

# Morristown High School

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## The School

Morristown High School is a comprehensive, four-year secondary school that serves an ethnically and socially diverse student population of over 1800 students. A microcosm of the new millennium, Morristown High School is rich in economic, racial, and cultural diversity. Some families have been in the district for generations, while others have only recently immigrated to the United States.

Morristown High School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, including 27 Advanced Placement Courses and 50 Honors level courses. Our students maximize opportunities to sample and explore emerging career fields in areas such as technology, music, visual and performing arts, and the medical and science fields. Morristown High School provides an extensive program of interscholastic sports, co-curricular activities, and performing arts.

## The Mission

The core value and primary purpose of Morristown High School, with its large and diverse population, is to foster a community in which learning is meaningful, challenging and lifelong, and where the expectations of growth, individual understanding, excellence and creativity exist for all students and staff in a dynamic and academic environment. This mission will be achieved through a research-based process of continuous and collaborative planning, implementation and evaluation.

## Accreditation

Morristown High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education.

## School Climate

### Students:

- Ethnic Background: 54% White, 31% Hispanic, 10% African American and 5% Asian/Pacific Islanders
- Represent more than 19 different native languages
- 88% of the Class of 2016 attended two or four year colleges /universities after graduation
- Morristown High School students actively participate in school life on a broad academic and co-curricular level:
  - More than 40 co-curricular activities are offered in addition to 27 varsity athletic teams.
  - Students hold positions on key decision making teams that affect the school climate.
  - Students compete in academic contests in science, mathematics, world language, speech and debate.
  - High quality acting, vocal and instrumental music programs have enabled students to participate in All-State choirs, bands, orchestras and performing arts competitions.
  - 71 seniors participate in a highly selective Peer Group leadership program that supports incoming freshmen.
  - Students gain valuable broadcast experience through their work in our public radio station, WJSV-FM, and our in-house television studio.
  - Students write for the *Daily Record* (area newspaper), produce a yearbook, literary magazine and newspaper.
  - Visual Arts and Graphic Design students contribute designs to the high school environment and publications, and participate in community exhibitions.
  - Students are actively involved in community service.

## Staff:

The professional staff includes 167 educators with 61% having graduate degrees (6 Doctorates; 96 Masters). Many graduates return as members of the professional staff. Morristown High School alumni, along with other staff members, are committed to making the school even better for its students.

## Outstanding Characteristics:

- More than 280 diverse courses (including Honors and Advanced Placement)
- The STEM Academy enables students to experience an in-depth study of continuous programming in math and science.
- Morristown High School's Senior Options and Independent Study programs offer students the opportunity to enroll in college classes or obtain real-world experience in areas they wish to pursue as a career interest.
- Selected multiple times as one of *Newsweek* magazine's Nation's Best High Schools.
- Selected multiple times by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of the Top 75 public high schools in New Jersey.
- Recognized by New Jersey historian and author John T. Cunningham as the subject of *Youth's Bright Years: An American High School*.
- Staff, parents and students are actively involved in an initiative focused on an ongoing comprehensive and self-reflective review of all policies, practices and procedures that impact teaching and learning.
- An Education Foundation and several community groups complement the active Home ☞ School Association (HSA) that supports Morristown High School initiatives.

## Instructional Schedule

Morristown High School operates on an A-Day/B-Day schedule (80 minute sessions), which integrates full year and semester courses. Students are not limited in the number of AP or Honors courses they can take. Morristown High School does not offer IB courses.

## Course Designations

Courses are designated by level of difficulty as follows:

AP	Advanced Placement
H	Honors
A	College Preparatory

All Honors and AP courses are weighted for the GPA calculation and decile rank calculations. All courses are included in GPA calculations.

## Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement courses are offered in Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Human Geography, Italian: Language & Culture, Latin: Vergil & Caesar, Macroeconomics, Mandarin Chinese, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art: Drawing, 2-D & 3-D, U.S. Government & Politics and U.S. History 2.

## Honors Courses

Honors courses are offered in Advanced Latin Literature, Aerospace Engineering, Algebra 1 & 2, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, CAD3: Design Studio, Chemistry, English 1, 2, 3 & 4, French 5, Geometry, Humanities Academy Symposiums & Workshop, Italian Literature, Latin, LA CINTA, Linear Algebra, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Research Science 1 & 2, Spanish Composition & Communication, U. S. History 1 & 2, Visual Art 3, World History

## Career Plans

69.6 %	Four-Year College/University	>1.0 %	Military
18.5 %	Two-Year College	2.1 %	Employment
>1.0 %	Business/Technical School	8.5 %	Other

## Grading System

Morristown High School rates student performance relative to the following scale. Honors Level Courses are weighed into the scale by factoring a multiplier of 1.25 to the value of the letter grade and AP Level Courses are weighed into the scale by factoring a multiplier of 1.5 to the value of the letter grade.

Grade	Equivalent	Value	H Value	AP Value
A+	(98 - 100)	4.5	5.375	6.450
A	(95 - 97)	4.0	5.000	6.000
A-	(90 - 92)	3.7	4.625	5.550
B+	(87 - 89)	3.5	4.125	4.950
B	(85 - 86)	3.0	3.750	4.500
B-	(80 - 82)	2.7	3.375	4.050
C+	(77 - 79)	2.5	2.875	3.450
C	(75 - 76)	2.0	2.500	3.000
C-	(70 - 72)	1.7	2.125	2.550
D+	(67 - 69)	1.5	1.625	1.950
D	(65 - 66)	1.0	1.250	1.500
D-	(60 - 62)	0.7	0.875	1.050
F	(59 or below)	0.0	0.000	0.000

\*\*Courses designated as something other than Honors or AP (i.e. College Preparatory) carry a weight of 1.0.\*\*

## Decile Distribution

Morristown High School provides decile ranking, not specific rank in class. All courses are included in GPA calculations.

### Class of 2017 Decile Distribution:

Class Size: 438

Decile	Range of Student GPA's	Decile	Range of Student GPA's
1st Decile	5.0502 - 4.5208	6th Decile	3.5804 - 3.3354
2nd Decile	4.5191 - 4.3137	7th Decile	3.3284 - 3.0056
3rd Decile	4.3085 - 4.0272	8th Decile	3.0042 - 2.6842
4th Decile	4.0271 - 3.8084	9th Decile	2.6771 - 2.2380
5th Decile	3.8065 - 3.5885	10th Decile	2.3333 - 0.7620

Decile distribution is based on six semesters of academic work at MHS. A student's final GPA (inclusive of all senior year program of studies) is reported on the final transcript.

## National Merit Programs

	2014- 2015	2015- 2016	2016- 2017
National Merit Finalists	1	-	-
National Merit Semi Finalist	1	1	1
National Merit Letters of Commendation	10	7	16
National Hispanic Recognition Scholar	4	3	2

## Summary of 2016 Advanced Placement Results

AP National Scholar:	3
AP Scholar with Distinction:	34
AP Scholar with Honor:	22
AP Scholar:	39
Total Students Taking Exams:	503
Number of Exams Completed:	594
87% of students score a 3 or higher	

## Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores - Mean Comparisons – Morristown High School

2016 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test  
Critical Reading

Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
75th	<b>590</b>	570	580
50th	<b>510</b>	490	490
25th	<b>450</b>	410	420

2016 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test  
Math

Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
75th	<b>610</b>	590	600
50th	<b>530</b>	500	510
25th	<b>440</b>	420	450

2016 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test  
Writing

Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
75th	<b>590</b>	560	570
50th	<b>510</b>	480	480
25th	<b>450</b>	400	410

## Class of 2016 Acceptances

Adelphi University	Emerson College	Misericordia University	Spelman College	University of Pennsylvania
Albright College	Emory University	Missouri Baptist University	Springfield College	University of Pittsburgh
Allegheny College	Essex County College	Monmouth University	St. Bonaventure University	University of Rhode Island
Alvernia University	Fairfield University	Montana State University	St. John Fisher College	University of Richmond
American University	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Montclair State University	St. John's College	University of Rochester
Arcadia University	Felician College	Moravian College	St. John's University	University of Scranton
Arizona State University	Flagler College	Morgan State University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of South Carolina
Artistic Academy	Florida Atlantic University	Mount Saint Mary College	Stetson University	University of South Florida
Assumption College	Florida Gulf Coast University	Mount Saint Mary's University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Southern California
Auburn University	Florida Institute of Technology	Muhlenberg College	Stockton University	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Barry University	Florida State University	Nazareth College	Stonehill College	University of Tampa
Bentley University	Fordham University	New England College	Stonybrook University	University of Tennessee
Binghamton University	Franklin & Marshall College	New Jersey City University	SUNY at Albany	University of Texas
Bloomfield College	Franklin Pierce University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	SUNY at New Paltz	University of Toronto
Bloomsburg University	Full Sail University	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY at Plattsburgh	University of Vermont
Boston College	Gannon University	New York University	SUNY College at Cortland	University of Virginia
Boston University	George Mason University	Niagara University	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry	University of Wisconsin
Brigham Young University	George Washington University	Northeastern University	SUNY Fredonia	University of Utah
Brown University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Northwestern University	Susquehanna University	University of Victoria
Bucknell University	Georgia State University	Ocean County College	Syracuse University	Ursinus College
Burlington College	Georgian Court University	Oklahoma State University	Temple University	Utah State University
Butler University	Gettysburg College	Occidental College	Texas State University	Valdosta State University
Caldwell University	Green Mountain College	Pace University	The New School	Valencia College
California State Univ., East Bay	Hampshire College	Palomar College	The College of New Jersey	Vanderbilt University
California State Univ., Monterey Bay	Haverford College	Pennsylvania State University	The College of Saint Rose	Villanova University
California State Univ., Sacramento	High Point University	Pepperdine University	The Ohio State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Canisius College	Hofstra University	Philadelphia University	Towson University	Virginia Tech
Case Western Reserve University	Hood College	Pratt Institute	Tulane University	Virginia State University
Castleton University	Immaculata University	Princeton University	United States Naval Academy	Virginia Union University
Cazenovia College	Indiana University	Providence College	University of Alabama	Wagner College
Cedar Crest College	Iona College	Purchase College State University of N.Y.	University of Arizona	Wake Forest University
Centenary College	Ithaca College	Purdue University	University of Bridgeport	Washington College
Central Piedmont Community College	James Madison University	Queen's University	University of California at Berkeley	Washington State University
Champlain College	Johns Hopkins University	Quinnipiac University	University of California at Los Angeles	Washington University
Chapman University	Johnson & Wales University	Ramapo College	University of California at San Diego	Wesleyan University
Clark Atlanta University	Juniata College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California at Santa Barbara	West Chester University
Clarkson University	Kean University	Rider University	University of Central Florida	West Virginia State University
Clemson University	Kent State University	Roanoke College	University of Chicago	West Virginia University
Coastal Carolina University	King's College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Cincinnati	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Colgate University	Kutztown University	Roger Williams University	University of Colorado	Western New England University
College of Charleston	La Salle University	Rowan University	University of Connecticut	Wheaton College MA
College of the Holy Cross	Lafayette College	Rutgers University	University of Delaware	Widener University
College of Saint Elizabeth	Lasell College	Sacred Heart University	University of East London	Wilkes University
College of William and Mary	Le Moyne College	Saint Francis University	University of Findlay	William Paterson University
Colorado Mesa University	Lebanon Valley College	Saint John's University	University of Florida	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Colorado State University	Lehigh University	Saint Joseph's University	The University of Georgia	Xavier University
Columbia College	Lincoln University	Saint Michael's College	University of Hartford	Yale University
Columbia University	Lock Haven University	Saint Peter's University	University of Illinois	York College
Concordia University	Louisiana State University	Salisbury University	University of Kentucky	Wagner College
Coppin State University	Loyola University Maryland	Salve Regina University	University of Maine	Wake forest University
Cornell University	Lycoming College	San Diego State University	University of Maryland	Waseda University
County College of Morris	Manhattan College	San Francisco State University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Washington Adventist University
Dartmouth College	Manhattanville College	San Jose State University	University of Massachusetts	Washington College
Delaware State University	Mansfield University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Memphis	Wells College
DePaul University	Marist College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Miami	Wentworth Institute of Technology
DeSales University	Marquette University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Michigan	West Virginia University
Dickinson College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Savannah State University	University of Minnesota	Widener University
Drew University	Marymount Manhattan College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Mississippi	William Paterson University
Drexel University	Maryville University	School of Visual Arts	University of Montana	University of New Jersey
Duke University	MA College of Art & Design	Seton Hall University	University of New England	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Duquesne University	MA College of Pharmacy & Health Science	Shenandoah University	University of New Hampshire	York College of PA
East Carolina University	McDaniel College	Siena College	University of New Haven	
East Stroudsburg University	McGill University	Skidmore College	University of Northern Colorado	
Eastern Connecticut State University	Miami University	Smith College	University of Notre Dame	
Eastern University	Michigan State University	South Carolina State University		
Eckerd College				
Elizabethtown College				
Elon University				