

The Montclair Public Schools: An Overview

Montclair, New Jersey

Academics

- An award-winning magnet system with elementary and middle schools identified by the themes global studies, science & technology, creating connections, Montessori, university, STEM, environmental science, and gifted & talented
- Academically challenging high school with a diverse curriculum, more than 25 AP classes, small learning communities (the Civics and Government Institute, Center for Social Justice and STEM); and visual art and performance options in the School of Visual and Performing Arts (SVPA)
- Ninety percent of 2014 graduates matriculated at post-secondary institutions of higher learning, including at Ivy League universities and dozens at highly competitive schools
- Multiple world language offerings, including Spanish, French and Mandarin (K-12), as well as German, Italian, Latin (high school); MHS language students typically earn top honors in competitions and on national exams
- Sixty percent of the district's instructional staff hold advanced degrees in teaching and/or their subject area

Extracurricular

- MHS offers more than 100 clubs, including community service, salsa dancing, bridge, Ultimate Frisbee, robotics, and literary magazine
- SVPA stages three productions per year, including Showcase, a student-run production, and the spring musical (e.g. "In the Heights," 2014)

- Euro Challenge, Fed Challenge, Model UN, and Model Congress teams typically finish with top finishes in national competitions; Mock Trial team consistently competes at regional, state, and national levels; Math League team ranked in the top 20 of New Jersey high schools

Athletics

- The district supports more than 30 varsity sports, including soccer, football, basketball, baseball/softball, track, tennis, lacrosse, gymnastics, swimming, crew, fencing and golf
- In 2013-14, athletes earned titles in football (state champions; coach named state coach of the year), crew (state champions), fencing (state champs in epee), swimming (gold medalists at Meet of Champions), boys' tennis (sectional champions and state finalists); typically a dozen or more athletes are recruited annually to Division 1 and 3 colleges and universities

District

- Glenfield, Hillside and Montclair High School named Model Schools for the Arts by the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership
- Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence (MFEE) named top educational foundation by the Mid-Atlantic Education Consortium, funding nearly \$1M annually in teacher grants and programs, 33 Centers of Excellence including a Guidance Center, Laraja Gallery, a graphic arts studio and podcasting center at Glenfield and Math Lab—all enhancing students' academic experiences
- *Newsweek* recognition as one of the top 1,000 schools in the nation. US Department of Education distinction as one of six exemplary magnet school programs in the nation