- Divisional Champions

Individual honors included:

- Football - Three Players Selected All State-All Groups
- Soccer Boys - Two Players Selected All State-All Groups
- Bowling - One Bowler Selected All State-All Groups
- Wrestling - Three State Place winners
- Girls Basketball- One Player Selected All State-All Groups
- Girls Track- Three Athletes placed in the top four at the Meet of Champions
- Girls Golf- Athlete competed in the Masters Drive, Chip, & Putt Contest, 1st in Essex County

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES – CLASS OF 2021

As in years past, West Orange High School continues to have several acceptances to Ivy League Universities and mini-Ivies, as well as the top state universities and colleges in the nation. Members of the Class of 2020 received acceptances to the following post high school institutions:

American Academy of Dramatic Arts-New York	Houston Community College System	Sacramento City College
American International College	Howard University	Sacred Heart University
American University	Hudson County Community College	Saint Michael's College
Atlantic Cape Community College	Iona College	Saint Peter's University
Barnard College	Ithaca College	Santa Monica College
Berklee College of Music	Johnson & Wales University-Providence	Sarah Lawrence College
Binghamton University	Johnson C Smith University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Bloomfield College	Kean University	Seton Hall University
Caldwell University	Kent State University at Kent	Spelman College
Centenary University	Lafayette College	St. John's University-New York
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	Lincoln Technical Institute	Stanford University
Clark Atlanta University	Louisiana State University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola University Maryland	Stockton University
College of the Holy Cross	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	SUNY at Albany
Concordia University-Chicago	Merrimack College	Sussex County Community College
Cornell University	Middlesex County College	Syracuse University
County College of Morris	Monmouth University (Monmouth University)	Temple University
Culinary Institute of America	Montclair State University	The College of New Jersey
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College	Montserrat College of Art	The College of Saint Rose
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Morgan State University	The Institute of Culinary Education
Delaware State University	Muhlenberg College	Towson University
Delaware Technical Community College	NASCAR Technical Institute	United States Military Academy
DePaul University	New Jersey City University	University at Buffalo
Dickinson College	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of California-Davis
Drew University	New York University	University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
Drexel University	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Connecticut
Duquesne University	Northampton County Area Community College	University of Delaware
East Carolina University	Northeastern University	University of Hartford
Eastern University	Ohio State University-Main Campus (Ohio State University)	University of Maine
Eastwick College	Pace University	University of Maryland-College Park
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	Parisian Beauty Academy	University of Massachusetts
Emerson College	Paul Mitchell the School Charlotte	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Endicott College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Rhode Island
Essex County College	Pensacola State College	University of Rochester
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Post University	University of Scranton
Fashion Institute of Technology SUNY	Princeton University	University of South Carolina
Florida State University	Pursue Real Estate License	University of Vermont
Fordham University	Quinnipiac University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
George Washington University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	Villanova University
Georgia State University	Rhode Island School of Design	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Hampton University	Rowan University	Virginia State University
Harvard University	Rutgers University	Western Connecticut State University
Haverford College		William Paterson University of New Jersey
		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
		Yale University

ADMINISTRATION

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SCHOOL COUNSELING

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