

# PORT CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE



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## COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Port Chester High School is located on a 20 acre campus on the border between the villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook in Westchester County, New York. The school has provided quality education to the students of Port Chester and neighboring portions of Rye Brook since 1932.

Port Chester is a wonderfully diverse suburban community on Long Island Sound, approximately 27 miles from Manhattan. The village of two square miles and 29,000 residents is a former manufacturing center that is home now to a commercial rebirth centered on a multimillion dollar development and expansion of its downtown and harbor areas.

Port Chester High School shares the district's mission of Success For Every Student. Our school is the flagship of the district, an institution that students and staff are proud to call home.

## COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

Port Chester High School recognizes the educational value inherent in student participation in the life of the school. A strong activities program is available to students and is designed to meet their school-related interests and needs. We offer opportunities for students to develop and grow through participation in numerous cocurricular and athletic activities.

In the pulsing beat of the award winning marching band, one hears the drumming of the heart of the school. As our athletes race across field and court, one feels the adrenaline rush of Ram pride. And in art, choir, theatre, journalism, student government, and a multitude of activities, students can challenge their potential and broaden themselves.

Special recognition is offered through the National Honor Society, Mathematics Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta), Science Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National English Honor Society, and the French, Italian, and Spanish National Honor Societies.

About a third of our students participate in at least one sport. Port Chester High School offers a full boys and girls interscholastic sports program at the modified, junior, and varsity levels.

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Football	Basketball	Baseball
Soccer	Wrestling	Softball
Volleyball	Indoor Track	Track and Field
Cross Country	Bowling	Boys' Tennis
Cheerleading	Boys' Swimming	Golf
Girls' Tennis		
Girls' Swimming		

## STUDENT BODY AND FACULTY

Port Chester High School is a four-year, comprehensive high school accredited by the New York State Board of Regents and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Students may select a program of studies that includes honors and college preparatory courses, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, fine art studies, special education, English as new language, bilingual programs, and vocational education through the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Our students share diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds and represent over 28 nations. Some have lived in the district for generations, while many others have only recently immigrated to the United States. About one-third of our students are current or former English Language Learners, and our cultural diversity enriches the school community and educational environment.

Approximately 1,530 students are enrolled—79 percent are Hispanic, 15 percent are white (non-Hispanic), 5 percent are black, and 1 percent are from other backgrounds. A culturally diverse student body is one of our greatest strengths, and together we look to build on the school's legacy and rich traditions.

The professional staff at Port Chester High School includes 101 teachers, 7 counselors, 8 teaching assistants, 3 aides, a psychologist, a librarian, a social worker, 2 school nurses, 9 office staff, 25 other support staff, and 4 administrators. The faculty is committed to providing a supportive learning environment and to the development of each student's potential.

Students are supported by professionals who value the importance of academic achievement and are dedicated to ensuring that students receive the highest quality education possible. Everyone here feels part of a team whose mission is to help students do their best by creating a positive atmosphere that permits students to learn and teachers to teach.

## GRADUATE PROFILE

Many of our graduates are the first in their families to pursue higher education. The percent of our students who do go on to college is a testament to their commitment to overcoming the often linguistic, financial, and cultural challenges that they face.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Higher Education</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>93%</b>
Four-Year Colleges	46%	53%	38%	46%	49%
Two-Year Colleges	46%	42%	52%	45%	44%
Other Institutions	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%
Military	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Employment	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%
Other	3%	1%	3%	2%	4%

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to complete a minimum of 22 credits for graduation.

English	4 credits	Physical Education	2 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	Second Language	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Art/Music	1 credit
Mathematics	3 credits	Health	½ credit
		Electives	3½ credits

A numeric grading system is used. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college level courses are weighted 1.1, honors courses are weighted 1.05, and Regents courses are weighted 1.025.

### GRADING SCALE

A+ =97-100	B+ =87-89	C+ =77-79	D+ =67-69
A =93-96	B =83-86	C =73-76	D =65-66
A- =90-92	B- =80-82	C- =70-72	F =0-64

Port Chester High School does not assign students a rank in class.

### COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES CURRENTLY OR RECENTLY OFFERED

- Westchester Community College
- Early College Experience Program—Pre-Calculus, Entrepreneurship, Basic Musicianship/Music Theory 1, English 12-ECE
- Transition Partnership Program—English 12 and Math For College

## HONORS, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Last year, over one-third of the total student body successfully completed at least one Honors, Advanced Placement, or College Level course at Port Chester High School. In 2013, Port Chester High School became authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education.

Honors courses currently or recently offered:

English 9-H, English 10-H, English 9 Pre-IB/AP, English 10 Pre-IB/AP  
Global History 1-H, Global History 2-H, and U.S. History 11-H  
Living Environment H, Earth Science H, Chemistry H, and Physics H  
Geometry H and Algebra 2 H

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program courses currently or recently offered:

IB Film	IB Mathematical Studies	IB Spanish
IB Biology	IB Chemistry	IB Italian
IB History	IB Theory of Knowledge	IB French
IB Visual Arts	IB English Language	IB Music

Advanced Placement courses currently or recently offered:

AP World History	AP Calculus AB	AP Physics 2
AP U.S. History	AP English Language	AP Statistics
AP English Literature	AP Italian Language & Culture	
AP Environmental Science	AP Computer Science Principles	
AP Spanish Language & Culture	AP U.S. Government & Politics	
AP Spanish Literature & Culture		

Enrollment in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college level courses is open to students who possess the desire to participate and the background, skills, and potential to be successful.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES BY PORT CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Adelphi University	Fashion Institute of Technology	Northwestern University	Union College
Alfred University	Fordham University	Ohio State University	University of Bridgeport
Arizona State University	Franklin and Marshall College	Ohio University	University of Colorado
Art Institute of Chicago	George Washington University	Pace University	University of Connecticut
Azusa Pacific University	Georgetown University	Parsons School of Design	University of Delaware
Bentley College	Gettysburg College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Hartford
Boston College	Goucher College	Princeton University	University of Maryland
Boston University	Harvard University	Providence College	University of Massachusetts
Brown University	Hobart and William Smith College	Purdue University	University of Miami
Bryant College	Hofstra University	Quinnipiac College	University of New Haven
Bucknell University	Howard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Pennsylvania
C. W. Post—Long Island University	Iona College	Rutgers University	University of Puget Sound
Carnegie Mellon University	Ithaca College	Sacred Heart University	University of Rhode Island
Castleton State College	James Madison University	Seton Hall University	University of Richmond
Catholic University	Johns Hopkins University	Siena College	University of Rochester
Central Connecticut State University	Keene State University	Southeastern College	University of Southern California
Colgate University	Keystone College	Southern Connecticut State University	University of Tampa
College of Charleston	Lehigh University	Spelman College	University of Vermont
Columbia University	Lincoln Technical Institute of Technology	Springfield College	University of Virginia
Cooper Union	Manhattan College	St. John's University	Utica College
Cornell University	Manhattanville College	St. Thomas Aquinas	Villanova University
Culinary Institute of America	Marist College	Stonehill College	Washington and Jefferson College
CUNY (5 campuses)	Marymount College	SUNY (8 campuses)	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Dartmouth College	Mercy College	Syracuse University	Wesleyan University
DePaul University	Middlebury College	Temple University	West Virginia University
Dominican College	Mitchell College	Tufts University	Westchester Community College
Drexel University	New York Institute of Technology	Tulane University	Western Connecticut State University
Duke University	New York University	U.S. Air Force Academy	Western New England College
Fairfield University	Norfolk State University	U.S. Military Academy	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Northeastern University	U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis)	Yale University

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