HOPEWELL VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
2021-2022 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 is a public high school, grades 9-12, with a current enrollment of 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 **22 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, we offer a dual credit program through Syracuse University 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. Central High School also offers students the opportunity for in-depth study in five world languages, and provides an award winning visual and performing arts program and a Performing Arts Academy, where our high school music program has been one of the top 100 programs in the nation for the past five years.

The **Extracurricular Program** at HVCHS is 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. The French, Spanish, and German exchange programs continue to broaden student global perspectives. Student government and a variety of service organizations, such as Peer Leaders, Model United Nations, 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.

FACULTY

Central High School has a full-time professional staff of 128. 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 DEPARTMENT

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 over 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.**

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***

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 below, meet the requirements as outlined in the District attendance policy, and meet the proficiency levels in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics as measured by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

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/Fine/Practical Art	2	10
Financial Literacy	0.5	2.5
Other Electives	2.5	12.5
TOTAL		120

HONORS and ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

English 1	Geometry
English 2	Algebra 2
English 3	Pre-Calculus
19th Century American Literature	Calculus 2
Backgrounds for Literature	Calculus 3
AP English Language	AP Calculus AB
AP English Literature	AP Calculus BC
	Statistical Modeling
World History	AP Statistics
U.S. History 1 & 2	
AP U.S. History 1	French 3
AP U.S. History 2	French 4
AP European History	French 5
AP U.S. Government	AP French
AP World History	Spanish 3
	Spanish 4
AP Physics 1	Spanish 5
AP Physics C	AP Spanish
AP Environmental Science	German 3
Biology	German 4
AP Biology	German 5
Chemistry	AP German
AP Chemistry	Latin 3
	AP Latin Vergil
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Music Theory
	AP Studio Art

SAT MEAN SCORES 2019-2020 Number of Students Tested: 218			
	Total	**ERW**	**Math**
HVCHS	1250	619	632
New Jersey	1081	541	540
Nation	1051	528	523

ACT MEAN SCORES 2019-2020 Number of Students Tested: 157				
Composite	**Math**	**Science**	**English**	**Reading**
27.3	26.4	26.5	27.8	28.2
26.9	24	23.6	24.3	27.5
20.7	20.4	20.6	20.1	21.2

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES May 2021		
	#	**% 3 or higher**
Art: 2D	4	100
Art: 3D	2	100
Biology	16	100
Calculus AB	68	80
Calculus BC	21	86
Chemistry	38	92
Chinese Language	2	100
Comp Sci Principles	19	100
English Language	22	95
English Lit & Comp	26	81
Environmental Science	25	84
French Language	4	100
German Language	1	100
Gov't. & Politics- U.S.	52	62
Music Theory	5	100
Physics 1	75	49
Physics C: Mechanics	12	100
Physics C: E & M	11	91
Seminar	36	100
Spanish Language	13	100
Statistics	77	86
U.S. History	88	88
World History	20	100

NATIONAL MERIT AWARD SCHOLARS	
Finalists	3
Commended	15

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION				
	Class of 2021	**Class of 2020**	**Class of 2019**	**Class of 2018**
Four-year College/University	80%	80%	79%	79%
Two-year College	13%	11%	12%	10%
Nursing/Business/Technical School	1%	2%	2%	1%
TOTAL	**94%**	**93%**	**93%**	**90%**

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS 2018-2021

Listed below are all colleges and universities at which Hopewell Valley graduates have matriculated over the past four years.

Albright College
American University
Amherst College
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Automotive Training Center
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Bates College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Bloomsburg Univ of Pennsylvania
Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brigham Young University, Idaho
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Bucks County Community College
Caldwell University
California Institute of Technology
Cal Poly State Univ, San Luis Obispo
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Castleton University
Centenary University
Chapman University
Christopher Newport University
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Coastal Carolina University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
CUNY/UAPC
Curry College
Davidson College
Delaware County Community College
Delaware Valley University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Eastern Kentucky University
Eastern University
Eastman School of Music the U of Roch
Eckerd College
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Elizabethtown College
Elmhurst College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Fordham University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgian Court University
Gettysburg College
Grinnell College
Guilford College
Gwynedd Mercy University
Harford Community College
Haverford College
Hendrix College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hood College
Hope College
Houghton College
Indiana University at Bloomington
Ithaca College
Jacobs University
James Madison University
Jefferson (Phil Univ + Thomas Jeff)
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales Univ (Denver)
Johnson & Wales Univ (Providence)
Juniata College
Kean University
King's College London
Kingston University
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
La Salle University
Lafayette College
Lancaster Bible College
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark College
Liberty University
Life University
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lycoming College
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Manhattan School of Music
Manor College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Marywood University
McDaniel College
McGill University
Mercer County Community College
Messiah College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Middlesex County College
Misericordia University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Moore College of Art and Design
Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
Neumann University
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University

Norwich University
Ohio University
Oregon State University
Pace University, New York City
Palm Beach State College, South Campus
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University – Abington
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Raritan Valley Community College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rider University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rowan College at Burlington County
Rowan College at Gloucester County
Rowan University
Rutgers University – New Brunswick
Rutgers University - Newark
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Sierra Nevada College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Sonoma State University
Southwestern University
Spelman College
Springfield College
St. Lawrence University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
Stony Brook University
Studio School Los Angeles
Suffolk University
SUNY Albany
SUNY College of Geneseo
SUNY College of Env Sci & Forestry
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University – Galveston
The Catholic University of America
The College of New Jersey
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of NC at Chapel Hill
The University of Scranton
The University of Tampa
The University of the Arts
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College (New York)
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of British Columbia
University of California – Los Angeles
University of California – San Diego
University of California – Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champ
University of Louisville
University of Lynchburg
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Missouri Columbia
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of NC at Asheville
University of NC at Charlotte
University of NC at Greensboro
University of NC at Wilmington
University of NC School of the Arts
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina – Colombia
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Ursinus College
Utah Valley University
Valley Forge Military College
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington University in St. Louis
Webb Institute
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Wheaton College IL
Wichita State University
Widener University
Wilkes University
Willamette University
William & Mary
William Paterson Univ of New Jersey
Williams College
Winthrop University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute