**Class of 2023 Highlights:**

**429 Graduates**

**56% of All Graduates Received an**

**Advanced Regents Diploma**

**Received Over 18 Million Dollars**

**In Scholarships**

**2 National Merit Finalist**

**5 National Merit Commended**

**Students**

**95 AP Scholars**

**44 AP Scholars With Honors**

**51 AP Scholars With Distinction**

**14 AP Capstone Diplomas**

**4 AP Seminar & Research Certificates**

**24 Seal of Biliteracy Awards**

**182 Seal of Civic Readiness Awards**

**40 % Of All Graduates**

**Have Taken AP Coursework**

**11,586 Hours of Combined**

**Community Service Hours**

**82% of All 2023Graduates 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**

**WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**301 West Hills Road**

**Huntington Station, NY 11746**

**CEEB: 332495**



**HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023**

# 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**

**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-secondaryinstitutions(Five Towns College, 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; Dance; 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.

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**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 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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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.

**2023 ACT Results**

Whitman Mean New York State Mean National Mean\_\_\_\_\_\_

English 22.7 N/A 19.5

Math 22.0 N/A 19.9

Reading 24.9 N/A 20.9

Science 24.0 N/A 20.3

Composite 23.5 N/A 20.3

**2023 SAT Results**

Whitman Mean New York State Mean National Mean

ERW 557 ERW 528 ERW 528

Math 562 Math 530 Math 523

Total Mean: 1120 Total Mean: 1058 Total Mean: 1051

**2023 AP Exams**

**622 students in Grades 9-12 took a total of 1,170 exams**

**(442 students taking AP examinations scored 3 or higher)**

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| **Art History**  **2.5** | **Biology**  **3.5** | **Calculus BC**  **3.6** | **Chemistry**  **3.7** | **Calculus AB**  **3.5** |
| **Computer Science A 2.1** | **English Language 2.9** | **English Literature**  **3.9** | **Environmental Science 3.5** | **European History 2.6** |
| **Human Geography**  **3.6** | **Italian Language**  **3.3** | **Macroeconomics 2.8** | **Music Theory**  **3.0** | **Physics I**  **2.7** |
| **Physics II**  **3.1** | **Psychology**  **2.9** | **Seminar**  **3.5** | **Spanish Language 4.2** | **Statistics**  **2.8** |
| **Studio Art**  **3.3** | **US Government & Politics 2.9** | **US History**  **2.5** | **World History**  **3.9** | **Comp Gov.**  **4.3** |

CLASS OF 2023

429

Attending 4-year colleges: 66%

Attending 2-year colleges: 25%

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| Academy of Art University |
| Adelphi University |
| Appalachian State University |
| Binghamton University |
| Boston College |
| Boston University |
| Canisius University |
| Chicago State University |
| Clemson University |
| College of Charleston |
| Cornell University |
| CUNY Bernard M Baruch College |
| CUNY Hunter College |
| CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice |
| CUNY Kingsborough Community College |
| CUNY Queens College |
| Dean College |
| Elon University |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach |
| Farmingdale State College |
| Fashion Institute of Technology |
| Five Towns College |
| Florida State University |
| Grinnell College |
| Hartwick College |
| Harvard University |
| Hofstra University |
| Indiana University-Bloomington |
| Institute of Culinary Education |
| Iona University |
| Jacksonville University |
| James Madison University |
| Johnson & Wales University-Providence |
| Kutztown University of Pennsylvania |
| Lafayette College |
| Long Island University - Post |
| Lynn University |
| Manhattan College |
| Manhattanville College |
| Marist College |
| Marymount Manhattan College |
| Michigan State University |
| Millersville University of Pennsylvania |
| Molloy University |
| Montclair State University |
| Nassau Community College |
| New York Institute of Technology |
| New York University |
| Northeastern University |
| Ohio State University-Main Campus |
| Pace University, New York City Campus |
| Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus |
| Purdue University-Main Campus |
| Quinnipiac University |
| Rochester Institute of Technology |
| Roger Williams University |
| Sacred Heart University |
| Santa Fe College |
| School of Visual Arts |
| Seton Hall University |
| St. John's University - Manhattan |
| St. John's University-New York |
| St. Joseph's University, New York - Long Island Campus |
| St. Thomas Aquinas College |
| State University of New York at New Paltz |
| Stevens Institute of Technology |
| Stony Brook University |
| Suffolk County Community College |
| Suffolk County Community College-Eastern Campus |
| Suffolk County Community College-Western Campus |
| Suffolk University |
| SUNY at Purchase College |
| SUNY Buffalo State |
| SUNY College at Geneseo |
| SUNY College at Old Westbury |
| SUNY College at Oswego |
| SUNY College of Technology at Delhi |
| SUNY Cortland |
| SUNY Maritime College |
| SUNY Morrisville |
| SUNY Oneonta |
| Syracuse University |
| Temple University |
| The City University of New York - CUNY |
| The College of Saint Rose |
| The George Washington University |
| The University of Tampa |
| The University of Texas at Austin |
| Towson University |
| United States Air Force Academy |
| United States Military Academy |
| University at Albany, SUNY |
| University at Buffalo |
| University of Akron Main Campus |
| University of Central Florida |
| University of Connecticut |
| University of Delaware |
| University of Florida |
| University of Georgia |
| University of Hartford |
| University of Maryland-Baltimore County |
| University of Maryland-College Park |
| University of Mississippi |
| University of Scranton |
| University of South Carolina-Columbia |
| University of St Andrews |
| Utica University |
| Villanova University |
| Virginia Tech |
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