

Cliffside Park High School Profile 2010 – 2011

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Mission Statement

The mission of Cliffside Park High School is to provide a safe, academically focused environment within our culturally diverse community. We will challenge each student to confidently achieve his or her educational and personal goals as well as acquire the work and social skills essential to a productive member of society.

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Community

Cliffside Park is a residential community of approximately 23,000 residents and a geographical size of one square mile. It is a suburb of and less than one mile from New York City. The neighboring town of Fairview is a K – 8 district and Cliffside Park is the receiving district for Fairview's 9 – 12 students. Fairview has a population of approximately 13,300.

High School

Cliffside Park High School is a public, co-education, four-year comprehensive high school located in Bergen County, New Jersey. We offer a wide range of courses, which meet the various needs of our students. Our enrollment is approximately 1100. A distinctive feature of this population is that our language survey annually shows that nearly 30 different languages are spoken in the homes of our students. 63.6% of our students speak a language other than English at home. 7.4% of our students attend English as Second Language classes.

Additionally, Cliffside Park High School's annual mobility rate (incoming/transferring) typically approaches 25 – 30%.

Accreditation: Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and New Jersey Department of Education

Post-Secondary Education

Of the 254 graduates of the Class of 2011, 82% planned on post-secondary education (42% attending 4-year college; 39% attending 2-year college and 1% attending technical schools. The remainder report joining the military or are undecided.) The recent availability of free tuition through the NJSTARS program has increased the percentage of students who initially attend our county community college.

Program of Instruction

Cliffside Park High School operates on a 9-period day 5 days per week. Each class is 40 minutes in length. The majority of classes are yearlong. This approach allows for a structured and consistent approach to a student's year.

Graduation requirements: 130 credits which include, English (4 years, 20 credits); social studies (3 years including 1 year of world history, 15 credits); mathematics (3 years including 1 year of algebra, 15 credits); science (3 years including 1 year of biology, 15 credits); world language (1 year), visual, performing, fine, or practical arts (5 credits), 21st century life and careers or career technical education (5 credits) physical education/health (1 course per year), proficiency on New Jersey's High School Proficiency Assessment which currently involves Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics, and a service requirement of 20 volunteer hours per year.

Curriculum

Honors courses: English 9, 10, and 11. Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Advanced Biology.

Advanced Placement: English Literature; US History; Calculus; Biology; Spanish Literature.

Grading System

Cliffside Park High School calculates a weighted GPA and rank. Honors and Advanced Placement classes are weighted as follows:

Advanced Placement:	A=6	B=5	C=4	D=3
Honors	A=5	B=4	C=3	D=2

Grade point average and rank begin from 9th grade and include all classes, except remedial classes ("Fundamentals"), self-contained special education classes, and any subject graded by Pass/Fail. Mid-year GPA and rank are calculated.

SAT Data

Though a large percentage (47% in 2011) of our college-bound seniors plan to attend two-year community colleges that typically do not require the SAT for entrance, our school encourages all of our students to take the test regardless of post-secondary goals or academic background.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2002 were: Verbal – 423; Math – 463.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2003 were: Verbal – 455; Math – 476.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2004 were: Verbal – 447; Math – 460

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2005 were: Critical Reading – 457; Math – 477.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2006 were: Critical Reading – 440; Math – 467; Writing – 447.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2007 were: Critical Reading – 447; Math – 459; Writing – 438.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2008 were: Critical Reading – 433; Math – 458; Writing – 432.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2009 were: Critical Reading – 444; Math – 460; Writing – 444.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2010 were: Critical Reading – 449; Math – 474; Writing – 444.

The mean SAT scores for all seniors in 2011 were: Critical Reading – 447; Math – 466; Writing – 436.