



THE HUDSON SCHOOL

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THE HUDSON SCHOOL MISSION

Our Mission: The Hudson School provides intellectually inquisitive students with a rigorous and relevant college-preparatory education that inspires independent thinking and intellectual risk-taking. Our goal is to develop compassionate, responsible, principled citizens who are socially conscious and committed to lifelong learning and service. The school fosters an eclectic and supportive environment that challenges students and faculty to develop their passions and talents through a stimulating, balanced and creative interdisciplinary curriculum.

THE HUDSON SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Hudson School is an independent school with a need-blind admissions policy, serving students of diverse backgrounds. Founded as a middle school in 1978, The Hudson School is the only pre-k to grade 12 institution in Hudson County, NJ serving a population of 293. Approximately 34% of students are children of color. The Class of 2025, with 23 students, will be the high school's twenty-eighth graduating class. The typical Hudson School student is self-directed and focused and has learned how to accept the responsibility that comes along with freedom and choice. Our students are community-minded, compassionate young people who devote much of their time to service initiatives, helping those in their school and participating in local and global environmental and humanitarian efforts. In spite of our small size, students are able to become involved in sports, visual and performing arts, student-initiated clubs and service organizations, resulting in well-rounded, articulate, multi-faceted and creative individuals who are ready to become leaders in their college communities. Our school is a vibrant learning community in which many of our 30 + high school teachers act as mentors, inspiring our students to develop a passionate commitment to creative writing, music, drama, visual arts or sports, or to aspire to become teachers themselves.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The Hudson School encourages students and provides opportunities to study subjects of their choice in depth. Since many of our students come from our own and other middle schools that offer high school-level courses, they often enter our upper school ready for accelerated work in math, modern foreign languages and classical languages, and they often continue these studies to advanced levels. The school offers several Advanced Placement courses, and students are able to take advanced courses as tutorials or for credit at nearby colleges, such as Pratt Institute and Stevens Institute of Technology, or to undertake study abroad. Seniors exercise their own initiative to pursue in depth an area of interest for three weeks following AP exams. These "May Projects" allow students to make choices and exercise self-discipline and responsibility and conclude with a TED-style talk.

THS students come from Hoboken, Jersey City, Milburn, Montclair, South Orange, Short Hills, North Bergen and Newark, as well as from other cities in Hudson, Essex, Morris and Bergen Counties, and New York City. The school also has international students from Bulgaria, Chad, China, Dominican Republic, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and Turkey.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024 -2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade 12: 23 Students- **Grade 11:** 29 Students- **Grade 10:** 24 Students- **Grade 9:** 20 Students- **Total:** 96

TESTING

Class of 2024 average SAT superscore: **1260**

Class of 2024 average ACT composite superscore: **33**

THE HUDSON SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM

A = 4.00 = 94-100 A- = 3.67 = 90-93

B+ = 3.33 87-89 B = 3.00 = 84-86 B- = 2.67 = 80-83

C+ = 2.33 = 77-79 C = 2.00 = 74-76 C- = 1.67 = 70-73

D = 1.00 = 65-69 F = 0.00 = 64 and below

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES, ADVANCED and HONORS COURSES

As a small school, our AP, honors and other advanced offerings vary from year to year. The Hudson School currently offers the following thirteen AP and Honors courses during the 2024-2025 academic year.

English- AP English Literature and Composition

Math- AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC

History/ Social Science- AP Comparative Government & Politics, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology

Art- AP Art History

Science- AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental, AP Physics: Mechanics

Honors Vertebrate Physiology

World Language- AP Spanish Language

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English- 4 years	World Language- 3 years
History- 3 years	Latin- 2 years
Science- 3 Years	Physical Education/Health- 4 years
Mathematics-3 years	Electives- 2 years
Music and Art- 3 years	Computers- 2 years
Community Service- 20 hours per year	
Personal Finance	

Science courses must include physics, chemistry and biology. History courses must include 1 year of American history. Completion of Latin 2 fulfills the Latin requirement. A third year of Latin may be substituted for a third year of a modern world language. AP Macroeconomics may be substituted for Personal Finance. AP US Government may be substituted for Civics

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our current Community Service program is an in-house program incorporating two themes: putting values into action and organizational problem-solving. Hudson School staff establish the course expectations at the beginning of the year, assist students in finding appropriate volunteer opportunities, support each student's problem-solving activities at their volunteer site and monitor and respond to student blog posts on their volunteer experiences. The Hudson School requires all students to complete a minimum of 20 hours of Community Service per year.

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Hudson School has a very active theater department and a competitive, national award-winning chorus. The sports program is modest and includes girls' soccer, boys' soccer, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, girls' volleyball and coed track and field. Instruction is available in a variety of musical instruments. There is a Student Council, composed of representatives from each grade, and each class elects its own officers. Other activities offered this year include mock trial competition, student newspaper, robotics, jazz ensemble, fencing, select choir, creative writing, yearbook, yoga and student-originated math, philosophy, environmental and pre-med clubs.

ACCREDITATIONS

The Hudson School is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools, the Educational Records Bureau, and the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

The Hudson School sends nearly 100% of graduates onto four year colleges and universities immediately after graduation. Below is a sample list of where Hudson School students have been accepted. Institutions in bold indicate where students in the class of and 2024 matriculated.

American University
Amherst College
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Chapman University
Clark University
College of Wooster
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Elizabethtown College
Embry- Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Franklin and Marshall College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Howard University
Imperial College London (UK)
Lafayette College
Lehman College- CUNY
McGill University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Montclair State University
Morehouse College

Muhlenberg College

New York Institute of Technology

New York University Pace University

Penn State University

Purdue University- Northwest

Reed College

Rice University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University

Rutgers University

SAIC- School of the Art Institute of Chicago

St. John's College- Annapolis

St. Peter's University

Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art and Design

School of Visual Arts

Scripps College

Skidmore College

Smith College

Stanford University

Stevens Institute of Technology

Syracuse University

Temple University

The College of New Jersey

The New School

Trinity College- Connecticut

Trinity College- Dublin, Ireland

Tulane University of Louisiana

University of Arizona

University of California- Irvine

University of California- Riverside

University of California- San Diego

University of Chicago

University of Connecticut

University of Delaware

University of Groningen

University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign

University of Tampa

University of Texas at Austin

University of Michigan

University of Miami

University of Oregon

University of Rochester

University of San Diego

University of Vermont

University of Washington

Washington University in St. Louis

W.P.I.- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Yale University