

# Morristown High School

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## The School

Morristown High School is a comprehensive, four-year secondary school that serves an ethnically and socially diverse student population of 1511 students. A microcosm of the new millennium, Morristown High School is rich in economic, racial and cultural diversity. Some families have been in the district for generations, while others have only recently immigrated to the United States.

Morristown High School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, including 19 Advanced Placement Courses and 22 Honors level courses. Our students maximize opportunities to sample and explore emerging career fields in areas such as technology, music, visual and performing arts, and the medical and science fields. Morristown High School provides an extensive program of interscholastic sports, co-curricular activities and performing arts.

## The Mission

The core value and primary purpose of Morristown High School, with its large and diverse population, is to foster a community in which learning is meaningful, challenging and lifelong, and where the expectations of growth, individual understanding, excellence and creativity exist for all students and staff in a dynamic and academic environment. This mission will be achieved through a research-based process of continuous and collaborative planning, implementation and evaluation.

## Accreditation

Morristown High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education.

## School Climate

### Students:

- Ethnic Background: 60.2% White, 20.5% Hispanic, 14.9% African American, 4.2% Asian/Pacific Islanders and .2% Other
- Represent more than 27 different native languages
- 92.9% of the Class of 2009 attended two or four year colleges or universities after graduation
- 12.12% of our 2009 college-bound seniors were the first generation in their family to attend college
- Morristown High School students actively participate in school life on a broad academic and co-curricular level:
  - More than 31 co-curricular activities are offered in addition to 27 varsity athletic teams.
  - Students hold positions on key decision making teams that affect the school climate.
  - Students compete in academic contests in science, mathematics, world language, speech and social studies.
  - High quality acting, vocal and instrumental programs have enabled students to participate in all-state choirs, bands, orchestras and performing arts competitions.
  - 43 seniors participate in a highly selective Peer Group leadership program that supports incoming freshmen.
  - Students gain valuable broadcast experience through their work in our public radio station, WJSV-FM, and our in-house television studio.
  - Students write for the *Daily Record* (area newspaper), produce a yearbook, literary magazine and newspaper.
  - CAD students created the preliminary design for the new Morristown/Morris Township Joint Public Library addition.
  - Graphic Design and Visual Arts students contribute designs to the high school environment.

## Staff:

The professional staff includes 155 educators with over 72% having graduate degrees (5 PhDs; 107 MAs). Many graduates return as members of the professional staff; most notable among these currently is Principal Linda D. Murphy, Class of 1972, who, like others, has spent her entire career at Morristown High School. These Morristown High School alumni, along with other staff members, are committed to making the school even better for its students.

## Outstanding Characteristics:

- 288 diverse courses (including Honors and Advanced Placement)
- The Science Academy: This is an initiative funded by Pfizer, Inc. The Science Academy is a school within a school that enables students to experience an in-depth study of continuous programming in math and science. Academy students are introduced to the wide variety of careers in the health, medical, science and pharmaceutical fields through mentoring opportunities, job shadowing, field trips and speaker presentations.
- Staff, parents and students are actively involved in an initiative focused on an ongoing comprehensive and self-reflective review of all policies, practices and procedures that impact teaching and learning.
- An education foundation and several community groups complement the active parent advisory committee that supports Morristown High School initiatives.
- Recognized by New Jersey historian and author John T. Cunningham as the subject of *Youth's Bright Years: An American High School*.
- Selected multiple times by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of the Top 75 public high schools in New Jersey.

## Graduation Requirements

Students are required to maintain a minimum course load of forty credits each year and successfully complete a minimum of one hundred and forty credit hours. Curriculum requirements include:

• <i>Four years:</i> Language Arts Literacy	20 credits
• <i>Three years:</i> Mathematics	15 credits
• <i>Three years:</i> Science	15 credits
• <i>Two years:</i> United States History	10 credits
• <i>One year:</i> World History	5 credits
• <i>Two consecutive years:</i> World Language	10 credits
• <i>One year:</i> Visual, Practical, and/or Performing Arts	5 credits
• <i>One year:</i> Career Education, Consumer, Family & Life Skills	5 credits
• <i>Four years:</i> Physical Education, Health and Safety	20 credits

## Instructional Schedule

Morristown High School operates a rotating block schedule (sixty-seven minute sessions), which integrates full year and semester courses. This block schedule was put into effect for the 2009-2010 school year. Students are not limited in the number of AP or Honors courses they can take. Morristown High School does not offer IB courses.

## Course Designations

Courses are designated by level of difficulty as follows:

AP	Advanced Placement
H	Honors
A	High Average
B and Plus	Average

A "BN" denotation in the Level Column on the transcript indicates a weighted Honors or AP course. All Honors and AP courses are weighted for the GPA calculation and decile rank calculations.

## Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement courses are offered in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, French Literature, Latin Literature, Latin - Vergil, Music Theory, Physics C, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art, U.S. History 1, and U.S. History 2.

## Honors Courses

Honors courses are offered in Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, English 1, English 2, English 3, Geometry, Geophysical Systems, Italian Language, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Research Science 1, Spanish 5, Visual Art 3 and World History. The Science Academy Program also offers opportunities for honors level courses.

## Career Plans

71.6 %	Four-Year College/University	0.0%	Armed Services
21.3 %	Two-Year College	5.2 %	Employment
1.0 %	Business/Technical School	0.9 %	Other/Undetermined

## Grading System

Morristown High School rates student performance relative to the following scale. AP and Honors Level Courses are weighed into the scale by factoring a multiplier of 1.25 to the value of the letter grade.

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Value	AP/H Value
A+	(98-100)	4.3	5.375
A	(93-97)	4.0	5.000
A-	(90-92)	3.7	4.625
B+	(88-89)	3.3	4.125
B	(83-87)	3.0	3.750
B-	(80-82)	2.7	3.375
C+	(78-79)	2.3	2.875
C	(73-77)	2.0	2.500
C-	(70-72)	1.7	2.125
D+	(68-69)	1.3	1.625
D	(63-67)	1.0	1.250
D-	(60-62)	0.7	0.875
F	(59 or below)	0.0	0.000

The maximum Grade Point Values that a student may receive in an unweighted Academic and weighted AP/Honors courses are 4.3 and 5.375 respectively.

## Decile Distribution

Morristown High School provides decile ranking, not specific rank in class. All courses are included in GPA calculations.

### Class of 2010 Decile Distribution:

**Class Size: 365**

Decile	# of Students	Range of Student GPA's	Decile	# of Students	Range of Student GPA's
1st Decile	37	4.8460 - 4.2156	6th Decile	37	3.2417 - 3.0396
2nd Decile	37	4.2040 - 3.9188	7th Decile	37	3.0344 - 2.7958
3rd Decile	37	3.9031 - 3.7094	8th Decile	37	2.7856 - 2.5113
4th Decile	37	3.6875 - 3.5146	9th Decile	37	2.5080 - 2.1181
5th Decile	37	3.5094 - 3.2438	10th Decile	32	2.1027 - 0.9593

Decile distribution is based on six semesters of academic work. In the senior year, the GPA is computed quarterly on completed courses only. The decile rank is re-computed in January at the end of seven semesters and is reported on the mid-term grade report.

## National Merit Programs

	Class of 2008	Class of 2009	Class of 2010
National Merit Finalists	1	-	-
National Merit Semi Finalist	-	1	-
National Merit Letters of Commendation	4	12	12
National Hispanic Recognition Honorable Mention	-	2	-
National Achievement Scholar	1	2	-

## Summary of 2009

### Advanced Placement Results

AP National Scholar:	1
AP Scholar with Distinction:	22
AP Scholar with Honor:	13
AP Scholar:	26
Total Students Taking Exams:	200
Number of Exams Completed:	375
Scored 3 or Higher:	78%

## Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores - Mean Comparisons – Morristown High School

2009 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test  
Critical Reading

Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
75 <sup>th</sup>	620	580	570
50 <sup>th</sup>	550	500	490
25 <sup>th</sup>	460	420	420

2009 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test  
Math

Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
75 <sup>th</sup>	630	600	600
50 <sup>th</sup>	540	510	510
25 <sup>th</sup>	480	430	430

2009 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test  
Writing

Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
75 <sup>th</sup>	620	570	570
50 <sup>th</sup>	530	490	490
25 <sup>th</sup>	460	410	420

## Class of 2009 Acceptances

Adelphi University	Full Sail University	Montclair State University	Salve Regina University	University of Hartford
Alabama State University	Georgetown University	Moravian College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Albright College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Morgan State University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Maine
Allegheny College	Georgia State University	Mount Holyoke College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
American University	Gettysburg College	Muhlenberg College	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Maryland, College Park
Amherst College	Goucher College	Neumann College	School of Visual Arts	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Appalachian State University	Greensboro College	New Jersey City University	Scripps College	University of Miami
Arcadia University	Grinnell College	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Seton Hall University	University of Michigan
Arizona State University	Guilford College	New York University	Siena College	University of Missouri, Columbia
Auburn University	Gwynedd-Mercy College	Newbury College	Skidmore College	University of New Hampshire
Babson College	Hamilton College - NY	North Carolina State University	Smith College	University of New Haven
Bard College	Hampton University	Northeastern University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Barnard College	High Point University	Northern Michigan University	Spelman College	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Benedict College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Northwestern University	St. John's University, Queens Campus	University of North Florida
Bethune-Cookman College	Hofstra University	Occidental College	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania
Binghamton University	Howard University	Onondaga Community College	SUNY at Albany	University of Pittsburgh
Bloomfield College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Pace University, New York City	SUNY at Buffalo	University of Rhode Island
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Iona College	Pace University, Pleasantville-Briarcliff	SUNY at New Paltz	University of Richmond
Boston College	Iowa State University	Paine College	SUNY at Potsdam	University of Rochester
Boston University	Ithaca College	Pennsylvania College of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of San Diego
Brandeis University	James Madison University	Pennsylvania State University, Abington	Stonehill College	University of South Carolina
Brown University	Johns Hopkins University	Pennsylvania State University, Altoona	Stony Brook University	University of Southern California
Bryant University	Johnson & Wales University	Pennsylvania State University, Berks-Lehigh Valley	Suffolk University	University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts
Caldwell College	Juniata College	Pennsylvania State University, Hazleton	Susquehanna University	University of St. Andrew's, Scotland
California College of the Arts	Kean University	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	Sussex County Community College	University of Strathclyde, Scotland
Carnegie Mellon University	Kennesaw State University	Philadelphia University	Syracuse University	University of the District of Columbia
City University of New York	Kenyon College	Pitzer College	Temple University	University of Vermont
Clark University	King's College	Plattsburgh State University	The Catholic University of America	University of Virginia
Clemson University	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	The College of New Jersey	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Coastal Carolina University	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	Post University	The College of Wooster	Ursinus College
Colgate University	Lafayette College	Pratt Institute	The Evergreen State College	Vanderbilt University
College of Charleston	Lane College	Princeton University	The George Washington University	Villanova University
College of Saint Elizabeth	Le Moyne College	Providence College	The Ohio State University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of the Holy Cross	Lehigh University	Purchase College	The University of Alabama	Virginia State University
College of William and Mary	Lehman College of the CUNY	Quinnipiac University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Virginia Union University
Columbia College	Livingstone College	Ramapo College of New Jersey	The University of Northwestern Ohio	Wake Forest University
Congordia College	Louisiana State University	Randolph College	The University of Scranton	Washington College
Connecticut College	Loyola College in Maryland	Randolph-Macon College	The University of Tampa	Washington University in St. Louis
Coppin State University	Loyola University New Orleans	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Towson University	Webster University
Cornell University	Macalester College	Rice University	Trinity Washington, DC	Wellesley College
County College of Morris	Manhattan College	Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	Tufts University	Wells College
Delaware State University	Marist College	Rider University	Tulane University	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Delaware Valley College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Rochester Institute of Technology	Union College	West Virginia University
Dickinson College	Marymount Manhattan College	Rowan University	Union County College	Wheelock College
Drew University	Marywood University	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick	University College Dublin	Widener University
Drexel University	Massachusetts College of Art	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at Newark	University of Advancing Technology	Wilkes University
Duke University	McGill University	Sacred Heart University	University of California at Santa Barbara	William Paterson University of New Jersey
East Carolina University	Mercer University	Sage College of Albany	University of Central Florida	Yale University
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Mercy College	Saint Augustine's College	University of Chicago	York College of Pennsylvania
Elizabethtown College	Miami International University of Art & Design	Saint Joseph's University	University of Colorado at Boulder	York College of the CUNY
Elon University	Miami University, Oxford	Saint Leo University	University of Connecticut	
Emerson College	Michigan State University	Saint Peter's College	University of Delaware	
Fairfield University	Michigan Technological University	Salisbury University	University of Edinburg, Scotland	
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck	Miles College		University of Glasgow, Scotland	
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison	Millersville University of Pennsylvania			
Fairmont State University	Mitchell College			
Fashion Institute of Technology	Monmouth University			
Florida International University				
Fordham University				
Franklin & Marshall College				