



LAKELAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WALTER PANAS HIGH SCHOOL



PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2024

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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 2021-2023

Adelphi University	Iona College	Temple University	State University of New York
Albright College	Ithaca College	Towson University	University Centers
Alfred University	James Madison University	Union College	Albany
American University	Johnson & Wales University	Unity College	Binghamton
Arizona State University	Kean University	U.S. Air Force Academy	Buffalo
Bard College	Keene State College	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	Environmental Science & Forestry
Barnard College	Lafayette College	University of Alabama	Stony Brook
Bennington College	LeMoyne College	University of Arizona	
Bentley University	Liberty University	University of California	
Berklee College of Music	Louisiana State University	University of Central Florida	
Boston College	Loyola University	University of Colorado @ Boulder	
Boston University	Lynn University	University of Colorado @ Denver	
Bowdoin College	Manhattan College	University of Connecticut	
Brown University	Manhattanville College	University of Delaware	
Bryn Mawr College	Marist College	University of Florida	
Bucknell University	Maritime Academy	University of Hartford	
Bryant University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Kentucky	
California State University, Fresno	Massachusetts College-Liberal Arts	University of Maine	
Catholic University of America	Mercy College	University of Maryland	
Champlain College	Michigan State University	University of Mary Washington	
Citadel Military College	Mitchell College	University of Massachusetts	
Clark University	Monmouth University	University of Miami	
Clarkson University	Mount Saint Mary College	University of Michigan	
Clemson University	Muhlenberg College	University of Nevada	
Coastal Carolina University	New England College	University of New England	
Colgate University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire	
College of Mt. Saint Vincent	The New School	University of New Haven	
College of Saint Rose	New York Inst. of Technology	University of North Carolina	
College of Westchester	New York University	University of Notre Dame	
College of William and Mary	North Carolina State University	University of Pennsylvania	
Colorado State University	Northeastern University	University of Pittsburgh	
Columbia University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Rhode Island	
Cornell University	Ohio State University	University of Richmond	
Culinary Institute of America	Pace University	University of Rochester	
Curry College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Scranton	
Dartmouth College	Pratt Institute	University of South Carolina	
Drew University	Providence College	University of South Florida, Tampa	
Drexel University	Purdue University	University of Tampa	
Duquesne University	Quinnipiac University	University of Texas	
East Carolina University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont	
East Stroudsburg University	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of Virginia	
Elmira College	Roanoke College	University of Wisconsin	
Elon University	Rochester Inst. of Technology	Utica University	
Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ	Roger Williams University	Vanderbilt University	
Emerson College	Rutgers University	Vassar College	
Fairfield University	Sacred Heart University	Vaughn College of Aeronautics	
Fairleigh Dickinson University	St. John's University	Villanova University	
Florida Atlantic University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Virginia Tech	
Florida State University	Salisbury University	Wagner College	
Fordham University	Salve Regina University	Wentworth Institute of Technology	
Georgetown University	Savannah College of Art & Design	Wesleyan University	
George Mason University	School of Visual Arts	West Chester Univ. of Pennsylvania	
George Washington University	Seton Hall University	West Texas A&M University	
Georgia Institute of Technology	Siena College	West Virginia University	
Gettysburg College	Skidmore College	Western CT State University	
Hamilton College	Smith College	Western New England College	
Hartwick College	Springfield College	Wheaton College	
High Point University	Suffolk University	Wilkes University	
Hobart William Smith College	Syracuse University	Xavier University	
Hofstra University		Yale University	
Howard University		York College of Pennsylvania	
Indiana University			

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 924 students in grades 9-12, and a senior class of 223 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 2024 GPA & SAT/ACT PROFILE

This includes grading and testing through June 2023.

GPA/223 SENIORS	
Unweighted GPA range	98.92-65.03
Unweighted average GPA	86.87
SAT	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing mean score	522
Mathematics mean score	481
ACT	
Mean composite score	26

1 National Merit Semifinalist

CLASS OF 2023 STATISTICS

Senior Class	224 students
Graduation rate	94.2%
<u>Post-graduation plans</u>	
Attending 4-year College	75%
Attending 2-year College	13%
Employment	2%
Other	10%

1 National Merit Finalist & 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.

2023 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SUMMARY

Number of students writing exams	287
Number of exams	504
Students earning a score of 3 or better	65%
Students earning a score of 4 or 5	33 %
AP Scholars (2023)	40
AP Scholars with Honor (2023)	17
AP Scholars with Distinction (2023)	18

FACULTY

Walter Panas High School has a professional staff that includes 81 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.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In addition to the core Regents (Reg) level courses, in 2023-24, 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, Pre-Calculus 12 (college credit), 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 5 (college credit), Honors Spanish 4 (college credit), Honors Italian 4 (college credit), Honors Italian 5 (college credit), AP Spanish, AP Spanish Literature, Spanish Language & Culture A & B (college credit)

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

GRADING POLICY AND CLASS RANK

Please note that during the 2020-21 school year, final grades reflected an average of four quarterly grades only and during the 2021-22 school year, regents exam scores were used if they supported the student's course average. 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 2024:

100 – 95	32 students	79.9 – 75	26 students
94.9 – 90	68 students	74.9 – 70	4 students
89.9 – 85	51 students	69.9 – 65	3 students
84.9 – 80	36 students		