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Memorial High School

Profile 2011 – 2012

The Community

West New York is an urban community with a proud and diverse range of cultures, traditions, and a diverse economic base. Its eastern boundary is on the Hudson River giving easy access to the waterfront and New York City. The community has high expectations and aspirations for its schools. Located in one of the nation's most densely populated areas, West New York's square mile boasts two early childhood centers, six elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.

The School

Memorial High School is a comprehensive four-year school enrolling approximately 1800 students in grades nine through twelve. We are currently converting to a small learning academy set up that will consist of a Freshmen/Sophomore Academy and five upper classmen career-based academies that will allow students to graduate with a concentration in a specific subject as well as a NJ High School diploma. The school opened in 1926 and is educationally committed to maximizing all students' potential for success in an ever-changing world. Memorial High School is accredited by the New Jersey State Department of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a nine-period day. Classes meet five days per week for 40 minutes. Courses carry a five-credit value and meet for 181 days. Additional credits are awarded for lab courses.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation. Graduation requirements include: 20 credits in Language Arts; 15 credits in Mathematics; 15 credits in Lab Science; 15 credits in Social Studies; 20 credits in Physical Education and Health; 5 credits in Visual and Performing Arts; 5 credits in Technology, Business, or Family & Consumer Science; 5 credits in World Languages, and 2.5 credits in Business, Finance or Economics.

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College Courses (SUPA) or Syracuse University Project Advance Courses are offered in Calculus, American History, College Learning Strategies, Sociology, Italian, and Language Arts.

Other College Courses offered through partnerships with Caldwell College, Kean University and Fairleigh Dickenson University are Biology, Language Arts, US History 2, and Tomorrow's Teachers.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in Biology, Calculus, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, U.S. History, French and Italian.

Honors Courses (H) are offered in all academic areas and several non-academic genres

College Prep Courses (CP) are offered in all academic areas.

Total number of Honor courses: 24

Total number of AP courses: 12

Grading and Ranking

Memorial High School assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system. Letter grades are assigned as follows:

<u>LETTER GRADE</u>	<u>NUMERICAL EQUIVALENT</u>	<u>REGULAR (Level 4)</u>	<u>C. P. (Level 3)</u>	<u>GRADE POINT AVERAGE</u>	
				<u>HONORS (Level)</u>	<u>A. P. (Level 1)</u>
A+	100-97	4.30	4.70	5.30	5.70
A	96-93	4.00	4.40	5.00	5.40
A-	92-90	3.70	4.10	4.70	5.10
B+	89-87	3.30	3.70	4.30	4.70
B	86-83	3.00	3.40	4.00	4.40
B-	82-80	2.70	3.10	3.70	4.10
C+	79-77	2.30	2.70	3.30	3.70
C	76-73	2.00	2.40	3.00	3.40
C-	72-70	1.70	2.10	2.70	3.10
D	69-65	1.00	1.40	2.00	2.40
F	64-below	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Advanced Placement courses are weighted by 1.4 points for any student who passes the AP course.

SUPA courses are weighted by 1.4 points for any student who passes the college course.

Honorcourses are weighted by 1 point for any student who passes the H course.

College Prep courses are weighted by 0.4 points for any student who passes the CP course.

Class rank is based on six semesters and includes all students, who have been Memorial High School students for three or more years. Final senior rank is based on seven semesters.

Special Programs

Project Alternative /Project Achievement is a unique program for seventh and eighth graders who will be at least fifteen by September of the current school year. The purpose of the program is to provide educational, vocational and supportive services to students who are potential dropouts.

Special Needs program provides services to about 15% of our total high school population. It allows high school age, classified students the opportunity to fulfill their academic potential, to realize their importance as active citizens in the community, and to better socialize with their peers. Memorial High School is utilizing a resource consultation/collaboration model called *Bridges: Center for Academic Resources & Student Support Services* to support students; who are eligible for special education and related services, and their general education teachers. Memorial High School also offers in class support or ICS courses in core subject areas in order for classified students to learn in a least restrictive environment.

Passes is program available to all ELL students ages 15-19, who have been assessed to be academically delayed. It is an upgraded, developmental, alternative bilingual program for ELL students with little or no formal education.

Bilingual /ESL is a program made up of about 15% of our total student population. It is designed to initiate Limited English Proficient students in the process of learning English as their second language. It offers a variety of courses to cope with the

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individual needs of ESL students as well as help them in their progress towards mainstreaming into the regular English program.

Performing Arts Academy is a program designed for students who show an interest in the conservatory approach to the performing arts. Classes taught by professional artists in the areas of dance, musical theatre, vocal music, dramatic literature and acting are provided, in order to create “well rounded” performers.

Tomorrow’s Teachers is a program for junior and seniors sponsored by The Center for Education Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) in South Carolina. The curriculum will focus on three themes: Experiencing the Learner; Experiencing the Profession; and Experiencing the Classroom.

Alternative Fuels Academy prepares our students, who will be the future green energy consumers, technicians, scientists, inventors and engineers, for the push towards alternative energies. We also focus on current energy consumption and its relation to future jobs, cost, and fuels.

Public Affairs Academy will offer a rigorous curriculum in public policy analysis and administration that will prepare students to assume leadership positions in government, business, and non-profit organizations.

SUPA is a partnership linking Syracuse University with Memorial High School. Qualified high school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to enroll in Syracuse University courses for college and high school credit concurrently while on the Memorial High School campus.

Graduate Follow-up

Class of 2011	#	%
Four-Year College	185	52
Two-Year College	112	32
Other College	2	0
Post-Secondary	12	4
Full-Time Employment	10	3
Part-Time Employment	8	2
Military	11	3
Undecided	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Graduates	35100	

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The Memorial High School Class of 2008 - 2011 is attending the following institutions.

Anna Maria College	Haverford	Rutgers College
Arcadia University	Hohokus Institute	Rutgers, School of Engineering
Art Institute of Houston	Hudson Community College	Rutgers, School of Medicine
Bergen Community College	Institute of Culinary Arts	Rutgers, School of Pharmacy
Berkeley College	Institute of Audio Research	Seton Hall University
Bloomfield College	Ithaca College	Simmons College
Boston College	Katherine Gibbs College	Smith College
Boston University	John Hopkins University	St. John's University
Brigham Young University	Johnson & Wales University	St. Peter's College
Brookdale Community College	Katherine Gibbs College	St. Thomas Aquinas
Bryn Mawr College	Kean University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Caldwell College	Lafayette College	SVA School of Visual Arts
Carnegie Mellon University	Lawrence Tech University	Suffolk University
Chubbs Institute	Le Cordon Bleu - Boston	SUNY Maritime
Cittone Institute	Lincoln Technical School	Swarthmore University
Colgate University	Long Island University	Syracuse University
College of New Jersey	Manhattan Community College	Trident Technical College
College of New Haven	Marymount Manhattan College	United States Air Force
College of Saint Elizabeth	Mercer Community College	United States Army
Columbia University	Miami Dade Community College	United States Marines
Cornell University	Middlesex Community College	United States National Guard
Culinary Institute of America	Monmouth College	United States Navy
CUNY Manhattan	Montclair University	University of Bridgeport
DeVry University	Muhlenberg College	University of Chicago
Dominican College	NJCU	University of Hartford
Drexel	NJIT	University of Massachusetts
Drew University	NYIT	University of New Haven
Elizabeth College	Neumann University	University of Pennsylvania
Essex Community College	New York University	University of Virginia
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Penn State	Villanova University
Felician College	Polytechnic University	Virginia State College
F I T	Ramapo College	Wagner College
Five Towns College	Richard Stockton College	Wesleyan University
Florida A&M	Rider University	Westminster Choir
Fordham University	Rowan University	Widener
George Washington University		William Paterson University
Gloucester County College		Woodtobe - Coburn
Harrington Inst. of Int. Design		Word of Bible Institute