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WEST HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dedicated to Excellence

WEST HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mr. Matthew Caruthers Ms. Jacqueline Zorskas Ms. Angela Sigmon Ms. Jillian Tammany

THE COMMUNITY

West Hempstead is an established suburban community located in Nassau County on the southwest shore of Long Island, 20 miles east of New York City. It has a population of 20,648, consisting of mostly middle-income families.

THE DISTRICT

The West Hempstead Union Free School District includes a full-day kindergarten center, one primary school (1-3), one intermediate school (4-6), and one secondary school (7-12).

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

West Hempstead Secondary School has a total enrollment of 759 students. West Hempstead Secondary School offers a minimum of four-year sequences in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and World Languages. Sequences in Business Education, Related Arts, Music, and Occupational Education are also offered. The levels of instruction are Advanced Placement, College, Honors, and Academic. The level placement is determined for each academic subject on proficiency, testing, and consultation with the student, teacher, parent, school counselor, department director, and principal.

2026-2027 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT: 759

SENIOR CLASS ENROLLMENT: 155

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 26

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 10/1

STUDENT/COUNSELOR RATIO: 220/1

CLASS RANKING AND GRADING

Rank in class weighted values are assigned to grades depending upon course level. Class rank is determined by the weighted average obtained from the average of all numerical marks in grades 9 through 11 (also includes high school courses taken in grade 8.) The final averages of Advanced Placement Courses are weighted by 12%. Honors and college-level courses are weighted 7%.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Required Subjects Credits: English 4.0, Social Studies 4.0, Mathematics 3.0, Science 3.0, Health 0.5, Fine Arts/Music 1.0, World Language 1.0, Physical Education 2.0, Electives 3.5

Total 22.0

All graduates must pass Regents Examinations in English, Mathematics, Global History, U.S. History, and Science.

CLASS OF 2026

PROFILE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST

Reading/Writing: Mean: 535

Math: Mean 523

CLASS OF 2026

DIPLOMA SURVEY

Advanced Regents Diplomas: 37%

Regents Diplomas: 63%

CLASS OF 2026

AWARDS

AP Capstone Diploma: 3

AP Seminar & Research Certificate: 0

AP Scholars with Distinction: 11

AP Scholars with Honors: 5

AP Scholars: 17

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

Higher Education: 93%

Four-Year Colleges: 61%

Two-Year Colleges: 32%

Military 0%

Employment: 7%

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement courses are offered in Capstone Research, Capstone Seminar, English Literature & Composition, English Language & Composition, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Calculus AB, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Statistics, Spanish Language, Human Geography, and Studio Art.

College Credit

Several courses in our school are offered for college credit through local universities. These follow the curriculum for current courses offered at the particular institutions. Our teachers are the adjunct professors for these classes. College credit courses are: AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics, College Statistics, Pre-calculus, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental, AP Physics, AP Language and Composition, AP English Literature, Major American Writers (English 11H), College Composition (English 12H), Creative Writing, Presentational Speaking, College Economics, Virtual Enterprise, Criminal Justice, Forensics, Advanced Drawing, Spanish 4H and 5 College, and Italian 4 and 5 College. Not all classes are offered each year. Science Research students practice the methodology of independent research, use laboratory equipment, and develop an understanding of experimental design and analysis. Students present and defend their research at science contests, fairs, and exhibits during the year.

Vocational programs are available through Nassau BOCES. These programs normally require a half-day for two years during Junior and Senior years.

WEST HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS & ATHLETICS

A wide variety of co-curricular programs are available. Some of these may include: Student Government, Art Society, GSA Club, Cross-Fit Club, Debate Club, Drama Club, ENL Club, Environmental Club, Ink Blot (magazine), Key Club, Leadership Club, Leading Ladies, Mathletes, Rampage (newspaper), SADD, Show Choir Club, Step Club, Technology Club, World Languages Club, and Westerly (yearbook.) A selection of intramural sports activities from badminton to weight training are offered each year. The offerings depend on student interest each year. Twenty-four interscholastic sports teams compete through

OUR GRADUATES ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Adelphi University • Boston University • Columbia University • CUNY Baruch • CUNY Hunter College • CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice • CUNY Queens College • Delaware University • Fashion Institute of Technology • Florida Atlantic University • Fordham University • Hofstra University • Howard University • Iona College • Johnson & Wales University • Lehigh University • Long Island University Post • Lynn University • Macaulay Honors College • Marist College • Marymount Manhattan • Mercy College • Michigan State University • Molloy College • Monmouth University • Montclair State University • Morgan State University • Mount St. Mary College • Nassau Community College • New York Institute of Technology • New York University (NYU) • Northeastern University • NOVA Southeastern University • Ohio State University • Pace University • Penn State University • RTI • Rutgers University • School of Visual Arts • Southern Connecticut University • Springhill College • St. John's University • Suffolk Community College • SUNY Albany • SUNY Binghamton • SUNY Buffalo • SUNY Cortland • SUNY Farmingdale • SUNY Old Westbury • SUNY Oneonta • SUNY Oswego • SUNY Plattsburgh • SUNY Purchase • SUNY Stony Brook • U.S. Merchant Marine Academy • U.S. Naval Academy • UMass Amherst • UMass Boston • University of Chicago • University of Connecticut • University of Dayton • University of Delaware • University of Miami • University of New Haven • University of North Carolina (University of NC) • University of Rhode Island • University of Rochester • University of Tampa • University of Texas • University of Toronto • Vaughn College • Villanova University • Virginia Tech