



# LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

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### Accreditation

Lancaster Central High School is fully accredited by the New York State Board of Regents and the Middle Atlantic States.

### Community

The Lancaster Central School District is situated in the north-central portion of Erie County about 10 miles east of Buffalo, New York. The District encompasses approximately 40 square miles, and is located within the Town and Village of Lancaster, the Town of Cheektowaga, the Town of Elma, and the Village of Depew. The character of the District is primarily suburban/rural.

### Lancaster Schools

The Lancaster Central School District was centralized in 1954, and presently has four K-3 elementary schools, one 4-6 elementary school, one 7-8 middle school, and one 9-12 high school. Enrollment is approximately 6,300 students, with an additional 1,200 school district children at area parochial schools. Lancaster High School has approximately 1900 students.

### Curriculum

Lancaster High School's program of studies is comprehensive in nature with extensive educational facilities available to serve those programs. Students take courses at the Regents level in English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and Foreign Language. There are approximately 250 course offerings within 16 departments. The academic courses cover a wide variety of offerings in Advanced Placement, career academies, college preparatory, two-year and technical school preparatory courses, as well as small group remediation as needed. Our occupational programs are enhanced by a wide variety of two-year courses at a separate occupational center serving juniors and seniors. Classes are 40 minutes in length and meet five times per week.

### Academies

Lancaster High School offers several competitive school-within-a-school Academies.

- Academy of Finance (AOF): Success Strategies, Principles of Finance, Microsoft Office, Accounting,

Internship & Ethics, School Credit Union, Financial Services, and Financial Planning.

- Project Lead the Way (PLTW): DDP Engineering Honors, Digital Electronics, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Principles of Engineering, and Engineering Design & Development.

- Health Careers Academy (HCA): Intro to Health Careers, Human Anatomy/Physiology I & II.

- Academy of Visual & Performing Arts (AVPA): Seminar, Internship, Portfolio/Theory & AP Theory, Academy Senior Project.

- Leadership Academy (LLA): Effective Communication for Leaders, Processes of Leadership, Leadership in Action, Leadership Internship/Mentoring Program.

- Academy of Hospitality & Tourism (AOHT): Success Strategies, Principles of Hospitality, Marketing & Tourism, Intro to Food, Beverage & Hospitality Industry, Hospitality Information Systems, Geography & World Cultures, Entrepreneurship, Advanced Food & Beverage, Event Management & Planning, Internship Practical, in association with the Russell Salvatore School of Hospitality at Trocaire College.

- Manufacturing & Construction Skilled Trades Academy.

### Advanced Placement

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| • Government & Politics (US)  | • US History    |
| • Computer Science Principles | • Calculus AB   |
| • Computer Science A          | • Chemistry     |
| • Economics (macro)           | • Psychology    |
| • English Language & Comp     | • Biology       |
| • English Literature & Comp   | • Music Theory  |
| • Environmental Science       | • Statistics    |
| • French Language             | • World History |
| • Physics C: Mechanics        | • Spanish       |
| • Studio Art: Drawing         |                 |
| • Studio Art: 2D Design       |                 |

In 2019-20, 764 AP examinations were administered to 404 students. A total of 120 AP Scholars were named, including 66 AP Scholars, 24 AP Scholars with Honors, 29 AP Scholars with Distinction and 1 National AP Scholar.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE

LCSD ceased in-person instruction on March 13, 2020 and immediately transitioned to remote learning. Students were expected to connect daily with their teachers through Google Classroom. Grades for MP 1, 2 and 3 were numeric; grading for MP 4 was changed to a statement of Pass or Needs Improvement, supplemented by teacher comments reflecting performance during remote learning. The final course grade was calculated on the average of MP 1, 2 and 3. Course credit was awarded if the average was 55+ and Pass.

For the 2020-21 school year, LCSD offered families a choice of hybrid or remote learning models. Hybrid students attend school live in person every other day. Remote students meet virtually with their teachers every other day. In a 10-day period, all students receive five days of direct teacher instruction and five days of asynchronous learning via Google Classroom. The standard LCSD grading policy is in place for both learning models.

**Graduation Requirements**

To graduate, students must earn a minimum of 22 credits, including the following:

- 4 credits of English (9-12)
- 4 credits of Social Studies (9-12)
- 3 credits of Science
- 3 credits of Math
- 2 credits of Physical Education
- ½ credit of Health
- 1 credit of Art or Music
- 1 credit in a World Language

Students must also pass New York State Regents or Common Core examinations in Global Studies, US History and Government, English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

**Grading System, Rank in Class, Levels & Weighting**

- The final average of a course is based on 80% marking period grades and 20% final exam. The final course average appears on the transcript as an unweighted grade.
- The highest Regents exam grade appears on the transcript. New and re-averaged grades are calculated and posted on transcripts following the semester in which the student completed the course.
- All credit-bearing courses are used for class rank. The preliminary rank in class is computed in September of the senior year using the cumulative weighted average for grades 9, 10 and 11. Final rank is determined by including the seventh semester and is completed in February of the senior year.
- Course levels and weighting include:
  - **Local** courses have a locally developed curriculum and students take a teacher-prepared final exam.
  - **Regents** courses are college-preparatory in nature and follow the New York State curriculum. Students take the New York State Regents exam in the course where offered.
  - **Honors** courses follow the New York State Regents curriculum with enrichment. Students take the New York State Regents exam where offered. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, Honors courses are weighted by a factor of 1.04.
  - **Advanced Placement** courses are enhanced by the College Board curriculum. Students take the New York State Regents exam where offered. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, AP courses are weighted by a factor of 1.07.

**Profile -- Class of 2020**

*476 students completed diploma requirements*  
*63.5% received a NYS Advanced Regents diploma*      *36% received a NYS Regents diploma*  
*123 students were also awarded the Honors diploma designation*

**Post High School Choices**

- 85% of the class of 2019 chose to continue their education after high school
  - 62% -- attending 4-year schools
  - 21% -- attending 2-year schools
  - 2% -- attending vocational and trade schools
- 2% entered the military

**SAT Average Scores**

	<u>19-20</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>16-17</u>
<i>Number of LHS test-takers</i>	321	318	354	328

**EVIDENCE-BASED READING & WRITING**

College & Career Readiness Benchmark - 480

	<u>19-20</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>16-17</u>
Lancaster	557	564	581	570
NYS	531	534	560	563

**MATH**

College & Career Readiness Benchmark - 530

	<u>19-20</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>16-17</u>
Lancaster	570	582	592	588
NYS	533	534	575	574

***\$9.65 million in scholarships and awards were accepted by graduates of the Class of 2020***

**ACT Composite Average Scores**

	<u>18-19</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>15-16</u>
<i>Number of LHS test-takers</i>	153	217	247	253
Lancaster	24.4	23.3	23.6	23.1
NYS	24.5	24.5	24.2	23.9
National	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.8