Cliffside Park High School
Profile 2011 – 2012

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Community

Cliffside Park is a residential community of approximately 23,600 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 13,600.

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 1120. A distinctive feature of this population is that our language survey annually shows that 1101 30 different languages are spoken in the homes of our students. 63% of our students speak a language other than English at home. 9.5% 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: New Jersey Department of Education

Post-Secondary Education

Of the 220 graduates of the Class of 2011, 170 (77.2%) planned on attending a 2- or 4-year college. The availability of free tuition through the NJSTAR program has increased the percentage of students who initially attend our county community college.
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 algebra, geometry, and algebra 2, 15 credits); science (3 years including 1 year of biology, chemistry, and a third lab or inquiry-based course, 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.

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.

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

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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.

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 – 472; Math – 450; Writing – 450.
The mean SAT scores for the graduating class of 2012 were: Critical Reading – 479; Math – 459; Writing – 460.

The mean SAT Subject Test score for the graduating class of 2012 was: 644