

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 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 2024

Size of Class	532
Percent Attending Four Year Colleges	63.2
Percent Attending Two Year Colleges	11.8
Other Post-Secondary/Technical/Military	4.7
Total Pursuing Further Education	79.7

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLAR AWARDS CLASS OF 2024

AP Scholars	44
AP Scholars with Honor	31
AP Scholars with Distinction	29

23 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

During the May 2024 Administration, 333 students took 618 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 2024 Each section of the SAT is scored out of a possible 800 points.

	2024
Mean SAT – Top 10%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	667
Math	655
Mean SAT – Top 20%	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	641
Math	629
Mean SAT - Overall	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	563
Math	532

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 14 Honor Societies, which focus on academic and special interests. The Boys' Step Team is a 10x nationally ranked step team that has been featured on various media outlets such as News12 NJ and Pix11. They participated in several community service initiatives throughout the year on campus and in the town. Our boys currently hold the title of #1 in the region and are ranked 3rd nationally in the boys division (YouthstepUSA). In 2012, they reigned as #1 in the country. Our Girls' Step Team ranks #4 nationally in the girls division (YouthstepUSA). Six of our students from the Honors Chamber and Concert Choir auditioned and were selected to participate in the North Jersey Regional Choir.

The Honors Chamber Choir performed in a concert of Spanish Choral Music at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Jubilee Choir, Jazz Ensemble I, and Step teams participated in the district-wide "Love and Unity" Festival. Many students of the WOHS Band program successfully auditioned for Area, Region, and All-State Honor Ensembles. The STATE CHAMPION Marching Mountaineers have long been awarded regional, state, and national championships. 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 has been featured at a percussion festival at The Juilliard School in New York City as well as other local festivals. WOHS Jazz I once again qualified for the state finals. Drama Club students won awards at the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey competition. Thespian seniors won awards at the NJ Thes Fest. The Glee Choir has raised over \$10,000 over the years for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS through its annual Broadway Night Concert.

★ WOHS has 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 5 years), Have been ranked in the top 20 in the state in 2017-2023.
- Boys Soccer 7 Time State Sectional Champions & 2 Time Group Champions - We're ranked as high as #3 in New Jersey in 2023.
- Football- Super Football Conference Freedom Red Divisional Champions. Ranked Top 20 in NJ, Multiple Div I scholarship offers/acceptances.
- Boys and Girls Cross Country were crowned Super Essex Conference Liberty Division Champions in the Fall of 2023. The Boys Cross Country team claimed their 2nd divisional championship in as many years.
- The 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 for the 2nd consecutive season.
- The Girls Volleyball Team captured the Super Essex Conference Liberty Division Champions in the fall of 2023.
- Girls Flag Football- In their inaugural season, the team qualified for the playoffs and finished the season ranked top 20 in NJ.
- The Softball Team claimed the Super Essex Conference Colonial Division Championship in consecutive years.
- 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
- Soccer Girls- Essex County Player of the Year, 2nd Team All State- All Groups
- Girls Flag Football- 2 Players Named to All State
- Wrestling- Two Wrestlers Qualified for the NJSIAA Individual State Championships
- Girls Volleyball Players- Two Girls Were Selected Top 100 Prospects in the Country

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES – CLASS OF 2024

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 2024 received acceptances to the following post high school institutions:

Adelphi University	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Morgan State University	Thomas Jefferson University
Alabama A & M University	Florida Atlantic University	Mount Saint Mary College	Tiffin University
Alaska Pacific University	Florida Institute of Technology	Muhlenberg College	Towson University
Albright College	Florida International University	Nazareth University	Tulane University of Louisiana
Alfred State College	Florida Memorial University	New England College	Tuskegee University
Alfred University	Florida State University	New Jersey City University	Union College of Union County, NJ
Alvernia University	Fordham University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Union College (NY)
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Franklin and Marshall College	New York Institute of Technology	Universal Technical Institute - Bloomfield
American University	Franklin Pierce University	New York University	University at Albany, SUNY
Appalachian State University	George Mason University	Norfolk State University	University at Buffalo
Arcadia University	Georgia Institute of Technology- Main Campus	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Arizona State University-Tempe	Georgia State University	North Carolina Central University	University of Arizona
Assumption University	Georgian Court University	North Carolina State University	University of Bridgeport
Augustana College	Gordon College	Northeastern University	University of California
Baldwin Wallace University	Grace College and Theological Seminary	Nova Southeastern University	University of Central Florida
Bard College	Hampshire College	Ohio State University-Main Campus	University of Cincinnati
Baylor University	Hampton University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Colorado Boulder
Bennington College	Harvard University	Old Dominion University	University of Connecticut
Bergen Community College	High Point University	Pace University	University of Delaware
Berkeley College Woodland Park Location	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Parisian Beauty Academy	University of Florida
Berklee College of Music	Hofstra University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Georgia
Binghamton University	Howard University	Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Abington	University of Hartford
Bloomfield College of Montclair State University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University	University of Illinois
Boston University	Indiana State University	Plymouth State University	University of Kentucky
Brigham Young University	Indiana Tech	Post University	University of Maine
Brookdale Community College	Indiana University-Bloomington	Pratt Institute-Main	University of Maryland University of Massachusetts
Brown University	Institute of Culinary Education	Princeton University	University of Miami
Bryn Mawr College	Iona University	Quinnipiac University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Caldwell University	Ithaca College	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Missouri-Kansas City
California State University-East Bay	Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	Regent University	University of Mount Saint Vincent
California State University-Sacramento	Jackson State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Carnegie Mellon University	James Madison University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of New Hampshire
Case Western Reserve University	Johns Hopkins University	Rider University	University of New Haven
Centenary University	Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of North Carolina
Central Connecticut State University	Johnson & Wales University-Providence	Roanoke College	University of North Texas
Clafin University	Johnson C Smith University	Robert Morris University	University of Northwestern Ohio
Clark Atlanta University	Kean University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Oregon
Clark University	Kennesaw State University	Roger Williams University	University of Pennsylvania
Clarkson University	Kent State University at Kent	Rowan University	University of Pittsburgh
Clemson University	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Rutgers University	University of Rhode Island
Coastal Carolina University	La Salle University	Sacred Heart University	University of Rochester
College of Charleston	Lake Forest College	Saint Anselm College	University of Scranton
Colorado School of Mines	Lehigh University	Saint Elizabeth University	University of South Carolina
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	LIM College	Saint Joseph's University	University of South Florida
Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield	Lincoln Technical Institute	Saint Peter's University	University of Southern California
Connecticut College	Lincoln University	Salisbury University	University of the District of Columbia
County College of Morris	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Salve Regina University	University of the West of England, Bristol
Culinary Institute of America	Loyola University Chicago	San Diego State University	University of Vermont
CUNY Borough of Manhattan	Loyola University Maryland	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Washington
CUNY City College	Loyola University New Orleans	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dean College	Lynn University	Seton Hall University	Utica University
Delaware State University	Manchester Community College - New Hampshire	Shenandoah University	Vermont State University (All Campuses)
Dickinson College	Manhattan College	Skidmore College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Dillard University	Manhattan School of Music	Smith College	Virginia State University
Drew University	Marist College	Spelman College	Virginia Tech
Drexel University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Springfield College	Washington College
Duquesne University	Marymount Manhattan College	St Bonaventure University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
East Carolina University	Marymount University	St. John's College	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	St. John's University-New York	West Essex County College
Eastern Connecticut State University	McGill University	St. Lawrence University	West Virginia State University
Eastern University	Mercy University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	West Virginia University
Elizabeth City State University	Miami University-Oxford	Stanford University	Western Colorado University
Elon University	Michigan State University	State University of New York	Western Connecticut State University
Emerson College	Michigan Technological University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Western Washington University
Emory University	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Stockton University	Widener University
Empire Beauty School-Bloomfield	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Stonehill College	Wilkes University
Essex County College	Monmouth University	Stony Brook University	William Paterson University-NJ
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Montclair State University	Suffolk University	Wingate University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Montserrat College of Art	SUNY	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Felician University	Moore College of Art and Design	Susquehanna University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Flagler College	Morehouse College	Syracuse University	Yale University
		Temple University	York College of Pennsylvania
		The Catholic University of America	
		The College of New Jersey	
		The George Washington University	
		The New School	
		The University of Tampa	
		The University of Texas at Dallas	

