Cliffside Park is a residential community of approximately 23,800 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 14,200.

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 31 different languages are spoken in the homes of our students. 68% of our students speak a language other than English at home. 9.3% 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

Of the 277 graduates of the Class of 2013, 217 (78.3%) 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:

- 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.

Though a large percentage (approx. 40% in 2013) 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 2013 were: Critical Reading—445; Math—469; Writing—452.