



2019-2020 School Profile

Valhalla High School

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COMMUNITY

Valhalla is a hamlet in the town of Mt. Pleasant, Westchester County, New York. Located 20 miles north of New York City, Valhalla is a residential community. The Valhalla School District includes parts of the towns of Mt. Pleasant, North Castle, and Greenburgh with a total population of about 9,000 people. The community has a long history of supporting public education.

SCHOOL

Valhalla High School serves grades 9-12 with a total enrollment of 459 students with a senior class of 126 students. There are 70 members of the professional staff: ninety percent have advanced degrees. The faculty is actively involved in the development and refinement of instructional programs. A major thrust of these programs is to support the engagement of students in activities that demand a high level of responsibility and commitment. There are eight periods during an academic day. In 2017, Valhalla High School was one of only 19 schools in New York recognized as National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the Dept. of Education. The students, staff and community are all integral parts of making Valhalla High School a Blue Ribbon School.

GRADING AND WEIGHTING SYSTEM

Student numerical grades are assigned by teachers from one to one hundred. GPA is unweighted, with the exception of Advanced Placement and Honor level courses, to which a multiplier of 1.06 is applied to AP courses and a multiplier of 1.03 is applied to Honor and College level courses. Colleges receive the student's weighted GPA.

Passing Grade: 65

Letter and Grade-point Equivalents:

A+ 97-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69
A 93-96	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 65-66
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 65

VALHALLA HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

English Language and Composition, U.S. History, European History, Biology, Calculus, Physics, and Computer Science

COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Valhalla High School offers the students an opportunity to participate in the following college prep and/or college programs:

- Westchester Community College – Early College Experience Program
College Research and Writing, College Basic Musicianship, College Music Theory I, College History of Western Music I, College History of Western Music II, College Algebra, College Statistics, College Environmental Science, College Italian, College Spanish
- University of Albany – Science Research Program- Intermediate Science Research, Intermediate Methods of Research, Advanced Science Research, Advanced Methods of Research.
- Pace University Bridge Program
- OC21 Courses – Online Courses for the 21st Century

COURSES FOR 2018 – 2019

English

English 9
English 10 Honors
English 10
English 11 Honors
English 11
English 12
AP English Language and Composition
College Research and Writing
Freshman Writing Seminar
Film Studies
Mass Communication
Creative Writing
Drama and Human Behavior
Public Speaking

Social Studies

Global Studies I
Global Studies II Honors
Global Studies II
U.S. History Honors
U.S. History
Eco & Government Honors
Eco & Government
AP European History (12th only)
AP U.S. History
History Through Film
Sociology
Sociology of Sports
Psychology
Global Issues

Math

Algebra I CC
Algebra Applications
Geometry CC Honors
Geometry CC
Algebra 2 CC Honors
Algebra 2 CC
Pre Calculus
AP Calculus AB
College Statistics
College Algebra
Consumer Math
AP Computer Science
Mobile Apps Design
Intro to Computer Science
Computer Applications

Science

Earth Science Honors
Earth Science
Biology Honors
Biology
Chemistry Honors
Chemistry
Physics
AP Physics
AP Biology
College Environmental Science
Integrated Science
SR (Science Research)

Physical Ed/Health

PE 9-12
Health

Foreign Language

Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4
College Spanish
Italian 1
Italian 2
Italian 3
Italian 4
College Italian

Chorus

Chorus
Vocal Ensemble
Band
Jazz Band
Orchestra
Experiencing Music
College Basic Musicianship
College Music Theory I
College History of Western Music I
College History of Western Music II

Art

Studio Art I
Studio Art II
Drawing and Painting
Advanced Drawing & Painting
Portfolio Development
Computer Graphics
Advanced Computer Graphics

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: CREDITS AND REGENTS EXAMS

CREDITS

To graduate from Valhalla High School, each student is required to complete a minimum of 22 credits, to be distributed as follows:

English- 4 credits	Art or Music- 1 credit
Social Studies- 4 credits	Health- .5 credit
Math- 3 credits	Physical Education- 2*
Science- 3 credits	Electives- 3.5 credits (Regents)
Foreign Language	1.5 credits (Advanced)
1 credit (Regents)	
3 credits (Adv. Regents)	

*Physical Education is required by state law; the student must earn a passing grade in Physical Education each year for all four years.

REGENTS EXAMS

Students must successfully complete the following NYS Regents exams: Algebra, English, Global History, U.S. History, and one Science exam.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RANK

Valhalla High School does not rank its students.

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

The Class of 2017 had one National Merit Scholarship finalist.
The Class of 2016 had one National Merit Scholarship finalist.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) 2018

Reading and Writing – Pending receipt from Collegeboard
Math – Pending receipt from Collegeboard

ACT 2018

Composite – Pending receipt from ACT

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

2018- 4 year college	74%	2016 - 4 year college	77%
2 year college	23%	2 year college	21%
Other (work military, etc)	3%	Other (work, military, etc)	2%
2017 - 4 year college	78%	2015 - 4 year college	78%
2 year college	21%	2 year college	19%
Other (work, military, etc)	1%	Other (work, military, etc)	3%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES – CLASS OF 2018

Adelphi University	Marist College	Susquehanna University
Albertus Magnus College	Marymount Manhattan College	Syracuse University
Assumption College	McGill University	Temple University
Babson College	Mercy College	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Bentley University	Merrimack College	Towson University
Binghamton University	Miami University, Oxford	The Catholic University of America
Boston University	Michigan State University	The College of New Jersey
Bowie State University	Monmouth University	The College of Saint Rose
Brooklyn College of the CUNY	Monroe Community College	The George Washington University
Bryant University	Mount Saint Mary College	The Ohio State University
Bucknell University	Mount Saint Mary University	The University of Alabama
Castleton State University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	The University of Arizona
Central Connecticut State University	NY Institute of Technology	The University of Notre Dame
City College of New York CUNY	New York University	The University of Scranton
CUNY-Macaulay Honors College	North Carolina Central University	The University of Tampa
Clark Atlanta University	Northeastern University	The University of Texas, Austin
Clarkson University	Ohio University	Union College
Clemson University	Oregon State University	University at Albany
Coastal Carolina University	Pace University, New York City	University at Buffalo
College of Charleston	Pace University, Westchester Campus	University of Bridgeport
Concordia College - New York	Penn State University	University of California, Davis
Coppin State University	Plymouth State University	University of California, San Diego
Cornell University	Providence College	University of California, Santa Barbara
Curry College	Purchase College (SUNY)	University of Colorado at Boulder
Dean College	Queens College of the CUNY	University of Connecticut
Delaware State University	Quinnipiac University	University of Delaware
DeSales University	Regis College	University of Florida
Dominican College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Hartford
Drexel University	Rhode Island College	University of Illinois
East Stroudsburg University	Rider University	University of Kentucky
Fairfield University	Roanoke College	University of Maine
Flagler College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Maryland, College Park
Florida A&M University	Roger Williams University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Florida Gulf Coast University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Florida Institute of Technology	Sacred Heart University	University of Miami
Florida State University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Michigan
Fordham University - Lincoln Center	Salisbury University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Full Sail University	Salve Regina University	University of Mississippi
Hartwick College	Seton Hill University	University of New Hampshire
Hofstra University	Siena College	University of New Haven
Hunter College of the CUNY	Southeastern University	University of Pittsburgh
Indiana University at Bloomington	Southern Connecticut State University	University of Rhode Island
Iona College	Springfield College	University of Rochester
Ithaca College	St. John's University - Queens Campus	University of South Carolina
James Madison University	St. Joseph's College-Brooklyn	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Vermont
Johns Hopkins University	Stonehill College	University of Washington
Johnson & Wales Univ. (Providence)	Stony Brook University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Kean University	SUNY Buffalo State College	Utica College
Keene State College	SUNY College at Cobleskill	Villanova University
La Salle University	SUNY College at Cortland	Virginia State University
Le Moyne College	SUNY College of ESF	Virginia Tech. University
Lincoln University	SUNY College at Geneseo	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Long Island University, Post	SUNY College at New Paltz	West Virginia University
Louisiana State University	SUNY College at Oneonta	Westchester Community College
Loyola University Chicago	SUNY College at Oswego	Western Connecticut State University
Loyola University Maryland	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	Western New England University
Manhattan College	SUNY College at Potsdam	York College of Pennsylvania
Manhattanville College	SUNY Delhi	

