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LAKE LAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WALTER PANAS HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2021

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LAKE LAND 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.

ACCEP TANCES 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
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
Chapman College
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Mt. Saint Vincent
College of New Jersey
College of Saint Rose
College of the Holy Cross
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
Elizabeth Anne 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
Georgian Court University
Goucher College
Hamlin College
Harvard College
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hobart William Smith College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana University
Iowa 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 of Liberal Arts
Mercy College
Michigan State University
Mitchell College
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Mount Saint Mary College
Muhlenberg College
Nazareth College
New College
New England Institute of Technology
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York City College of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University
Pacific University
Pennsylvania State University
Post University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ringling College of Art & Design
Rochester College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
St. John’s University
St. Lawrence University
St. Mike’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
Sewanee University
Sewanee College
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
 Suffield University
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Towson University
Tulane University
Union College
Unity College
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
University at Buffalo
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California
University of California at Berkeley
University of Colorado @ Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Maryland College Park
University of Maryland University College
University of Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Massachusetts Lowell
University of Maine
University of Maine-Majors
University of Michigan
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of New Mexico
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 Virginia at Wise
Utica College
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Wagner College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Chester University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Texas A&M University
West Virginia University
Western Connecticut State University
Western New England College
Wilkes University
Xavier University
York College of Pennsylvania
State University of New York
University at Buffalo
Binghamton
Buffalo
Environmental Science & Forestry
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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**

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<th>Senior Class</th>
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<td>Post-graduation plans</td>
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<td>Attending 4-year College</td>
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<td>Attending 2-year College</td>
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1 National Merit Finalist and Scholarship Award Recipient 3 National Merit Commended Scholars

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>Art and/or Music</td>
<td>1 credit</td>
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<td>Physical Education</td>
<td>2 credits</td>
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<td>Health</td>
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**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)
- **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

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.

**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'll mean score: 625/650
  - Biology Molecular/Chemistry mean score: 580/620
  - World History mean score: 545
- **ACT**
  - Mean composite score: 23

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:

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