# TAPPAN ZEE HIGH SCHOOL
# School Profile
# 2016-2017

**South Orangetown Central School District**

Tappan Zee High School is fully accredited by and registered with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the New York State Education Department as per guidelines established by the New York State Board of Regents.

**Curriculum** Tappan Zee High School is committed to academic excellence for every student. To that end, a variety of curriculum levels and instructional approaches are used. High School courses are offered at several levels, including: general, Regents, Honors, and Advanced Placement.

- Acceleration is available to students in grade eight in the following areas: Art, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, and Technology.

- An honors option is available to students in the following grades: English 9 through 12, Biology, Chemistry, World History 9 and 10, U.S. History, Integrated Geometry, Integrated Algebra II/Trigonometry, and Pre-Calculus.

- College credit may be earned at the high school in the following areas: Computer Basic and Java, Criminal Justice, Italian IV and V, French IV and V, Spanish V and Survey of Spanish Literature, English 12, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors, AP Physics, PLTW Technology (5 courses)

- Advanced Placement courses are offered in the following areas:

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| Art History | U.S. History |
| Biology | World History |
| Calculus AB and BC | Physics B |
| Chemistry | Physics C: Mechanics; |
| Computer Science | Electricity & Magnetism |
| Computer Science Principles | Psychology |
| Economics | Statistics |
| English Literature and Composition | Studio Art-2D, 3D, Drawing |
| European History | |

The Advanced Placement Program enjoys wide participation by students in grades 10 through 12. In May of 2016 554 examinations were taken. Students are actively encouraged to pursue challenging courses.

**AP SCHOLARS - CLASS OF 2016**

5 National AP Scholars
41 AP Scholars with Distinction
7 AP Scholars with Honors
29 AP Scholars

**Community** South Orangetown is located 18 miles north of New York City, making it attractive to those who commute to Manhattan, Westchester County (New York), Bergen County (New Jersey), and Connecticut. Bordered by the Hudson River to the east, it is comprised of the villages and hamlets of Blauvelt, Grand View, Orangeburg, Palisades, Piermont, Sparkill, and Tappan. The district covers about 22 square miles, and has a population of approximately 23,000. While economically diverse, the district attracts a substantial number of professionals, managers, teachers, police and firemen, artists, and musicians.

**District Enrollment** South Orangetown includes two elementary schools (K-2, and 3-5), one middle school (6-8), and one high school (9-12). Total enrollment is approximately 3120. Tappan Zee High School's present and projected enrollments are given below.

| Graduating Class of: | Size |
|---|---|
| 2017 | 265 |
| 2018 | 285 |
| 2019 | 256 |
| 2020 | 275 |

**Grading System** Tappan Zee High School uses a numerical grading system (0-100%), in which 65% is the lowest passing grade. The following letter grade equivalents are provided as a guide:

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

**Community Service** Tappan Zee High School encourages students in all grade levels to become involved in community service activities. Although not required for graduation, community service is an important activity for which students may earn 1 elective credit towards graduation for completion of 100 hours of documented volunteer activity.

**Class Rank** Tappan Zee High School does not rank its graduating seniors. We report a weighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) that is indicated on the top right hand corner of the transcript. The GPA includes all courses taken for high school credit.

Averages are weighted in two ways: credit value of courses and difficulty level of courses.

Weights are assigned as follows:

- AP and college level courses are weighted at 1.10
- Honors courses are weighted at 1.05
- Regents level courses are weighted at 1.03
- **Final course grades appearing on the transcript are unweighted; only the cumulative GPA is weighted.**

**Counseling Staff** If you need additional information or clarification of student records, the counselors would be pleased to assist you:


**Counseling Team Leader: Richard Weissberg**
**Counselors: Randy Altman**
**Laura Ferrante**
**Jaime Holzer**
**Kelly Keane**

**Phone: 845-680-1614**
**Fax: 845-680-1929**


We ask that you send the Counseling Department a copy of important correspondences between you and our students who are candidates for admission.

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**The South Orangetown Central School District** does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the recruitment of employees, employment pay and benefits, services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings and student activities.

**NOTE:** Letters of recommendation written by teachers and counselors are available for review by applicants and their parents or guardians only after a student has been accepted to and enrolled in a college. This is arranged with the admissions office of the attended college. In those cases where the student's right of access has been waived, a notice to this effect is indicated to the colleges to which the student is applying.

## The Class of 2017

**Grading Distribution: N= 265**
**Weighted Average**

| Range | Number of Students |
|---|---|
| 90-100% | 125 |
| 85-89% | 69 |
| 80-84% | 37 |
| 75-79% | 23 |
| 70-74 % | 5 |
| 65-69% | 4 |

**National Merit Program**
3 Semi-Finalists
4 Commended Students

**NOTE:** Tappan Zee High School requires all juniors to take the PSAT.

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## The Class of 2016

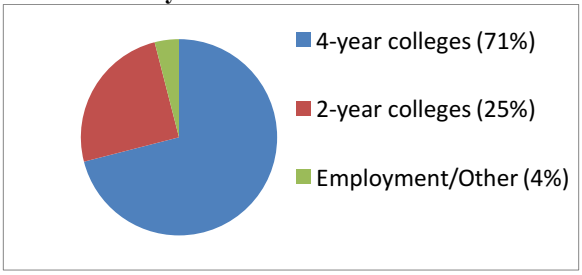
**National Merit Program**
3 Finalists
3 Semi-Finalists
11 Commended Students

**National Achievement Program**
2 Outstanding Participants

**SAT**
220 Participants = 77% of class
Mean Scores:
CR-550 M-571 W-545

**ACT**
139 Participants= 49% of class
Mean Scores:
Composite-24.8 English-24.2 Math-24.9
Reading-25.3 Science-24.5

**Post Secondary Plans**




**Advanced Regents and Regents Diplomas:**

- 158 Advanced Regents — **Total:** 269Advanced Regents and Regents Diplomas
- 94 Advanced Regents Diplomas with Honors — 96% of eligible students