

# WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL 2022-2023 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 2023

Size of Class	496
Percent Attending Four Year Colleges	66.7
Percent Attending Two Year Colleges	12.7
Other Post-Secondary/Technical/Military	9.3
Total Pursuing Further Education	89.2

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARDS CLASS OF 2023

AP Scholars	31
AP Scholars with Honor	27
AP Scholars with Distinction	34

## 23 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

During the May 2023 Administration, 291 students took 529 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

## 45 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 Python & Networking

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 Linux

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 2023** Each section of the SAT is scored out of a possible 800 points.

	2023
<b>Mean SAT – Top 10%</b>	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	678
Math	695
<b>Mean SAT – Top 20%</b>	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	649
Math	650
<b>Mean SAT - Overall</b>	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	562
Math	542

## 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:

- AVID (The Collegiate Institute)
- 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 70+ co-curricular clubs and activities, including 12 Honor Societies, which focus on academic and special interests. Our Boys' Step Team holds the title of #2 in the state and #3 in the country, (Youthstep USA). In 2012, they reigned as #1 in the country. Our Girls Step Team ranks #3 top Girls Step team in the state (YouthstepUSA). Five of our students from the Honors Chamber and Concert Choir auditioned and were selected to participate in the North Jersey Regional Choir. Jubilee Choir and Step teams participated in the district-wide "Love and Unity" Festival. Jubilee Choir also performed at Google headquarters in NY for Black History month. Many students of the WOHS Band program successfully auditioned for 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 and nationally in the Winter Guard International 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 the state finals. Drama Club students won awards at the virtual Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey competition. Ms. Mapes also won a Governor's Award at STANJ. Advanced Theatre students won several awards for their presentation of *She Kills Monsters* at the Thespian Festival and senior Hailey Miller won a playwriting award. The Drama Club hosted both a winter and a spring Coffeehouse featuring new talent. The Thespian Society inducted 19 new members, awarded four Honors Bars, honored three National Honors members, Abigail Insana, Hailey Miller and Grace Soroko and awarded two International Honors to Maria Nalieth and Valentina Pappano. The Thespian Society ended the year with the student production, *The Solive It Squad*, directed by senior, Hailey Miller. The Glee Choir has raised over \$10,000 over the years for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS through its annual Broadway Night Concert. The Tri-M Music Honors Society continues to induct 40-50 members each year who complete service hours at various music & arts events.

★ WOHS has a State of the art athletic complex complete with top-level playing fields, courts, track and facilities that are the envy of the region. WOHS has a comprehensive Athletics program that includes 29 Varsity Teams, 21 Junior Varsity Teams, and 18 Freshman Teams.

- Girls Soccer - Essex County Tournament Champions (3 of the last 4 years), #1 Team in Essex County, Essex County's Team of the Year (2021-22 and 2022-23).
- Boys Soccer State Sectional Champions & Group Finalists (2022-2023) - Ranked #4 in New Jersey (2022-2023) won its 7th sectional title since 2004.
- Football- First Sectional Championship in School History (2022-2023). Top 3 in Essex County- Ranked Top 20 in NJ, Multiple Div I scholarship offers/acceptances.
- Boys Cross Country went undefeated (12-0) and claimed the SEC Divisional Championships and regular season Championships.
- Girls Basketball team finished the year ranked top 3 in Essex County.
- Girls Lacrosse- Broke the school record for the most wins and recorded our best season in the program's history. Also won NJIGLL Colonial Division Champions.
- Boys Lacrosse- Boys Lacrosse program won its first championship in school history- NJILL Kirt Division Champions.
- Ice Hockey- NJIHL McMullen Cup Champions-first time in 20 years.
- Girls Flag Football- In their inaugural season, the team qualified for the playoffs and finished the season ranked 14th in NJ.
- Cheerleading- Won 4 team invitational tournaments during their competition season.

Individual honors included:

- Football - Two Players Selected All State-All Groups- Nine Scholarships Awarded WOHS Players
- Soccer Boys - Two Players Selected All State-All Groups including Essex County Player of the Year, 1st Team All State All Groups- Including NJ's Goalie of the Year
- Soccer Girls- Essex County Player of the Year, 2nd Team All State- All Groups
- Girls Golf- Number 1 Girls Golfer in Essex County, 2nd in NJ at the Individual State Golf Championships
- Girls Flag Football- 2 players named to All State

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES – CLASS OF 2023

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 2023 received acceptances to the following post high school institutions:

Albright College	Five Towns College	University of Massachusetts- Amherst	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Alliance University	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Mercy College	School of Visual Arts
American International College	Florida Atlantic University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Scranton
American University	Florida Institute of Technology	Michigan State University	Seton Hall University
Andrews University	Florida State University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Shenandoah University
Anglo-American University	University of Florida	Middlesex College	South Carolina State University
Arcadia University	Fordham University	Monmouth University	University of South Carolina
Arizona State University-Tempe	Franklin and Marshall College	Montclair State University	South Dakota State University
University of Arizona	Franklin Pierce University	Montclair State University	Southern Connecticut State University
Assumption University	Full Sail University	Morgan State University	Spelman College
Baldwin Wallace University	George Mason University	Morgan State University	Springfield College
Bard College	Georgia Institute of Technology- Main Campus	Muhlenberg College	St. Francis College
Benedict College	Georgia State University	Nazareth College	St. John's University-New York
Bennington College	Georgian Court University	University of New Haven	St Olaf College
Bergen County Technical Schools	Gettysburg College	New Jersey City University	State University of New York at New Paltz
Berklee College of Music	Goldsmiths University of London	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology
Binghamton University	Greensboro College	The College of New Jersey	Stockton University
Bloomfield College	Hamilton College	New York University	Stonehill College
Boston College	Hampton University	New York University (College of Arts & Science)	Stony Brook University
Boston University	Harrisburg University of Science & Technology	Norfolk State University	Suffolk University
Bowie State University	University of Hartford	Norfolk State University	SUNY Cortland
Bryant University	Haverford College	North Carolina A & T State University	Susquehanna University
Caldwell University	Hawaii Pacific University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Swarthmore College
California Baptist University	High Point University	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	Syracuse University
University of California-Berkeley	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Northeastern University	Temple University
University of California-Santa Barbara	Hofstra University	Oberlin College	American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Carleton College	College of the Holy Cross	Ohio University-Main Campus	Culinary Institute of America
Carnegie Mellon University	Howard University	Ohio State University-Main Campus	The George Washington University
Centenary University	Hudson County Community College	Otterbein University	Ohio State University-Main Campus
College of Charleston	Husson University	Pace University, New York City Campus	Thomas Jefferson University
Chestnut Hill College	University of Illinois Chicago	Passaic County Community College	Towson University
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus	University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign	Pennsylvania State University	Tufts University
Clark Atlanta University	Indiana University-Purdue	Pepperdine University	Tulane University of Louisiana
Clemson University	University-Indianapolis	University of Pittsburgh	Tuskegee University
Cleveland State University	Indiana University-Bloomington	Point Park University	Union College (NY)
Cleveland State University	Ithaca College	Princeton University	Union College of Union County
Coastal Carolina University	James Madison University	Providence College	University at Albany, SUNY
Columbia University in the City of New York	CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	SUNY at Purchase College	University at Buffalo
University of Connecticut	Johns Hopkins University	Purdue University-Main Campus	University of Northwestern Ohio
Coppin State University	Johnson & Wales University- Charlotte	Purdue University-Main Campus	Ursinus College
Cornell University	Johnson C Smith University	Quinnipiac University	University of Utah
County College of Morris	Kean University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	Vanderbilt University
Curry College	Lafayette College	Reed College	University of Vermont
Dean College	Lehigh University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Villanova University
Delaware State University	Lincoln University	University of Rhode Island	Virginia Tech
Delaware Valley University	Long Island University - Post	Rider University	Webster University
University of Delaware	Louisiana State University	Rochester Institute of Technology	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Dickinson College	University of Louisville	University of Rochester	Pennsylvania
Drew University	Loyola Marymount University	Roosevelt University	West Virginia University
Drexel University	Loyola University Maryland	Rowan College of South Jersey	Western Connecticut State University
Duquesne University	Manhattan College	Rowan University	University
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Marist College	Rutgers University	Widener University
Elon University	Marshall University	Saint Elizabeth University	Wilkes University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Saint Joseph's University	William Paterson University of New Jersey
Emerson College	University of Maryland-College Park	Saint Peter's University	Williams College
Essex County College	Marymount Manhattan College	Salve Regina University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Fairfield University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	University of San Francisco	Xavier University of Louisiana
Fairleigh Dickinson University- Metropolitan Campus		Sarah Lawrence College	Yale University
Farmingdale State College		Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD	Yeshiva University
Fashion Institute of Technology			York College of Pennsylvania
Felician University			
Fisher College			