



# LAKELAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WALTER PANAS HIGH SCHOOL



## PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2021

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### LAKELAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Lakeland Central School District accepts the challenge of preparing students for a rapidly changing world.

We provide the opportunity for all students to learn and succeed by promoting critical thinking and high academic standards in a safe and secure environment. Our practices and policies are shaped by: respect, kindness, responsibility, accountability and honest and ethical behavior.

### ACCEPTANCES AT COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS 2018-2020

Adelphi University  
Albright College  
Alfred University  
American University  
Arizona State University  
Bard College  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brown University  
Bucknell University  
Bryant University  
California State University, Fresno  
Case Western Reserve University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Catholic University of America  
Central Connecticut State  
Champlain College  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colgate University  
College of Mt. Saint Vincent  
College of New Jersey  
College of Saint Rose  
College of Westchester  
College of William and Mary  
Colorado State University  
Concordia College  
Connecticut College  
Culinary Institute of America  
Curry College  
Dartmouth College  
Denison University  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
Duke University  
East Carolina University  
East Stroudsburg University  
Eastern Florida State College  
Elizabethtown College  
Elmira College  
Emory University  
Fairfield University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Furman University  
Georgetown University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia State University  
Goucher College  
Hamilton College  
Hartwick College  
Harvard College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University  
Hobart William Smith College  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
Indiana University

Iona College  
Iowa State University  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Kean University  
Keene State College  
Lafayette College  
LaSalle University  
Lehigh University  
LeMoyne College  
Liberty University  
LIM College  
L.I.U. Post  
Loyola University  
Manhattan College  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College-Liberal Arts  
Mercy College  
Michigan State University  
Mitchell College  
Monmouth University  
Montclair State University  
Mount Saint Mary College  
Muhlenberg College  
Nazareth College  
New England College  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
The New School  
New York Inst. of Technology  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Ohio State University  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Post University  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Ringling College of Art & Design  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Inst. of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart University  
St. John's University  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Michael's College  
St. Thomas Aquinas College  
Salisbury University  
Salve Regina University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
School of Visual Arts  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seton Hall University  
Siena College  
Skidmore College  
Southern Connecticut State Univ.

Springfield College  
Stetson University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stockton University  
Suffolk University  
Susquehanna University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Towson University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
Unity College  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of California  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado @ Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Hartford  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Nebraska  
University of Nevada  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
University of North Carolina  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of Scranton  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Florida, Tampa  
University of Tampa  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin  
Utica College  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Tech  
Wagner College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
West Chester Univ. of Pennsylvania  
West Texas A&M University  
West Virginia University  
Western CT State University  
Western New England College  
Wilkes University  
Xavier University  
York College of Pennsylvania

**State University of New York**  
**University Centers**  
Albany  
Binghamton  
Buffalo  
Environmental Science & Forestry  
Stony Brook

**SUNY Colleges**  
Brockport  
Buffalo State  
Cortland  
Farmingdale  
Fredonia  
Geneseo  
Maritime  
New Paltz  
Old Westbury  
Oneonta  
Oswego  
Plattsburgh  
Polytechnic Institute  
Potsdam  
Purchase

**SUNY Technology**  
Alfred  
Canton  
Cobleskill  
Delhi  
Farmingdale  
Fashion Inst. of Tech.  
Morrisville

**Community Colleges**  
Broome  
Dutchess  
Genesee  
Herkimer  
Hudson Valley  
Mohawk Valley  
Nassau  
Orange County  
Tompkins Cortland  
Westchester

**City University of New York**  
Baruch College  
Borough of Manhattan Com. College  
Bronx Community College  
Brooklyn College  
City College of NY CUNY  
City University of NY  
CUNY NY City College of Tech.  
Hunter College  
John Jay College  
Lehman College  
Macaulay Honors College  
Medger Evans College  
Queens College  
York College

## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Walter Panas High School is a comprehensive, four-year public secondary school within the Lakeland Central School District. Located in Cortlandt Manor, NY, with a total population of 941 students in grades 9-12, and a senior class of 255 students, Walter Panas High School is one of two high schools that constitute the largest suburban school district in Westchester County. Along with its sister school, Lakeland High School, Walter Panas High School attracts a culturally diverse and talented student body from over 40 square miles in northern Westchester.

Accredited by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, Walter Panas High School boasts a rich variety of academic offerings, ranging from AP and Honors level coursework to programs for the disabled population. Students are encouraged, in conjunction with the combined efforts of parents, teachers and counselors, to pursue the most appropriately challenging academic level en route to becoming life-long learners. Students are similarly encouraged to become active members of the school community through participation in Walter Panas' extensive athletic and co-curricular offerings.

### CLASS OF 2020 STATISTICS

Senior Class	200 students
Graduation rate	93.5%
Post-graduation plans	
Attending 4-year College	66%
Attending 2-year College	22%
Employment	3%
Military	1%
Other	8%

*1 National Merit Finalist and Scholarship Award Recipient  
3 National Merit Commended Scholars*

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English*	4 credits
Social Studies*	4 credits
Science*	3 credits
Mathematics*	3 credits
Foreign Language	1 credit
Art and/or Music	1 credit
Physical Education	2 credits
Health	.5 credit
Electives	3.5 credits
Total	22 credits

\*These subject areas carry additional NY State Regents exam testing requirements.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In addition to the core Regents (Reg) level courses, in 2020-21, Walter Panas High School offers Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and college credit courses in the following areas:

**English:** Honors English 9 & 10, AP English Language, AP English Literature, English 120 College Writing—Honors (college credit)

**Science:** Honors Living Environment (Biology), Honors Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Physics 1 & 2, Science Research (college credit)

**Social Studies:** Pre-AP World History, AP World History, AP US History and Government, AP Human Geography, AP Macroeconomics/Politics, AP Psychology, SUPA Sports Management (college credit), SUPA Sociology (college credit)

**Mathematics:** Honors Algebra 2/Trig, Honors Geometry, Honors Pre-Calculus AB & BC, Calculus (college credit), AP Calculus AB & BC, AP Statistics, College Algebra: F&M (college credit)

*Please note that the NYS Regents Exam in Algebra 2 is not required of our students. WPHS follows the traditional Algebra 2 curriculum that includes Trigonometry in order to best prepare students for higher level math and science courses.*

**Foreign Language:** Honors Spanish 4 (college credit), Honors Italian 4 (college credit), Honors Italian 5 (college credit), AP Spanish, AP Spanish Literature

**Career & Technical Education, Art & Music:** Accounting (college credit), Business Ownership & Marketing (college credit), Business Law (college credit), AP Computer Science A, AP Studio Art, AP Music Theory

### CLASS OF 2021 GPA & SAT/ACT PROFILE

This includes grading and testing through June 2020.

#### GPA/255 SENIORS

Unweighted GPA range	99.28-65.12
Unweighted average GPA	87.23

#### SAT

Evidence Based Reading & Writing mean score	593
Mathematics mean score	594

#### Subject Tests

Math I/II mean score	625/550
Biology Molecular/Chemistry mean score	580/620
World History mean score	545

#### ACT

Mean composite score	23
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1 National Merit Semi-Finalist  
2 National Merit Commended Scholars

### 2020 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SUMMARY

Number of students writing exams	269
Number of exams	488
Students earning a score of 3 or better	67%
Students earning a score of 4 or 5	38%
AP Scholars (2020)	42
AP Scholars with Honor (2020)	9
AP Scholars with Distinction (2020)	12
National AP Scholar (2020)	3

### FACULTY

Walter Panas High School has a professional staff that includes 77 full and part time teaching faculty, five school counselors, two school social workers, three school psychologists and one student assistance counselor. The average general education class size is approximately 22 students. School counselors work comprehensively with students in grades 9-12 for all four years.

### GRADING POLICY AND CLASS RANK

**Due to the Spring 2020 COVID-19 related school closure, WPHS adopted an adjusted grading system for the fourth quarter (April-June) to support students during the remote learning model.**

Grades are earned on a numerical scale from 0-100, with final grades reflecting an average of a student's four quarterly grades and the end-of-year final and/or regents examination. Student transcripts are a record of the student's best performance in courses completed through the end of the sixth semester, as well as a listing of senior year courses in progress.

**NOTE: Students are not ranked. Both an unweighted and weighted cumulative GPA are provided on the student transcript.** A weighted cumulative GPA is calculated based upon the following values: Honors = plus 4 pts., AP = plus 5 pts. Courses with college credit agreements are given Honors weight.

The following represents the sixth semester unweighted GPA distribution for the class of 2021:

100 - 95	33 students	79.9 - 75	24 students
94.9 - 90	72 students	74.9 - 70	11 students
89.9 - 85	74 students	69.9 - 65	1 student
84.9 - 80	39 students		