

HANOVER PARK HIGH SCHOOL

2026 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITION: Hanover Park High School ranked as a 2026-2027 Best High School in the Nation and a Best STEM School in the Nation by U.S. News and World Report. Hanover Park was rated in the 2025 in the top NJ High Schools by Niche.com. Hanover Park is also rated as a 8/10 on Greatschools.org. Hanover Park High School was recognized with "Bronze" status by the AP School Honor Roll by the College Board. Hanover Park High School was awarded a 2024 College Success awards by Greatschools.org.

CHARACTER EDUCATION: The Hanover Park Regional High School District was recognized by the Character Education Partnership (C.E.P) of Washington D.C. and the New Jersey Alliance for Social and Emotional Development (N.J.A.S.C.D.) as both a State and National District of Character.

SCHOLARS: 9 students were National Merit Scholars placing them in the top 5% of all college bound seniors in the country; 19 students were recipients of the Presidential Academic Award of Excellence; 1 student participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Summit; 19 students participated in the Novartis Teen Mentoring Program; 10 students participated in the Novartis International Women's Day Panel; 89 students were inducted into the Barbara Bradshaw Chapter of the National Honors Society during the 2025-2026 school year. 20 students received a Global Seal of Biliteracy Award. 4 students attended NJ Boys State and 1 student attended NJ Girls State.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT / SAT / ACT: 429 AP tests were administered in May 2026. 92% of the scores were a 3 or better; 86 students have received recognition by the College Board - 47 students were named AP Scholars with Distinction, 11 students were named AP Scholars with Honor, and 28 students were named AP Scholars. 9 students received an AP Capstone Diploma, and 5 students received an AP Seminar & Research Certificate. 1 student scored a perfect 36 on the ACT Reading & writing section; 5 students achieved a perfect score of 800 on the SAT Math section; 1 student achieved a perfect score of 800 on the SAT Reading & Writing section; Hanover Park continues to surpass the State and National SAT average with a combined score in Math, Evidence Based Reading, and Writing.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: The Academic Team placed 1st in the North Jersey Region 3 Competition and placed 5th in the state competition, and 2 students were crowned state champions. Members of Future Business Leaders of America competed at the regional, state, and national competition. 30 students placed at regionals, and 5 students placed in the top ten at States. 5 students competed at the national competition in San Antonio, TX and 2 students placed at FBLA Nationals. The Forensics and Debate Team, Mock Trial Team, and the Robotics Team successfully competed in regional and state competitions throughout the school year.

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THE ARTS: The Hanover Park High School Golden Hornet Marching Band composed of over 60 members finished third at the state championships in the fall, the Concert Band scored a bronze award at the North Jersey Music Festival, and the Indoor Drumline finished second at their finals this spring. The music department traveled to Orlando, FL, where the marching band and the Concert Choir represented HP and performed at Universal Studios. The Concert Choir also performed at the annual Choral-Palooza Festival and the Chamber Singers participated in several service-centered performances in the community throughout the year. Numerous individual band and string students were selected for prestigious areas, region, and all-state honors and individual members of the choir received recognition from several prestigious collegiate programs in music and theatre. The band and choir also held a winter concert and numerous spring concerts in the theater. The theatrical productions of *Almost Maine* and *Little Shop of Horrors* were performed to sellout crowds. The students and staff did an outstanding job putting together these shows and showcased the many talents of our student body. The students in the art department created several beautiful pieces of artwork and student work was submitted to art shows throughout the state and Morris County. In addition, the Dance Team, now in its 12th season, performed at football games and competed in competitions throughout the year.

ATHLETICS: The Wrestling Team won the North 2 Group 1 State Sectional Championship; The Girls Tennis Team, Football Team, Girls Cross Country Team, Girls Lacrosse Team, Softball Team, and Wrestling team won NJAC Conference championships. The Park Swimming Team and Girls Golf Team received the NJAC Conference Sportsmanship Award. There was 1 State Sectional Champion in Boys Cross Country; 1 NJ State Champion and 1 NJ State Silver Medalist in wrestling; 2 Region Champions in wrestling; 4 State Qualifiers in wrestling; 3 County champions in wrestling; 8 County Place winners in Wrestling; 3 State Sectional Place winners in Winter Track; 1 State Sectional Champion in Spring Track; 13 State Sectional Place winners in Spring Track; 1 Spring Track Athlete qualified and competed at the Meet of Champions. 2 All County selections in Football; 3 All County selections in Girls Soccer; 3 All County selections in Boys Soccer; 1 All State Group 2 selection in Boys Soccer; 1 All State Group 1 selection in Girls Tennis; 2 All State Group 2 selections in Softball; 1 NJSFC Coach of the Year Award; 1 NJAC Wrestling Coach of the Year Award; 5 student athletes will be playing sports at the collegiate level.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES & SCHOLARSHIPS: Over 150 local and collegiate scholarships were awarded to members of the Class of 2026 totaling approximately \$97,000. Members of the Class of 2026 were accepted into various two and four-year colleges and universities from across the United States and Internationally.

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Class of 2026 College Acceptances

ALABAMA

Auburn University
The University of Alabama
Tuskegee University

ARIZONA

Arizona State University - Tempe
The University of Arizona

CALIFORNIA

Santa Clara University
University of California - Irvine
University of California - Santa Barbara
University of California - Los Angeles
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
Westcliff University
Whittier College
Woodbury University

COLORADO

University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
Western Colorado University

CONNECTICUT

Fairfield University
Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University
University of Bridgeport
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of New Haven
Western Connecticut State University
Yale University

DELAWARE

Delaware State University
University of Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Georgetown University
Howard University
The Catholic University of America

FLORIDA

Barry University
Flagler College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Southern College
Florida SouthWestern State College
Florida State University
Jacksonville University
Lynn University
Nova Southeastern University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Stetson University
The University of Tampa
The University of West Florida

University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of North Florida
University of South Florida

GEORGIA

Clark Atlanta University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Kennesaw State University
Spelman College
University of Georgia

ILLINOIS

Northwestern University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

INDIANA

Indiana University Bloomington
Purdue University

KANSAS

The University of Kansas

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky
University of Louisville

LOUISIANA

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Loyola University New Orleans
Southern University at New Orleans
Xavier University of Louisiana

MAINE

Bates College
University of Maine at Augusta

MARYLAND

Coppin State University
John Hopkins University
Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary's University
University of Maryland, College Park

MASSACHUSETTS

Bentley University
Boston University
Massell University
Merrimack College
Northeastern University
Tufts University
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

MICHIGAN

Michigan State University

University of Michigan

MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi

NEBRASKA

University of Nebraska

NEW JERSEY

Caldwell University
Centenary University
County College of Morris
Drew University

NEW JERSEY (con'd)

Fairleigh Dickinson University
Kean University
Lincoln Technical Institute
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
New Jersey City University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Princeton University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rider University
Rowan University
Rutgers University, Camden
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Rutgers University, Newark
Saint Elizabeth University
Saint Peter's University
Seton Hall University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
The College of New Jersey
Universal Technical Institute - Bloomfield
William Paterson University

NEW YORK

Adelphi University
Binghamton University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Fordham University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Iona University
Le Moyne College
Long Island University-Brooklyn
Long Island University - Post
Marist University
Molloy University
New York University
Pace University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University, State University of NY
Syracuse University

The New School

University of Albany, State University of NY

NEW YORK (con'd)

University of Buffalo, State University of NY
University of Rochester
Vassar College
Wagner College

NORTH CAROLINA

East Carolina University
Elon University
High Point University
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina Wilmington

OHIO

Case Western Reserve University
Miami University - Oxford
The Ohio State University
University of Dayton

PENNSYLVANIA

Alvernia University
Carnegie Mellon University
Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg, Lock
Haven and Mansfield
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University
Franklin & Marshall College
Gettysburg College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
La Salle University
Lackawanna College
Lafayette College
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Lycoming College
Moravian University
Muhlenberg College
Penn State Abington
Penn State Altoona
Penn State Lehigh Valley

PENNSYLVANIA (con'd)

Penn State University Park
Pennsylvania College of Technology
PennWest California
Saint Joseph's University
Temple University
The University of Scranton
University of Pittsburgh
Villanova University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

RHODE ISLAND

Bryant University
Johnson & Wales University
Providence College
Salve Regina University
University of Rhode Island

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston Southern University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Columbia College, SC
South Carolina State University
University of South Carolina - Columbia

TENNESSEE

Belmont University
Lee University
The University of Tennessee

TEXAS

Southern Methodist University

VERMONT

University of Vermont

VIRGINIA

James Madison University
Liberty University
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia State University
West Virginia University

WISCONSIN

Marquette University
University of Wisconsin - Madison

INTERNATIONAL:

UNITED KINGDOM

University of St. Andrews

