2025 Student Achievements

NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITION: Whippany Park High School ranked as a 2026-27 Best High School in the Nation and one of the 500 STEM High Schools in America by U.S. News and World Report. Whippany Park was rated in the 2025 Top 50 School Districts in NJ High School by Niche.com. Whippany Park is also rated as a 9/10 on Greatschools.com. Whippany Park has also been recognized by the College Board as 2025 Whippany Park High School was recognized with "Gold" status by the AP School Honor Roll by the College Board. Whippany Park High School was awarded 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2024 College Success awards by Greatschools.org.

CHARACTER EDUCATION: The Hanover Park Regional High School District was again recognized by the Character Education Partnership of Washington D.C. and the New Jersey Alliance for Social and Emotional Development as both a State and National District of Character.

SCHOLARS: 6 students were National Merit Scholars which placed them in the top 5% of all college bound seniors in the country and received National Merit Letters of Commendation. 2 students were named Finalists, and 1 was a National Merit Scholarship winner in 2026 National Merit Scholarship Competition. 14 students were Presidential Award for Education Excellence winners; 2 students were nominated to the NJ Scholars Program; 2 students were nominated for the Governor's School - 1 in Engineering and Technology and 1 in the Sciences; 8 were students selected to NJ Boys (6) and Girls (2) State; 1 student was selected for the prestigious NJ Scholars program, 2 students participated in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Summit; 67 students were inducted into the John Richards Chapter of the National Honor Society. Additionally, members of the class of 2026 received $92,000 in local scholarships presented during our Senior Awards night. In addition, 61 members of the Class of 2026 earned at least one of 101 local or University based scholarships awarded to them to aid their pursuit of higher education. This year our students were

ADVANCED PLACEMENT / SAT/ ACT: 485 AP tests were administered in 2026; 95% of scores were a 3 or better; 107 students received honors recognition by the College Board; 50 students were named AP Scholars with Distinction; 27 students were named AP Scholars with Honor, and 30 students were named AP Scholars, and 9 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma. 7 students were awarded the State Seal of Biliteracy and 2 students achieved a perfect score of 36 on the English portion of the ACT. Whippany Park's SAT Average score also continues to surpass the State and National SAT average combined score in Math, Critical Reading, and Writing.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Whippany Park offers more than 30 clubs and activities for our student body. Among the many achievements of these clubs, decathletes of the Academic Team won a silver medal in Literature, two bronze medals in Music and Social Science. Two students received a High Scorer and Most Valuable player award. in the Honors and Scholastic divisions at the Academic Decathlon Regionals Competition. 5 students who competed at FBLA Regionals qualified for the state competition. 7 students placed in the Top 10 at the FBLA State competition, with 3 attending the national competition. 1 Whippany Park student placed 9th in her event at the FBLA national competition!

ARTS: 3 members of the band program qualified for the All Area, All Region Band or All State Band. 1 student auditioned and was accepted to the Juilliard Pre-College program. The Marching Band composed of over 110 members performed at all home football games. Additionally, at the Wayne Hills Marching Band Festival, the Marching Band won a Gold award. The Concert Band, Jazz Band, Madrigal singers and Concert Choir held live concerts throughout the year.The theater department produced two shows, *Puffs* and *The Wizard of Oz*. In addition, there are 11 past members of The Pride who are currently continuing playing at the collegiate level. 5 Whippany Park Visual Art students' artworks were chosen for exhibition at the competitive Blackwell Street Student Art Show held in Morristown. 2 of those students also won awards: one for her colored

pencil work and another for her work in graphite. Additionally, one student earned an "Honorable Mention" for her artwork in the Scholastic Art and Writing competition. The Art Department, in conjunction with the Hanover Township Cultural Arts Committee, held a public art exhibit at the Cultural Art center which showcased over 25 original student artworks from December 1st through January 2026.

ATHLETICS: 7 conference championships were won in Girls Tennis, Boys Cross Country, Wrestling, Softball, Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Girls Lacrosse. 4 state sectional championships were won in Boys Indoor Track, Boys Outdoor Track (for the 5th consecutive year), Girls Outdoor Track, and Girls Tennis. The Girls Tennis team also advanced to the Group 2 state finals. The Park Regional Hockey Team advanced to the championship game of the Halvorsen Cup. The 2025-2026 also saw impressive individual achievements that include a Group 2 state champion, multiple appearances in the Track and Field Meets of Champions with one student finishing in the the top 6 in triple jump, a county champion, several state sectional champions, and two students who competed at the 2026 Nike Indoor National Track & Field Championships. Additionally, coach Todd Callaghan was also named the NJAC softball coach of the year. Additionally, 4 members of the class of 2026 were offered opportunities to compete athletically in college and a Team Sportsmanship Award was won in Baseball.

Whippany Park High School

Class of 2026 College Acceptances

ALABAMA
Auburn University
The University of Alabama

ARIZONA
Arizona State University

COLORADO
University of Colorado, Boulder

CONNECTICUT
Fairfield University
Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University
Southern Connecticut State University
University of Connecticut
University of New Haven
University of Saint Joseph

DELAWARE
University of Delaware

FLORIDA
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Northwest Lineman College
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Rollins College
Stetson University
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of South Florida
University of Tampa

GEORGIA
Savannah College of Art & Design
University of Georgia

ILLINOIS
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

INDIANA
Indiana University at Bloomington
Purdue University
University of Notre Dame

IOWA
The University of Iowa

KENTUCKY
University of Kentucky

LOUISIANA
Louisiana State University

MAINE
University of Maine

MARYLAND
Loyola University
Salisbury University
Towson University
University of Maryland

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston University
Brandeis University
Clark University
Emerson College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Merrimack College
Northeastern University
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Western New England University

MICHIGAN
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University

MINNESOTA
University of Minnesota

MISSISSIPPI
University of Mississippi

MISSOURI
University of Missouri

NEBRASKA
University of Nebraska

NEW JERSEY
Bergen Community College
Caldwell University
Centenary University
County College of Morris
Drew University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Felician University
Kean University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Princeton University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rider University

NEW JERSEY (Continued)
Rowan University
Rutgers University-
Camden, New Brunswick, Newark
Saint Elizabeth University
Seton Hall University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
The College of New Jersey
William Paterson University

NEW YORK
Adelphi University
Bard College
Binghamton University
Fordham University
Hofstra University
Ithaca College
Long Island University-Post
Marist University
New York Film Academy
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Pace University
Pratt Institute
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
St. John's University
Skidmore College
Stony Brook University
The New School
SUNY Albany
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY-New Paltz
Syracuse University
The New School
University at Albany
University at Buffalo
University of Rochester
Wagner College

NORTH CAROLINA
Campbell University
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Greensboro College
High Point University
North Carolina State University
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

OHIO
Miami University-Oxford
The Ohio State University

OHIO (Continued)
Tiffin University
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
Xavier University

PENNSYLVANIA
Bloomsburg University
Carnegie Mellon University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University
Gettysburg College
Immaculata University
King's College
Kutztown University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Marywood University
Mercyhurst University
Moravian University
Penn State Berks
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Saint Joseph's University
Susquehanna University
Temple University
The University of Scranton
University of Pittsburgh
University of Valley Forge
Villanova University
West Chester University
Widener University
Wilkes University
York College of Pennsylvania

RHODE ISLAND
Johnson & Wales University
Providence College
Rhode Island College
Rhode Island School of Design
Roger Williams University
Salve Regina University
University of Rhode Island

SOUTH CAROLINA
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
University of South Carolina

TENNESSEE
East Tennessee State University
The University of Tennessee

TEXAS
Baylor University

VERMONT
University of Vermont

VIRGINIA
George Mason University
James Madison University
Liberty University
Old Dominion University
University of Virginia
Virginia Tech
Washington & Lee University

WEST VIRGINIA
West Virginia State University
West Virginia University

WASHINGTON, DC
The George Washington University

WISCONSIN
University of Wisconsin

INTERNATIONAL

CANADA
McGill University, Quebec

ENGLAND
Oxford Brookes University, Oxfordshire
University of Southampton

MILITARY
United States Marine Corps.
United States Military Academy at West Point

