



## 2026-2027 High School Profile

### **The Community**

Horseheads is a rural suburban community located in the south-central section of New York State between Elmira and Corning near the Pennsylvania border. The district covers a 143 square mile area. Many residents of the district are employed by corporations such as Corning, Inc; Hardinge, Inc; CAF USA; Arnot Health and Guthrie Healthcare. The district is in close proximity to Elmira College, Ithaca College, Cornell University, Mansfield University and Corning Community College.

### **The School**

Horseheads High School houses 1123 students in grades 9-12. Our total district enrollment is 3675 pupils in six schools. The high school has 69 full-time teachers, 5 school counselors, 2 school psychologists, 3 social workers, 1 principal and 2 assistant principals. We are accredited by the State of New York Board of Regents. Students can participate in a wide variety of clubs and activities and play on over 70 athletic teams.

### **The Curriculum**

Horseheads High School offers more than 125 courses, including electives in every subject area. Special Education classes are available to provide for the needs of individual students. Career and Technical Education programs are available on our regional BOCES campus.

*Advanced Placement (AP)* courses are offered in United States History, English\*, United States Government & Politics, Comparative Government & Politics and World History. Each year many students elect to take a variety of AP exams on a self-study basis.

*\*Course not running 2026-27 school year*

*Accelerated College Education (ACE)* are dual enrollment courses offered through a partnership with Corning Community College. Students have the option to earn both high school and college credit for successfully completing ACE courses in Accounting, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering Orientation\*, English, First Year Experience, French\*, Graphics for Engineers, Health, Physics\*, Pre-Calculus, and Spanish.

*\*Course not running 2026-267 school year.*

*New Visions Honors Academy* courses are designed for college-bound seniors to assist them in acquiring new knowledge through independent and cooperative learning experiences. Programs are offered in Education & Human Services; Health Careers; Innovation, Leadership & Business; and Engineering. Students who are accepted into this highly selective program participate in on-site rotations with local organizations that are tailored to their individual career interest area. Students take additional ACE courses through the New Visions Program.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Students are required to earn 23 units of credit including 4 units English, 4 units Social Studies, 3 units Math, 3 units Science, 3 units Physical Education, 1 unit Health, 1 unit Art/Music, 1 unit World Language and 3 units of elective courses. A unit of credit is equivalent to one semester of study at 80 minutes per day, five days per week. Horseheads High School graduates exceed the state minimum requirement in both physical education and health.

Horseheads High School utilizes an Intensive (Block) Schedule consisting of two semesters of 20 weeks each. The school day consists of four 80-minute classes. Some classes utilize a two-day rotation. All full-credit classes meet five days a week and are all one semester in length apart from AP English, AP US Government & Politics; AP Comparative Government; AP United States History, AP World History and music ensembles, which run the duration of the school year. Earth & Space Science; Life Science: Biology; Chemistry R; and Regents Physics are lab science classes with an additional class period scheduled every other day.

### **Grading System**

Cumulative grade point average is numerical and unweighted. The passing average is 65.

Conversion to a letter scale is as follows:

A= 90-100%                      B= 80-89%                      C= 70-79%                      D=65-69%                      F= below 65%

*Special transcript notations:*

Z= No credit awarded due to the BOE academic credit policy

H= Honors Grade (85-100%)

P= Passing Grade (65-84%)

F= Failing Grade (64% or below)

EX = Exempt

SA = Special Appeal (New York State has granted Special Appeals for any student scoring between a 50-64 on a State Regents exam for the June 2022-August 2023 testing periods.)

### **Class Rank**

Rank in class is weighted and calculated using numerical grades only. Rank is based on an individual students cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA). Courses are assigned a weighted course factor (ACE/AP= 2.0, all other courses = 1.5) which, along with a specific weighted grade factor, is used in determining the quality point average. Student ranking is reported as the top 2%, top 5%, top 10%, top 15%, Top 20% and 3rd-10th deciles. Grades that are awarded H/P/F are not calculated into rank.

### **Graduates**

For the Class of 2026, 42.8% of graduates attended a four-year college, while 27.6% attended a two-year college. Of the remaining graduates, 15.6% sought employment and 3.3% enlisted in the military.

Out of our 243 graduates, 57.61% earned the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation and 38.27% earned a Regents Diploma.

### **Standardized Test Scores**

SAT and ACT scores are not reported on the high school transcript; however, AP exam scores of 3 or higher are reported.

Mean SAT Scores

|             |          |           |             |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>2026</b> | EWR: 603 | Math: 598 | Total: 1201 |
| <b>2025</b> | EWR: 581 | Math: 573 | Total: 1154 |
| <b>2024</b> | EWR: 589 | Math: 585 | Total: 1174 |

Advanced Placement Scores

|             |                      |                      |                           |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>2026</b> | Students Tested: 150 | Number of Exams: 188 | Scores of 3 or above: 82% |
| <b>2025</b> | Students Tested: 141 | Number of Exams: 173 | Scores of 3 or above: 84% |
| <b>2024</b> | Students Tested: 148 | Number of Exams: 194 | Scores of 3 or above: 86% |

### **High School Administrative Staff**

Mrs. Kris Earl, Principal  
Mr. Daniel Buseck, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Michael McCawley, Assistant Principal

### **High School Counseling Staff**

Mr. Patrick Beckwith  
Dr. Colleen Markle  
Mr. Steve Micknich  
Mrs. Lindsay Neubauer  
Mrs. Lynda Thomas