



Welcome
to South
Huntington
School
District

Opening
DOORS of
Opportunity
for your
Children 2023-2024



WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

301 West Hills Road
Huntington Station, NY 11746

CEEB: 332495

Class of 2022 Highlights:

- 465 Graduates
- 63% of All Graduates Received an Advanced Regents Diploma
- Received Over 18 Million Dollars In Scholarships
- 2 National Merit Finalists
- 2 National Merit Commended Students
- 82 AP Scholars
- 37 AP Scholars with Honors
- 48 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 21 AP Capstone Diplomas
- 9 AP Seminar & Research Certificates
- 40 % Of All Graduates Have Taken AP Coursework
- 165 Seniors Earned Over 11,376 Hours of Combined Community Service Hours
- 82% of All 2022 Graduates Will be Attending College in the Fall
- New York State School of Excellence: Federal Department of Education
- Recognized as Top 100 School in New York State & Top 6 High School in Suffolk County (Niche.com)
- Recognized as One of America's Most Challenging High Schools -Washington Post
- U.S. News Silver Medal Award Winner as a one of America's Top High Schools
- NYSSMA Level 5 Silver and Gold Award Winning High School Music Program
- 3 Time State Championship Marching Band and Color Guard
- "The Best 100 Communities in Music Education," The National Association for Music Education

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022

Mission Statement

The mission of the South Huntington School District is to:

Empower all children to maximize their potential by teaching them the necessary academic skills; enable them to develop the positive social and moral skills necessary to become contributing members of society; provide them with a safe and secure environment where everyone is treated with respect.

School

Walt Whitman High School conducts a comprehensive program for approximately 1,979 students in Grades 9 to 12. Walt Whitman High School prides itself on providing a diverse and dynamic education to the students by offering an eclectic and rigorous academic program. The school boasts a variety of academic and elective programs that allow students to nurture their own personal interests, while still providing a quality education. Located on the North Shore of Long Island in Suffolk County, Walt Whitman High School is one of 90 public and private districts and is seen as a model for economically, diverse communities.

Walt Whitman High School hosts a variety of clubs and activities to accentuate student strengths and interests. Over 30 clubs and Honor Societies such as DECA, African-American Heritage, GSO, Hispanic Club, Leadership, Robotics, SADD, and Video Yearbook are just a few that allow students to participate in the whole high school experience. These clubs and organizations have played a significant role in students donating nearly 60,000 community service hours.

Community

The high school is part of a suburban residential community that strongly supports the educational system. South Huntington may best be described as a multi-cultural community with a socio-economically diverse population of students. This diversity almost perfectly mirrors the demographic profile of the United States, and this unique environment is an asset to the post high school preparation of our students. Students within the South Huntington School District are provided a rich and rigorous education, while addressing the social and emotional needs of all it encompasses. Students from all walks of life are given the support necessary to be successful members of the South Huntington community, regardless of ability or socio-economic status.

South Huntington benefits from Title IA federal funds which are federal educational funds distributed through state departments of education. Schools and districts are identified to receive these funds based solely on levels of poverty (percentages of students benefitting from either free or reduced-priced lunch). Additionally, approximately nine percent of our student population are English Language Learners. The district has been successful in, and continues to focus on, closing the achievement gap within our diverse student population. Student achievement levels based on New York State Regents exams and graduation rates reflect a higher level of achievement compared to other schools with similar populations in New York State. Over twenty five percent of the student body, regardless of socio-economic status, participates in the Advanced Placement program. In addition, thirty percent of the graduating class was designated as AP scholars.

Grading System

All courses offered at Walt Whitman High School will utilize the weighting formula listed below when determining a student's overall GPA, which will be reflected on their personal transcript.

Regents Courses	Final Grade X 1.04= Weighted Grade
Honors & College Courses	Final Grade X 1.07= Weighted Grade
Advanced Placement Courses	Final Grade X 1.15= Weighted Grade

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Special Programs

Honors Courses: English 9-11; Algebra 1; Geometry; Algebra II; Pre-Calculus; World Literature; Global History 1 & 2; US History & Government; Participation in Government; Economics; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Spanish; Italian.

College Courses: Walt Whitman hosts many partnerships with various post-secondary institutions (Molloy College, Suffolk Community College, Farmingdale State College, Hofstra University, St. Joseph's College, Syracuse University, St. John's University, and Stony Brook University) to provide students the ability to attain college credit. College credit may be awarded based on a joint curriculum initiative with the sponsoring institution in the following courses: Accounting, Business Law; World Literature Honors; Astronomy; Marine Biology & Oceanography; Meteorology; The African American Experience; Anthropology; Crime & Delinquency; Genocide: The Holocaust & Beyond; Philosophy; Psychology; Business Law; Entrepreneurship; Introduction to Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation; Financial Decision Making; French IV; Italian IV; Spanish IV; Business Statistics; Engineering 101; Science Research III; and Algebra 2/ Trigonometry; Virtual Enterprise I & II; Anatomy and Physiology.

Advanced Placement Courses: Language & Composition; Literature & Composition; Art History; Capstone (Seminar, Research); European History; Comparative Government & Politics; Human Geography; World History; United States History; US Government & Politics; Macroeconomics; Psychology; Biology; Chemistry; Environmental Science; Physics 1; Physics 2; Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Statistics; Computer Science A; Computer Science Principles; Music Theory; Studio Art; Studio Art: Drawing; Studio Art: 3D Design; French Language; Italian Language; Spanish Language; Spanish Literature.

Music Program: South Huntington UFSD has been named as one of "The Best 100 Communities in Music Education" as recognized by MENC. Our students enjoy a rich musical experience through the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA) and Suffolk County Music Educators Association (SCMEA) All-County Ensembles, as well as opportunities for adjudication through the New York State School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Festivals and qualification for All-State designation.

South Huntington music groups have consistently earned Gold with Distinction and Gold ratings with NYSSMA. In addition we have many individuals that earn high ratings and others that participate on the "Festival" level. It is the thrill of the performance of a difficult piece of music that drives our teachers and students to excellence on all levels. South Huntington is among one of the strongest music programs found on Long Island. Walt Whitman High School offers a comprehensive music education to its students with opportunities in Jazz and Stage bands, Pit Orchestras, Marching Band, Chamber Ensembles, and Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir.

Life Skills: This work-based learning program allows students with special needs the ability to apply learned social and vocational skills to connect what is learned in-school with a real work experience through supervised community interactions.

Career and Technical Education Program (BOCES): This half-day program provides students with an opportunity to explore a broad spectrum of careers through hands-on learning experiences and allows them to develop skills necessary for employment in specific career areas or post-secondary study.

College and Career Ready Programs: Walt Whitman High has had the opportunity to develop partnerships and community ties through the utilization of the College and Career Readiness program. Under the direction of the college and career readiness coach, students are afforded the opportunity to engage in work-based learning experiences with local private and public enterprises. Partnerships include all aspects of industry, medicine, technology, and arts. Students also have the ability to work with not-for-profit and volunteer groups to help boost community relations and create ties with local politicians and community leaders.

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Graduation Requirements

Students must earn at least 22 credits to qualify for a New York State high school diploma. Walt Whitman High School students typically earn well above the minimum credits, which include:

4 English	3 Science	2 Physical Education
4 Social Studies	1 World Languages	½ Health
3 Mathematics	1 Arts	3½ Electives

Diplomas Awarded

Regents Diploma: Students must also pass 4 required Regents examinations with a score of 65 or better as follows: 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies, ELA and 1 Pathway Assessment.

Advanced Regents Diploma: Students may meet the assessment requirements in order to earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation by passing: ELA, 1 Social Studies, 3 Math, 2 Science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), and 1 Pathway Assessment. In addition, a student must pass either a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination or complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE.

Regents Diploma with Honors and Advanced Regents with Honors: Students must meet all assessment requirements for the Regents Diploma or Advanced Regents Diploma with a computed average score of 90 or better and fulfill all credit requirements.

AP Capstone Diploma: The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.

2022 ACT Results

	Whitman Mean	New York State Mean	National Mean
STEM	24.4		
English	24.1	*	*
Math	23.8	*	*
Reading	24.8	*	*
Science	24.5	*	*
Composite	24.5	*	*
Mean	24.5	*	*

*-Scores have not been released

2022 SAT Results

	Whitman Mean	New York State Mean	National Mean
ERW	564	ERW *	ERW *
Math	579	Math *	Math *
Total Mean:	1165	Total Mean: *	Total Mean: *

*- Scores have not been released

2022 AP Exams

542 students in Grades 9-12 took a total of 1,050 exams
(399 students taking AP examinations scored 3 or higher)

Art History 1.94	Biology 3.27	Calculus AB 3.2	Calculus BC 3.86	Chemistry 3.0	Comp Sci Prin 2.76
Drawing 3.11	English Language 3.27	English Lit 3.98	Env Sci 3.96	Euro History 2.66	French 2.83
Human Geo 3.35	Italian 3.06	Macro 2.48	Music (online) 1.5	Physics I 2.94	Physics II 2.8
Psychology 2.75	Research 3.59	Seminar 3.5	Span Lang 3.85	Statistics 3.0	Gov & Pol 2.7
Comp Gov. 4.3	World 3.65				

Class of 2022 College Matriculation

Adelphi University	Rhode Island College
Alfred State College	Rochester Institute of Technology
Arcadia University	Roger Williams University
Assumption University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Babson College	Sacred Heart University
Bard College	Santa Rosa Junior College
Barnard College	Siena College
Berklee Online College of Music	St Petersburg College
Binghamton University	St. John's University-New York
Boston College	St. Joseph's University, New York - Long Island Campus
Boston University	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Bryant University	State University of New York at New Paltz
Carnegie Mellon University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Cazenovia College	Stony Brook University
Central Piedmont Community College	Suffolk County Community College
College of Charleston	Suffolk County Community College-Eastern Campus
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Suffolk County Community College-Western Campus
College of Staten Island CUNY	SUNY at Purchase College
Columbia College Chicago	SUNY Brockport
Cornell University	SUNY College at Geneseo
CUNY City College	SUNY College at Old Westbury
CUNY Hunter College	SUNY College at Oswego
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	SUNY College at Potsdam
CUNY Queensborough Community College	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill
Duke University	SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
Duquesne University	SUNY Cortland
Elon University	SUNY Maritime College
Farmingdale State College	SUNY Oneonta

Fashion Institute of Technology	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Ferrum College	Swarthmore College
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus	Syracuse University
Gettysburg College	The Catholic University of America
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus	The City University of New York - CUNY
Hartwick College	The College of Saint Rose
Hobart William Smith Colleges	The University of Alabama
Hofstra University	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Howard University	U.S. Navy
Indiana University-Bloomington	Union College (NY)
Iona University	United States Naval Academy
James Madison University	University at Albany, SUNY
Juniata College	University at Buffalo
Kansas State University	University of California-Los Angeles
Keiser University, Lakeland	University of Connecticut
Lincoln University	University of Delaware
Long Island Beauty School Hauppauge Location	University of Georgia
Long Island University	University of Hartford
Manhattan School of Music	University of Kentucky
Marist College	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Miami University, Oxford	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
Molloy University	University of New Haven
Moravian University	University of Notre Dame
Morgan State University	University of Rhode Island
Muhlenberg College	University of Scranton
Nassau Community College	University of South Carolina-Columbia
New York Institute of Technology	University of South Florida-Main Campus
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of St Andrews
Northeastern University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ohio State University-Main Campus	Utica University
Pace University, New York City Campus	West Virginia University
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State	Western Illinois University

Main Campus	
Pratt Institute-Main	Western New England University
Purdue University-Main Campus	Western Suffolk BOCES
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Wilkes University
	Yale University

SOUTH HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



PROFILE OF COUNTRYWOOD & OAKWOOD PRIMARY CENTERS (Grades K-2)

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Oakwood Primary Center - Dr. Annie Michaelian, Principal
264 West 22nd Street, Huntington, NY 11743 (631) 812-3500

- Dual-Language Program
- Character Education Program including Anti-Bullying Assemblies
- Mental Health Team - Psychologist, Social Worker, Behavior Specialist
- Hands on STEAM activities for all grade levels
- Active PTA and SBM teams that inspire and support creative projects, as well as vibrant student councils that are actively involved in many school and PTA events
- A wide range of educational field trips to supplement the academic curriculum
- Wide range of after-school programs including: theater, coding, friendship project, homework help, ENL support
- Infusion of the arts and music across the curriculum
- Utilization of technology including interactive whiteboards in all classrooms.
- Chromebooks for all students

PROFILE OF BIRCHWOOD AND MAPLEWOOD
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS (Grades 3-5)

Birchwood Intermediate School - Mr. Anthony Ciccarelli, Principal
121 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, NY 11747 (631) 812-3200

Maplewood Intermediate School - Mr. William Hender, Principal
19 School Lane, Huntington Station, NY 11746 (631) 812-3400

- Band/Orchestra available for all students in Grades 4-5; chorus available for all Grade 5 students.
- Hands-on Science program in Grades 3-5
- Dual-Language Program available for all qualified students in Grades 3-5
- Student Council, Peer Mediation and Safety Patrol programs encouraging student leaders and promoting character education
- Active PTA and SBM teams that inspire and support creative projects
- Before-school academic support programs
- Many classrooms contain state-of-the-art technology; including SMARTboards
- Anti-bullying education to foster character development and leadership skills
- Intramurals for students in Grades 3-5 after school
- Musical theater for Grades 3-5
- Chromebooks for all students

PROFILE OF SILAS WOOD
SIXTH-GRADE CENTER (6th Grade)

Mr. Stephen Toto, Principal

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- Project Wisdom, Caught Being Good, and Silas Superstars enhance character education and focus attention on and encourage positive behavior.
- STEM Curriculum Fair provides sixth-grade students opportunities for research and experimentation. Two students took home first- and third-place for the Grades 6-8 category at the 2013 LI STEM Diversity Summit at Farmingdale State College.
- Silas Wood partnership with the LI STEM Hub with the designation as a Career Academy.
- Spelling Bee and Geography Bee Competitions.
- Active PTA and SBM teams that inspire and support creative projects.
- Virtual Advanced Placement Program in Social Studies offered to select seventh-grade students at the end of sixth-grade.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM) after-school enrichment programs focusing on computer programming with the use of the NAO Robot and 3D printing, as well as the Artists Come Alive program.
- Scores on New York State Assessments continue to rise.
- Accelerated programs in Math and Science for qualified students.
- Classrooms contain state-of-the-art technology including SMARTboards and Chromebooks. Students have access to 3D printing and NAO Robot.
- The G.O. encourages students to take on leadership roles while promoting character education and civic duties.
- Accelerated programs in Math and English for qualified students.
- Chromebooks for all students.
- Musical Theater for Grades 6-8.

PROFILE OF STIMSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7-8)

Mr. Michael Duggan, Principal

401 Oakwood Road, Huntington Station, NY 11746 (631) 812-3700

- Consistent winners in Mathletes, National History Day, and Science Fair competitions.
- Seventh-and eighth-grade Jazz band and vocal ensemble Stimson Sound, marching band, chorus and orchestra provide a wide range of musical venues for all students. Consistent medal winners at NYSSMA competitions.
- STEAM and National History Day Curriculum Fair.
- Consistently competing at the local and state level in the National Spelling and Geography Bee competitions.
- Scores on New York State Assessments continue to rise.
- Accelerated programs in Math, Science, and World Language for qualified students. Offering Algebra I, Earth Sciences, and Living Environment at the middle level.
- Virtual Advanced Placement Program in Social Studies offered to select seventh-and eighth-grade students.
- Science, Engineering, Arts, Technology (STEAM) after-school enrichment programs focusing on computer programming with the use of the NAO Robot and 3D printing. Generation Tech after-school program focusing on Video Production and Design, which supports the development of monthly video announcements.
- Partnership with the Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition, providing internship opportunities for our students.
- Classrooms contain state-of-the-art-technology including SMARTboards, as well as 3D printing and the NAO Robot.
- The General Organization encourages students to take on leadership roles, while promoting character education and civic duties.
- All students attending Stimson Middle School are given Chromebooks to support the 1:1 initiative. These Chromebooks are used daily within lesson design and to support and enhance student learning.
- Grades 6-8 Theater Program that have multiple casts to ensure wide participation by all students.
- Backstage Crew/Set Design Program that designs and manipulates the sets for the Theater Program.
- Extracurricular: Afternoon Library, Art Intramurals, Band Intramurals, Chamber Orchestra, Color Guard, Cooking Intramurals, Dance Team, Jazz Cats, Marching Band, National Junior Honor Society, Newspaper Intramurals, Project Excel, SADD, Science Bowl, Sports Intramurals, Student Government, Video Game Intramurals.
- Annual 8th Grade Honor Society overnight trip.

PROFILE OF WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

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Fortunately, our high school has an extensive academic synopsis, and as such, we welcome you to peruse our flagship building's Profile. In April of this year, Walt Whitman High School was ranked 5th in Suffolk County and 71st out of 1,246 high schools in New York State by Niche.com!

- AP Capstone Program
- Large selection of AP courses
- We offer on average 30 Advanced Placement Courses each year with thirty-one percent of our students (664 culturally diverse students) taking AP Courses this year.
- Partnerships with local agencies to support our local food pantries and community outreach programs.
- Some of our notable college acceptances have been: Harvard, Duke, Yale, Penn State, Cornell, Air Force Academy, USMA West Point, US Naval Academy, University of Chicago, Swarthmore College, Boston College, and University of Michigan
- 9-period day offering students more opportunities to experience a wide range of elective courses
- Anatomage tables - virtual dissection tables. We are one of several in NY State
- College dual enrollment partnerships with Stony Brook University, Suffolk Community College, Farmingdale, St. Johns University, LIU, Five Town College, and Syracuse University.
- Renovated Forum with stadium seating, climate control, and live-stream capability
- Whitman Recovery program for students
- 1:1 Chromebooks
- Earn and Learn Program
- Summer Reading Tutoring program worked by high school students helping with reading enrichment for Elementary students.

- Student Leadership Program/School Store
- Wildcat Pantry - servicing all of South Huntington
- Ambassadors Program - inclusiveness program for special needs students
- Fully functioning recording studio / Collective
- Academic Extra Help Support Services (AEHS) for all major subjects during lunch periods
- Clubs and Intramural programs for all students
- Award-winning music and art programs
- Dance program/AP Dance Pilot program
- Student Peer Mentoring Program
- Split lunch rooms 9/10 & 11/12
- New Cybersecurity Room
- Robotics Lab
- Small Engine Repair and Basic Autocare Programs
- BOCES opportunities for all students
- New Athletic Facilities (baseball/softball)
- Life Skills Vocational Program with a fully furnished apartment
- Award-winning Virtual Enterprise program
- Award-winning DECA program
- Over 90% of our athletic teams are recognized as Scholar-Athletes
- Comprehensive student services suite containing psychologists, social workers, and a drug counselor

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