



Guilderland High School

2015-2016 School Profile

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OUR COMMUNITY

Guilderland is a residential suburb of Albany, New York with a heterogeneous population of approximately 30,000. The people of our community have placed a high priority on the education of their children and have given the school system the highest level of support possible.

OUR SCHOOL

Guilderland High School is a four-year, co-educational, comprehensive public school with an enrollment of approximately **1650** students. The teaching staff numbers **150**. Beginning in the school year 1997- 1998, Guilderland High School adopted **BLOCK**

SCHEDULING. Classes meet for 86 minutes every other day in a 4-day rotation with the exception of science courses which meet 3 out of the 4 days. All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors are required to carry a minimum of 6 courses plus physical education each year. Seniors are required to carry a minimum of 4.5 credits including physical education. New York State students are required to pass one unit of Fine Arts and one-half unit of Health. Guilderland High School offers these courses only at the college preparatory level.

CLASS RANK

With the start of the 2014-15 school year, honors courses began to carry a weight of 1.02 and college courses (*see back page*) began to carry a weight of 1.04. The weighted average was not retroactive; it began with classes in the 2014-15 school year. At the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year, transcripts reflected a weighted and unweighted rank and average. **All high school related activities and decisions use the unweighted rank and average.** Beginning back with the 2014-15 school year, Physical Education was also calculated into the rank and average.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS (2015)

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|-----------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Winners | 0 | Semi-Finalist..... | 5 |
| Finalists | 5 | Commended | 3 |

POST-SECONDARY PLACEMENT

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Four-year colleges..... | 62 % |
| Two-year colleges..... | 30 % |
| Vocational/Trade | 1 % |
| Employment..... | 5 % |
| Military | 1 % |
| Other | 1 % |

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COLLEGE TESTING DATA

▶ SAT Reasoning Test (Mean Scores)

69% of the class took the SAT Reasoning Test
 Critical Reading: 539 Math: 549 Writing: 525

▶ SAT Subject Tests (Mean Scores)

Literature: 690 Math Level 1: 670 Biology–E: 683
 U.S. History: 706 Math Level 2: 724 Biology–M: 723
 World History: 630 Chemistry: 697 Physics: N/A

▶ ACT Testing (Mean Scores)

60% of the class took the ACT, 71% of students who took the ACT also took the optional writing component.

ACT

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|---------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| English | 23.2 | Science | 24.1 |
| Math | 23.6 | Composite | 23.8 |
| Reading..... | 24.0 | Optional Writing | 23.4 (7.8 essay only) |

Students are responsible for requesting and submitting ACT, SAT, and AP scores directly to colleges. The scores are not included on their transcript.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| • English Language | • Calculus AB |
| • English Literature | • Calculus BC |
| • European History | • Computer Science |
| • US History | • Chemistry |
| • US Govt. and Politics | • Physics |
| • Art | • Music Theory |

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

Students may elect the GHS following courses for college credit:

▶ Syracuse University Project Advance

- English
- Economics
- Biology
- Forensics

▶ State University of New York (SUNY) College/University in the High School

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| • Precalculus, Math 12 H | • College Accounting |
| • French 5, 6 | • Corporate Law |
| • German 5 | • Marketing |
| • Spanish 5, 6 | • Microsoft Office |
| | • Entrepreneurship |

▶ Rochester Institute of Technology Project Lead the Way

- Design and Drawing for Production
- Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Principles of Engineering
- Digital Electronics

GRADING SYSTEM

As of school year 2014-15, 65% is passing at Guilderland High School. Previously, through school year 2013-14, 70% was passing.

| Numerical Range | Letter | GPA |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| 90 - 100 | A | 4.0 |
| 80 - 89 | B | 3.0 |
| 70 - 79 | C | 2.0 |
| 65 - 69 | D | 1.0 |

ADDITIONAL HONORS COURSES

Honors courses are designed to challenge students through in-depth study in the discipline

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| • English 9, 10, 11 H | • Geometry H |
| • English 9X/H, 10X/H, 11A/H | • Algebra 2 and Trig H |
| • Global History 1, 2 H | • Math 12 H |
| • Global History 1X/H, 2X/H | • Earth Science H |
| • US History H | • Biology H |
| • US History A/H | • Chemistry H |
| • Public Policy H | • Physics H |
| • French 2A | |
| • Spanish 2A | |

▶ AP/SUPA/Honors Courses:

These courses are offered at a more challenging academic pace that may include courses available for college credit.

▶ Regents Courses:

This is a college preparatory program.

▶ Core Courses:

Core level courses meet the needs of students who benefit from instruction at a slower pace with more emphasis on specific skills.

▶ X/A-Courses (Regents or Honors):

X/A Courses are interdisciplinary, combining the English and Social Studies curricula, with a focus on classroom presentations of individual and group projects. Especially designed for college-bound students.

All students take a New York State Regents Examination at the completion of each course when offered. Passing on a Regents exam is 65.

Guilderland High School does not submit disciplinary information on the Secondary School Report.