



# Horseheads High School

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## **The Community**

Horseheads is located in the south central section of New York State, on Interstate 86 between Elmira and Corning near the Pennsylvania border. The district covers a 143 square mile area. The area's major employers include: Corning Incorporated; Hardinge, Inc.; Arnot Ogden Medical Center; Guthrie Healthcare; DePuy Synthes; Kennedy Valve; FM Howell & Co.; CAF USA; Nucor Vulcraft of NY, Inc.; CVS Distribution; the Horseheads Central School District; the Elmira City School District & GST BOCES. The area also includes cultural and recreational attractions including the Clemens Center for the Performing Arts, the National Warplane Museum and the Corning Museum of Glass. We have vast state parks, waterfalls and gorges to our northeast in Ithaca and to our north in Watkins Glen. Our region is considered the Soaring Capital of the World.

## **The School**

Horseheads High School houses 1132 students in grades 9-12. Our total district enrollment is 3680 pupils in seven schools.

*Full time high school teachers: 94*

*High School Counselors: 5*

*High School Administrators: 1 principal; 1 vice principal; 2 assistant principals*

*Accreditation: New York State*

## **School Year**

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 an A/B day rotation. All full-credit classes meet five days a week and are all one semester in length with the exception of 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 Science R; Living Environment R; Chemistry R; and Regents Physics are lab science classes with an additional class period scheduled every other day.

## **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, Art 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.

*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, Spanish, and Web Page Design\*.

*\*Course not running 2023-24 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, and Innovation, Leadership & Business. 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.

## Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 23 units of credit are required for graduation. 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.

## Marking 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%

Due to the pandemic in the 2019-2020 school year, students did not receive numeric grades for spring classes in 2020. Students received a mark of F/P/H. Letter grades are not calculated into GPA. The high school returned to numeric grading in the fall of 2020 (0-100%) which remains in effect.

### *Special transcript notations:*

W= Withdrawn from class, usually coupled with a P (pass) or F (fail)

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)

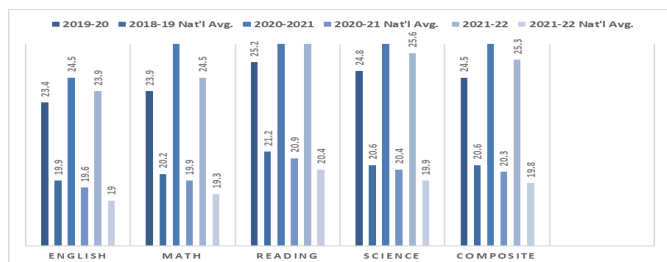
EX = Exempt (New York State cancelled Regents Exams. All students who passed the corresponding course received an exemption for the exam.)

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.

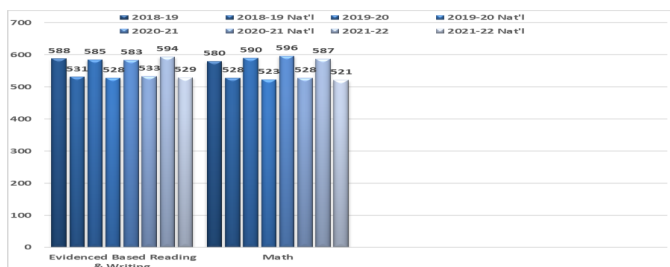
## Class Rank

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. Students 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. Therefore, classes that were awarded these letter grades due to the pandemic in the 2019-2020 school year did not impact rank.

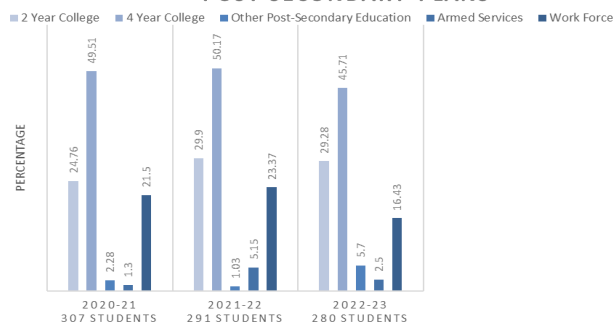
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## High School Administrative Staff

Mrs. Kris Earl, Principal

Mr. George Bacalles, Vice Principal

Mr. Daniel Buseck, Assistant Principal

Mr. Michael McCawley, Assistant Principal

## High School Counseling Staff

Mr. Patrick Beckwith

Mrs. April Cook

Mrs. Collen Markle

Mrs. Lindsay Neubauer

Mrs. Lynda Thomas