HOPEWELL VALLEY
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

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COMMUNITY

Hopewell Valley Regional School District is located in the northwestern part of Mercer County and is approximately eight miles north of Trenton and ten miles west of Princeton. It includes three municipalities: Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, and Pennington Borough. The land area comprises approximately sixty square miles. The boroughs of Hopewell and Pennington are almost entirely residential communities, and Hopewell Township is residential with some remaining farms. District residents are primarily business, professional, and educational services people holding managerial, professional and executive positions in Trenton, Princeton, New York, Philadelphia, and surrounding areas.

SCHOOL

Hopewell Valley Central High School (HVCHS) is a public high school, grades 9-12, with a current enrollment of approximately 1100 students. The strong commitment of community, students, and school staff toward providing excellence in education has consistently placed HVCHS among the top-rated high schools in New Jersey and the nation.

As a truly comprehensive public high school, HVCHS is very proud of program offerings and choices. Despite the relatively small size of the high school, every effort is made to create an environment that supports individual interests and skills through an extremely wide variety of curricular offerings. This rich curriculum includes **26 AP courses** approved by College Board, Honors opportunities in all academic subject areas, a work-study program with field experiences, and shared time opportunities at county vocational-technical schools. In addition, through university partnerships, we offer dual credit programs as part of our regular program. To broaden our course offerings and provide students with experience in online learning, we offer classes through a number of online providers. Through our Concentrated Studies Program, students are encouraged to pursue subject areas that appeal to their individual passion. HVCHS also offers students the opportunity for in-depth study in five world languages. We boast an award winning visual and performing arts program and a Performing Arts Academy; the music program has been recognized as one of the top 100 programs in the nation for the past five years.

Extracurricular opportunities at HVCHS are broad and diverse. Over 60% of all students participate in at least one athletic program; our fall and spring drama and winter musical productions are of high quality, and our Model United Nations program, Distributive Education Club of America, and Future Business Leaders of America win awards annually at regional and state conferences. Student government and a variety of service organizations, such as Peer Leaders, YES Club, Student Movement Against Cancer, and Global Connections are just a few of the many popular organizations in which student commitment toward the development of a clear social conscience is apparent.

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FACULTY

Central High School has a full-time professional staff of approximately 130. Approximately 60% of the professional staff has 10 or more years of experience in education. Sixty-three percent hold masters' degrees and above. The student/faculty ratio is approximately 9:1.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The Counseling Services Department, comprised of a supervisor and five full-time counselors, provides a comprehensive program for each grade, which includes individual and group counseling. With approximately 90% of each graduating class continuing their education, the college selection and admissions process comprises a major responsibility for each counselor.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The grade point average, computed at the end of the sixth and seventh semesters, includes all subjects in which a student receives a numerical grade. This cumulative GPA is weighted with five additional points added to each honors level course final grade and eight points added to each Advanced Placement course final grade. Grades below 50 will factor into the final GPA as a 50. Note: Only the cumulative semester GPA incorporates these weightings. Final course grades posted on the academic transcript are actual grades earned in the course. Students are not assigned a rank in class.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As required by the New Jersey Department of Education and Hopewell Valley Board of Education policy, candidates for a high school diploma must earn a minimum of 120 credits distributed as indicated here, meet the requirements as outlined in the district attendance policy, and meet the state-testing proficiency levels in English language arts/literacy and mathematics.

Subject	Years	Credits
English	4	20
U.S. History	2	10
World History	1	5
Mathematics	3	15
Life Science	1	5
Physical Science	2	10
Wellness	4	20
World Language	2	10
Business/ Practical Arts	1	5
Visual/ Performing Arts	1	5
Financial Literacy	0.5	2.5
Other Electives	2.5	12.5
Total		120

Grading Scale	
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
P	Pass
I	Incomplete
WP	Withdrew Passing
WF	Withdrew Failing

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MEAN SAT SCORES (2026)			
n = 525	Total	ERW	Math
HVCHS	1289	650	639
New Jersey	1060	540	520
Nation	1040	530	510

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION				
	Class of 2026	Class of 2025	Class of 2024	Class of 2023
Four-Year College/ University	80%	79%	80%	80%
Two-year College	6%	9%	9%	11%
Nursing/ Business/ Technical School	1%	2%	1%	1%
TOTAL	87%	90%	90%	92%

2026 ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST SCORES					
	# Tested	% 3 or higher		# Tested	% 3 or higher
Biology	23	91	French Language	12	91
Calculus AB	48	81	German Language	10	90
Calculus BC	37	89	Physics C: E & M	19	79
Chemistry	40	100	Physics C: Mechanics	24	71
Chinese Language	4	75	Research	17	94
Comp Sci A	9	100	Seminar	28	100
Comp Sci Principles	11	82	Spanish Language	21	86
Drawing	1	100	Statistics	96	93
English Language	48	100	U.S. Govt & Politics	71	90
English Lit & Comp	16	100	U.S. History	96	98
Environ Science	22	100	World History	21	90



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COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2022 - 2025

The colleges and universities listed below provide a sampling of those to which Hopewell Valley graduates have matriculated in recent years.

Albright College
Allegheny College
American University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Bloomsburg University
Boston College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Cabrini University
Carleton University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Cedar Crest College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware Valley University
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
East Stroudsburg University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Kean University
La Salle University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Liberty University
LIM College
Lock Haven University
Los Angeles Film School
Loyola University Maryland
Maine College of Art & Design
Manhattan School of Music
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Mercer County Community College
Miami University
Michigan State University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Moravian University
Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Ottawa University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Ramapo College
Rice University
Rider University
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Rutgers University - Newark
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
Shippensburg University
Skidmore College
Smith College
St. Mary's College
Stetson University
Stockton University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The College of New Jersey
The College of Wooster
The New School
The Oberlin Conservatory of Music
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
The University of the Arts
Towson University
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
University of Buffalo
University of Arizona
University of California - Berkeley
University of California - Davis
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - San Diego
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Illinois
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Nevada Las Vegas
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina - Charlotte
University of Notre Dame
University of Ottawa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Ursinus College
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University - St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Chester University
West Virginia University
Wilkes University
William & Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Youngstown State University