

# WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL

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### 2009-2010 School Profile

#### COMMUNITY and the SCHOOL DISTRICT

Westhill High School is a highly competitive, comprehensive high school serving the areas of Westvale and Onondaga Hill, western suburbs of the city of Syracuse. The district enrollment is approximately 2,000 students in a predominantly residential suburb of 10,000. As a whole, the Westhill school district is supported by families with keen interest in academics, athletics, the arts, and post-secondary education.

#### HIGH SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

**Type:** Public, four-year                      **Enrollment:** 645 (grades 9-12)                      **Class of 2010:** 153

**Calendar:** 4 ten-week quarters, 41-minute periods, no block scheduling

**Accreditation:** New York State Board of Regents

Often among the top, both in Onondaga County and on the State level, Westhill boasts a

**96% Advanced Designation/Regents Diploma** (combined) rate for the Class of 2009

#### CURRICULUM

Westhill offers a comprehensive academic program. The following notations will aid in transcript review: Honors (**H**), Advanced Placement (**AP**), Syracuse University Project Advance (**SUPA**), Onondaga Community College (**OCC**), SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry (**SUNY ESF**), Humanities (**HUM**), Regents (**R**), Local (**L**) and Regents Skills (**RS**). The RS Program is for students in need of skill development to prepare for required commencement level assessments within a Regents curriculum.

#### Special Academic Programs

- **Advanced Placement:** Calculus, World History, US History, American Government & Politics, Physics B, English Literature and Composition, French, and Spanish
- **Syracuse University Project Advance:** English and Forensics
- **SUNY ESF:** Global Environment
- **Onondaga Community College:** English, Contemporary Business, Computer Keyboarding
- **Honors Courses:** English 9 & 10, Global 9, Math, Science, French IV, and Spanish IV
- **Project Lead The Way (PLTW):** Pre-Engineering courses with some articulation agreements with Rochester Institute of Technology
- **New Vision:** Senior year option to study Criminal Justice at the **Onondaga County Sheriff's Department**, Medical Professions at the **Marley Education Center**, or Animal & Environmental Science at **Beaver Lake Nature Center**.
- **Humanities Interdisciplinary Study:** Integrated approach to studying English and Social Studies 11
- **Accelerated Coursework:** Credit bearing eighth grade courses in Math, Foreign Language, and Art

#### GRADING AND RANKING POLICY - 70 is the required passing average

Final grades are determined by averaging the four quarter grades and the final exam with each contributing 20% toward the final average. Regents exams are reported on the transcript and represent the final exam for many courses. In some instances, both a local final and regents exam are given, with each counting 10% toward the final average. Final grades reported on the transcript are **unweighted**. However, these final averages are **weighted with an additional six (6) points** solely for the purpose of calculating cumulative **GPA** and determining **Class Rank**. Final GPA and Rank are based on six semesters and determined at the conclusion of the Junior year.

#### ACTIVITIES

The music department offers various performance groups, choirs and bands. Journalism opportunities are available through the award-winning school newspaper and literary magazine. Over 60% of the student body participates in the interscholastic athletic program. During the 2008-09 school year Westhill teams earned six league championships and five Section III Championships. In addition, the Westhill Varsity Baseball Team earned its first New York State Class B Championship. With 21 varsity programs, 17 varsity teams earned New York State Scholar Athlete Awards by maintaining a team academic GPA of 90% or higher. Over 25 clubs and activities are available within the entire co-curricular program.

**ACADEMIC GPA DISTRIBUTION** (reported by number of students)

<b>GPA Range</b>	<b>Class of 2008</b>	<b>Class of 2009</b>	<b>Class of 2010</b>
95 - 102	20	14	18
90 - 94.99	23	20	28
85 - 89.99	36	31	26
80 - 84.99	39	37	32
75 - 79.99	33	47	16
70 - 74.99	15	20	19
below 70	10	2	9

**STANDARDIZED TEST DATA**

<b>Class Year</b>	<b>SAT Critical Reading</b>	<b>SAT Math</b>	<b>% of Class Taking SAT</b>	<b>ACT Composite</b>	<b>% of Class Taking ACT</b>
2007	511	543	77.2%	23.4	47.3%
2008	526	562	77.9%	24.2	58.7%
2009	530	552	75.5%	23.9	62.0%

**POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION DATA**

<b>Class Year</b>	<b># Graduates</b>	<b>4-Year College</b>	<b>2-Year College</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007	176	59%	32%	91%
2008	172	70%	29%	99%
2009	171	66%	32%	98%

**INSTITUTIONS OF ENROLLMENT FOR CLASS OF 2008 & CLASS OF 2009**

Albany College of Pharmacy	Kean University	SUNY Buffalo State
Alfred State	Keuka College	SUNY University at Buffalo
Alfred University	LeMoyne College	SUNY Cobleskill
American University	Liberty University	SUNY Cortland
Art Institute of Boston	Loyola College of Maryland	SUNY ESF
Art Institute of Pittsburgh	Manhattan College	SUNY Fredonia
Baylor University	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY Geneseo
Boston College	Marywood University	SUNY IT (Institute of Technology)
Canisius College	Mohawk Community College	SUNY Morrisville
Cazenovia College	Monroe Community College	SUNY Oneonta
Champlain College	Montserrat College of Art	SUNY Oswego
Christopher Newport Univ.	Mount St. Mary College	SUNY Plattsburgh
Clarkson University	Nazareth College	SUNY Potsdam
Colgate University	Niagara University	SUNY Purchase
College of St. Rose	Oberlin College	Syracuse University
Columbia College of Chicago	Onondaga Community College	Tompkins Cortland Community
Columbia College Hollywood	Pratt Institute MWP	Springfield College
Cornell University	Providence College	St. Bonaventure Univ.
Daemen College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	St. Joseph's of Indiana
Drexel University	Robert Morris University	St. John Fisher
Edinboro University	Rochester Inst. of Technology	Suffolk University
Elmira College	Schenectady County CC	Univ. of San Diego
Finger Lakes Community College	Siena College	Univ. of Scranton
Fordham University	Springfield College	Univ. of Tampa
Hamilton College	St. Bonaventure Univ.	Vermont Community College
Hartwick College	St. Joseph's of Indiana	Wagner College
Harvard University	St. John Fisher	Wesley College
Hilbert College	Suffolk University	West Virginia University
Hobart & Wm. Smith Colleges	SUNY Albany	Xavier University
Hofstra University	SUNY Binghamton	
Ithaca College	SUNY Brockport	