



# GARDEN CITY High School Profile

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## School Distinctions

- Ranked No. 2 in Long Island, No. 22 in New York State and No. 176 out of 17,660 public high schools in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report (2024).
- Garden City Marching Band earned first place in the US Bands NYS Championship for Division IIIA.
- First- and second-place winners in the Regeneron ISEF Competition in 2023 and 2024.
- Named one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants for the 13th time.
- Adelphi University Prize for Leadership 2023, four winners.
- Designated as a Scholar Athlete School of Distinction for the 17th time by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.
- Named a Wise Blue Star School for Financial Literacy 11 times.
- New York State Science Congress Regional Fair Finalist 2023.
- Garden City HS magazine, Inkspots, recognized as a Magazine of Excellence by The National Council of Teachers of English.

## Mission Statement

The Garden City School District seeks to create an environment for learning which enables each student the opportunity to grow as an individual as well as a group member while striving to achieve the optimal level of academic, social and personal success.

Students will thrive in a learning environment that is developmentally appropriate, individualized and challenging.

Our goal and responsibility is to help each student develop an enthusiasm for learning, a respect for self and others, and the skills to become a creative independent thinker and problem-solver.



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## Our Community

Garden City is a community of approximately 23,029 people.\* It is located 20 miles east of Manhattan in the heart of Nassau County, Long Island, in a suburban setting that includes estates, single-family dwellings, condominiums and businesses. According to Niche.com, 93.9% of residents are homeowners. Garden City is an incorporated village, nearly coterminous with the school district. The majority of the adult population is comprised of college graduates engaged in business and professional careers. Approximately 66% of this population possesses a bachelor's degree or higher.\*

\*U.S. Census Bureau, 2021.

## District Profile

Approximately 3,978 students attend Garden City Public Schools in grades kindergarten through 12. There are three primary schools (grades K and 1), two elementary schools (grades 2-5), one middle school (grades 6-8) and one high school (grades 9-12). The high school population totals 1,099 (including 287 seniors), and all students are provided with challenging programs to enable them to be college and career ready.

## College Level

Garden City High School offers 18 college-level courses in business education (5), engineering (5) and world languages (8). Colleges may exempt students who complete these courses from required or elective classes.

# GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 Performance Data

## Diploma Requirements

There are multiple pathways to graduation. To obtain a diploma, students are required to fulfill a minimum of 22 credits for graduation, including required Regents exams.\* These credits must include the following:

### NYS Regents Diploma

English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
World Language	1
Art/Music/Drama	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Additional Electives	3.5

### NYS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
World Language	3**
Art/Music/Drama	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Additional Electives	1.5

\* To receive credit, a passing grade of 65 or higher must be achieved.  
\*\* or a 5-unit sequence in the arts or business department. Students with a disability who are determined language-exempt can be excused from these requirements.

## Advanced Placement

In the 2023-24 school year, Garden City High School had a total of 310 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars, including 76 AP Scholars with Honor and 142 AP Scholars with Distinction. In total, 629 students took 1,582 AP examinations (listed below) and 85% of exams scored as a 3 or higher with an average score of 3.7. Of all the students, 27.8% earned a score of 5.

Biology.....	46	Macroeconomics.....	156
Calculus BC.....	77	Microeconomics.....	3
Chemistry.....	35	Music Theory.....	1
Chinese Language and Culture.....	4	Physics 1.....	1
Comparative Government and Politics.....	1	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism.....	33
Computer Science A.....	18	Physics C: Mechanics.....	33
Computer Science Principles.....	56	Precalculus.....	1
English Language.....	155	Psychology.....	168
English Literature.....	172	Spanish Language and Culture.....	3
Environmental Science.....	87	Statistics.....	128
German Language and Culture.....	8	Studio Art - Drawing.....	9
European History.....	17	Studio Art - 2D Design.....	5
Human Geography.....	82	U.S. Government and Politics.....	41
Japanese Language and Culture.....	1	U.S. History.....	136
		World History: Modern.....	105

## Class Rank

In accordance with Garden City Board of Education policy, students are not ranked by cumulative grade point averages (GPAs). However, student transcripts reflect weighted and unweighted GPAs for the purpose of distinguishing among the rigorous programs offered: Advanced Placement, College Level, Honors and Regents. It is important to note that Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band (pass/fail), Physical Education (pass/fail) and Vocal Jazz Ensemble courses are not calculated into students' GPAs. Individual grades listed on the transcript are unweighted.

## Extracurricular Program

The majority of our students participate in at least one extracurricular activity. These activities include special interest clubs, service organizations, student publications, concerts and art exhibitions. At least 70% of students participate in interscholastic sports. Garden City has received 16 School of Distinction awards and one School of Excellence award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for all 34 varsity teams maintaining a team GPA of 90 or higher.

**National:** Boys Lacrosse ranked No. 1, 2013; Girls Winter Track 4x400m relay No. 1, 2012; 4x800m relay No. 2, 2012, 2013.

**State:** Boys Lacrosse, nine state championships; Boys Swimming, 2015; 200m and 500m freestyle Boys Swimming, individual, 2015; Girls Field Hockey, eight state championships since 1995; Girls Lacrosse, 15 state championships; Girls Soccer, 2010, 2013 championships; Girls Winter Track, 600m champion, 1500m walk champion and 4x400m relay champions, all 2012; 4x400m relay champions, 2010, 2012; 600m and 4x400m relay, 2013.

**Long Island:** Football, 12 championships; Boys Lacrosse, 22 championships; Boys Baseball, 2021; Boys Soccer, 2017; Girls Golf, five championships; Girls Lacrosse, 21 championships; Girls Soccer, four championships; Field Hockey, 26 championships.

**County:** Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams, 2012, 2013, 2014; Boys Basketball, 2018; Boys Fencing, 2017, 2020; Boys Football, 28 championships; Boys Lacrosse, 28 championships; Boys Soccer, 12 championships; Boys Swimming, seven championships; Boys Varsity Wrestling, 2011, 2012 and Individual County Champion in 2020; Boys Track 4x400m relay, 2021; Girls Fencing, seven championships; Girls Field Hockey, 38 championships; Girls Golf, 10 championships; Girls Lacrosse, 23 championships; Girls Soccer, seven championships; Girls Swimming, 21 championships; Girls Winter Track, 11 championships, 2013; Girls Spring Track, 14 championships, 4x800m relay, 2021.

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## Course Offerings

### Curriculum

Honors-level courses are available in all subjects, and Advanced Placement courses are offered to students in grades 9-12. College-level courses are offered in business, engineering and world languages. Garden City's research program includes classes in science and mathematics.

### Class of 2024 Honors

- 88.3% achieved Advanced Regents status or above:
  - 41.4% Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors
  - 0.4% Advanced Regents Diploma with CTE Endorsement
  - 46.7% Advanced Regents Diploma
- 1.1 % Regents Diploma with Honors
- 10.2% Regents Diplomas
- 0.4% Local Diploma with CTE Endorsement
- One U.S. Presidential Scholar
- Two National Merit Scholarship winners
- 10 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- Six National Merit Scholarship Commended Students
- 310 AP Scholars total; 76 Scholars with Honor; 142 Scholars with Distinction
- Four All-State NYSSMA Honor Award winners
- Six College Board Hispanic National Recognition Award winners
- Eighty-two All-County NMEA selections
- First- and second-place winners in the Regeneron ISEF Competition over the last two years
- One represented in the Long Island's Best: Young Artists art exhibition

*NOTE: Courses receive either a 1.03 (Honors) or 1.06 (AP and college-level courses) in the computation of weighted grade point averages. Individual grades are unweighted. Honors credit opportunities are available with additional curriculum requirements in business and music electives, and Studio Art. An 'H' will be indicated on the transcript.*

#### Art

Studio Art 1, 2, 3, 4  
Media Arts 1, 2  
AP Studio Art  
Sculpture 1, 2  
Photography 1, 2, 3, 4

#### Business Education

Entrepreneurship  
Business Law  
College Business Law  
College Accounting I, II  
Finance  
Multimedia  
Animation and Video Media  
Fashion Marketing  
Marketing & Advertising  
Entertainment & Sports Marketing  
Video Game Marketing  
Business Management  
College Business Management  
College Marketing

#### Computer Science

AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Principles  
Introduction to Computer Science I  
Introduction to Computer Science II  
Website Programming & Design

#### English

English 9, 10, 11, 12 R  
English 9, 10 H  
AP English Language  
AP English Literature  
Journalism

#### Film Appreciation

Ethics in Print  
Reading for Meaning  
Theater Arts I, II, III, IV  
Greece and Rome Rediscovered  
Creative Writing

#### Health

Health

#### Mathematics

Algebra 1 R, H  
Algebra 1 Support  
Algebra 2 R, H  
Algebra 2 Topics  
Algebra 2 Support  
Geometry R, H  
Geometry Support  
Introductory Calculus  
AP Calculus - BC  
Calculus IH  
AP Statistics  
Applied Statistics  
Introduction to BC Calculus  
Mathematics Research H  
Mathematics Problem Solving H

#### Music

Concert Choir  
Chamber Choir  
Women's Chorus  
Symphonic Band  
Orchestra  
Jazz Ensemble  
Wind Ensemble  
Wind Symphony  
Music Industry, Technology and Theory H  
Music Theory H

#### AP Music Theory

Vocal Jazz Ensemble  
Chamber Orchestra  
Marching Band

#### Physical Education

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12  
Adapted Physical Ed

#### Science

Earth Science R  
Living Environment R, H  
Chemistry R, H  
Conceptual Chemistry  
Physics R, H  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics C: Mechanics  
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism  
Freshman Science Research 9H  
Science Research Seminar 1H  
Intermediate Science Research 2H  
Advanced Science Research 3H  
Oceanography  
Nutrition  
Forensic Science  
Anatomy and Physiology  
College PLTW Aerospace Engineering  
College PLTW Design and Drawing for Production  
College PLTW Principles of Engineering  
College PLTW Civil Engineering and Architecture

#### Social Studies

Greece and Rome Rediscovered  
Global History & Geography 9 R, H  
Global History & Geography 10R  
AP World History  
U.S. History & Government 11R  
AP U.S. History  
Economics  
AP European History  
Participation in Government  
Criminal Justice  
Introduction to Psychology  
AP Psychology  
AP Human Geography  
Long Island History  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP U.S. Government & Politics  
Contemporary Global Issues

#### World Language

Latin 1/1H, 2/2H  
College Latin 3, 4  
Spanish 2/2H, 3/3H  
College Spanish 4, 5  
German 2/2H, 3/3H  
College German 4, 5  
Italian 2/2H, 3/3H  
College Italian 4, 5

#### Special Programs

English as a New Language  
BOCES Vocational Programs  
BOCES LIHSA (Long Island High School for the Arts)  
District Vocational Programs  
Special Education

### College Entrance Examinations

ACT Mean Scores 2023-24	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Garden City High School	27	26.8	28	26.8	27.3
National Mean	19	19.4	20.5	20	19.9

SAT Scores for Class of 2024		June 2023	October 2023
Mean Total	Garden City New York State	1276 1155	1290 1181
Mean ERW	Garden City New York State	624 577	636 591
Mean Math	Garden City New York State	652 578	654 590



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### College Attendance

Four-year college: 98.2%

Two-year college: 0.7%

Other: 1.1% \*

\*College experiences, preparatory schools, military, adult services or employment

*Admission representatives are welcome in our school to meet with counselors and interested students. Mini college fairs, individual visits and virtual visits outside the school day are available to be scheduled. If you are interested in participating, please call the Counseling Center at 516-478-2033.*

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## Class of 2024 Future Plans

### Members of the Class of 2024 Are Enrolled at the Following Colleges and Universities:

Adelphi University	Providence College	University of Mississippi
American University	Purdue University	University of Nebraska at Omaha
Arizona State University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Notre Dame
Bentley University	Rice University	University of Pennsylvania
Boston College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
Bryant University	Rutgers University	University of Richmond
Bucknell University	Sacred Heart University	University of Rochester
Clemson University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Scranton
College of Charleston	Saint Michael's College	University of South Carolina
College of the Holy Cross	Salve Regina University	University of Vermont
Cooper Union	Siena College	University of Virginia
Cornell University	Simmons University	University of Wisconsin
CUNY Baruch College	Southern Methodist University	Villanova University
Dartmouth University	St. John's University	Virginia Tech
Duke University	SUNY	Wake Forest University
East Carolina University	Binghamton	Washington and Lee University
Emerson College	Cortland	Wesleyan University
Endicott College	Delhi	West Chester University
Fairfield University	Oneonta	William & Mary
Fordham University	Plattsburgh	Yale University
Georgetown University	Stony Brook	
Georgia Institute of Technology	Syracuse University	
Hamilton College	Texas Christian University	
High Point University	The George Washington University	
Hofstra University	The University of Alabama	
Indiana University	The University of Tampa	
Iona University	The University of Tennessee	
Johns Hopkins University	The University of Texas at Austin	
Le Moyne College	Trinity College	
Lehigh University	Union College	
Long Island University	University at Albany	
Loyola University Maryland	University at Buffalo	
Marist College	University of California, Irvine	
Marywood University	University of California, Los Angeles	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Cincinnati	
Miami University of Ohio	University of Colorado Boulder	
Midway University	University of Connecticut	
Nassau Community College	University of Delaware	
New York Institute of Technology	University of Florida	
New York University	University of Georgia	
Northeastern University	University of Kansas	
Pennsylvania State University	University of Maryland	
Princeton University	University of Michigan	

## Learning Through COVID-19

Garden City High School maintained integrity of grading scales and policies over the last four school years. In 2020-2021, students received daily instruction through hybrid in-person and remote-livestream. Students were able to return in-person daily in March, 2021 or continue with remote-livestream. In 2021-2022 students received in-person daily instruction. Due to New York State Regents exam cancellations in 2020 and 2021, students received exemptions for varying final diploma types. New York State Regents exam exemptions and special appeals are noted on the transcript as 'EX' and 'SA'. Where no Regents exams were administered, course grades were determined by evenly weighted quarterly averages. COVID-19 continued to impact instruction due to illness and subsequent absences of students and staff.