

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022 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 2022

Size of Class	569
Percent Attending Four Year Colleges	58.6%
Percent Attending Two Year Colleges	11.8%
Other Post Secondary/Technical/Military	10.5%
Total Pursuing Further Education	80.9%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARDS CLASS OF 2022

AP Scholars	31
AP Scholars with Honor	21
AP Scholars with Distinction	24

23 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

During the May 2022 Administration, 275 students took 445 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

44 HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

Honors Advanced Dance
 Honors Advanced Theatre
 Honors Algebra 1
 Honors Algebra 2
 Honors Anatomy & Physiology
 Honors Art & The Human Experience
 Honors Art 4
 Honors Beginner Heritage Spanish
 Honors Biology
 Honors Chamber Orchestra
 Honors Chamber Choir
 Honors Chemistry
 Honors Chinese 2
 Honors Chinese 3
 Honors Chinese 4

Honors Cisco Networking 1 & 2
 Honors College Accounting
 Honors Contemporary World Literature
 Honors Cyber Security
 Honors English 9
 Honors English 10
 Honors Environmental Science
 Honors French 2
 Honors French 3
 Honors French 4
 Honors Geometry & Analysis
 Honors Introduction to Philosophy
 Honors Italian 2
 Honors Italian 3
 Honors Italian 4

Honors Intermediate Heritage Spanish
 Honors Modern World History
 Honors Physics
 Honors Pre-Advanced Heritage Spanish
 Honors Pre-Calculus
 Honors Spanish 2
 Honors Spanish 3
 Honors Spanish 4
 Honors Literature & The American Experience
 Honors Survey of British Literature
 Honors United States History 1
 Honors United States History 2
 Honors Virtual Enterprise
 Honors Wind Ensemble

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 2022 Each section of the SAT is scored out of a possible 800 points.

	2022
Mean SAT – Top 10%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	668
Math	683
Mean SAT – Top 20%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	619
Math	632
Mean SAT - Overall	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	555
Math	591

Subject	2022
Mean	
Italian	680
Math Level I	780
Math Level II	800

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 13 Honor Societies, which focus upon academic and special interests. Our Boys' Step Team still holds the title for #1 in the state (YouthstepUSA). 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.

- 2021-22 - Girls Soccer Essex County Tournament Champions- Star Ledger and [NJ.COM](https://www.nj.com) #1 Team in Essex County- Essex County's Team of the Year
- 2021-22 - Boys Soccer Essex County and State Sectional Finalists- Ranked #8 in New Jersey
- 2021-22 - Bowling- New Jersey's Bowler of the Year- Essex County Boys and Girls Individual Champions
- 2021-22 - Girls Cheerleading- SEC- Divisional Champions
- 2021-22 - Football- Top 3 in Essex County- Ranked Top 20 in NJ
- 2021-22 - Boys Tennis- SEC- Divisional Champions
- 2021-22 - Golf- SEC- Divisional Champions and Essex County Tournament Divisional Champions

Individual honors included:

- Football - Two Players Selected All State-All Groups- Five Full Scholar Athletes- Two- Top 20 Recruits for the Class of 2023
- Soccer Boys - All American Player- played in the All American Game in Tennessee, NJ High School State Player of the Year, Essex County Player of the Year, 1st Team All State All Groups
- Soccer Girls- Essex County Player of the Year, 2nd Team All State- All Groups
- Bowling - NJ Bowler of the Year, Essex County Boy Bowler of the Year, and Essex County Girl Bowler of the Year
- Girls Basketball- McDonald's All American Game Nominee, 1500 Point Scorer, Yale Women's Basketball Commit
- Track- Three Athletes placed in the top four at the Meet of Champions
- Girls Golf- Number 1 Girls Golfer in Essex County, 3rd in NJ at the Individual State Golf Championships
- Track (Indoor and Outdoor) - 6 Girls T&F Athletes compete at the National Championships. 4x100m relay, Shot Put & Discus and Freshman 100m Dash
- Two Boys T&F Athletes qualified for the NJ State Championships - 100m Dash, 200m Dash, Triple Jump and Long Jump
- Six Girls and 2 Boys named to All Conference & All County first & second teams

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES – CLASS OF 2022

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 2022 received acceptances to the following post high school institutions:

American University	Ithaca College	Seminole State College of Florida
Arcadia University	James Madison University	Seton Hall University
Binghamton University	Johnson & Wales University-Providence	Southern Connecticut State University
Bloomfield College	Kean University	Spelman College
Boston University	Kent State University at Kent	State University of New York at New Paltz
Brown University	Lafayette College	Stevenson University
Caldwell University	Lehigh University	Stockton University
Case Western Reserve University	LIM College	SUNY at Purchase College
Clark Atlanta University	Lincoln Technical Institute	SUNY College of Agriculture & Technology at Cobleskill
Clark University	Marist College	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
Clarks Summit University	Middlebury College	Syracuse University
Cornell University	Monmouth University	Temple University
County College of Morris	Montclair State University	Texas State Technical College Waco
Culinary Institute of America	Morehouse College	The College of New Jersey
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Morgan State University	Trinity College
Delaware State University	New England Institute of Technology	Union County College
Drew University	New Jersey City University	University of Chicago
Drexel University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Delaware
East Coast Prep	New York University	University of Hartford
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Maryland-College Park
Eastern University	Northwestern University	University of Miami
Empire Beauty School	Pace University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Endicott College	Pennsylvania State University	University of New Hampshire
Essex County College	Purdue University-Main Campus	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Quinnipiac University	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
Florida Atlantic University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Rhode Island
Fordham University	Reed College (Portland, OR)	Valencia College
George Washington University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rice University	Warren Wilson College
Georgia State University	Rider University	Wesleyan University
Gwynedd Mercy University	Rochester Institute of Technology	West Virginia University
Hampton University	Rowan University	William Paterson University of New Jersey
Harvard University	Rutgers University	Worcester State University
Howard University	Sacred Heart University	Yale University
Hudson County Community College	Saint Elizabeth University	
Illinois Institute of Technology	Saint Joseph's University	
Indiana University-Bloomington	Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD	
Iona College	School of Visual Arts	

ADMINISTRATION

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