

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 1491 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 20 Advanced Placement Courses and 21 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: 59.8% White, 20.9% Hispanic, 14.5% African American, 4.7% Asian/Pacific Islanders and .1% Other
- Represent more than 19 different native languages
- 91.4% of the Class of 2010 attended two or four year colleges or universities after graduation
- 12% of our 2010 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 debate.
 - High quality acting, vocal and instrumental music programs have enabled students to participate in All-State choirs, bands, orchestras and performing arts competitions.
 - 48 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.
 - Visual Arts and Graphic Design students contribute designs to the high school environment and publications, and participate in community exhibitions.
 - Students are actively involved in community service.

Staff:

The professional staff includes 137 educators with 66% having graduate degrees (4 Doctorates; 87 Masters). 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:

- 250 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.
- The Classics Academy, with its focus on humanities at the AP and honors level, is a cross-curricular experience integrating English, Latin, history and mathematics.
- Morristown High School participates in the Middle College program where students can earn college credits in AP Macroeconomics, Italian Language Honors, and Italian Literature and Culture Honors.
- Morristown High School's Senior Options and Independent Study programs offer students the opportunity to enroll in college classes or pursue higher learning in areas they wish to pursue for future careers.
- Selected as one of *Newsweek* magazine's 2010 nation's best high schools.
- Selected multiple times by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of the Top 75 public high schools in New Jersey.
- Recognized by New Jersey historian and author John T. Cunningham as the subject of *Youth's Bright Years: An American High School*.
- 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 compliment the active Parent Advisory Committee that supports Morristown High School initiatives.

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. All courses are included in GPA calculations.

Advanced Placement Courses

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

Honors Courses

Honors courses are offered in Advanced Latin Literature, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, American Studies 1, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, English 1, English 2, English 3, Geometry, Italian Language & Culture, Italian Literature, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Research Science 1, Spanish 3, U. S. History 1, Visual Art 3, and World History. Within the Classics Academy program: Symposium and History & Mathematics. The Science Academy Program also offers opportunities for honors level courses.

Career Plans

74.8 %	Four-Year College/University	0.9%	Military
16.6 %	Two-Year College	4.0 %	Employment
3.2 %	Business/Technical School	0.5 %	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 2011 Decile Distribution:			Class Size: 355		
Decile	# of Students	Range of Student GPA's	Decile	# of Students	Range of Student GPA's
1st Decile	37	5.0617 - 4.1823	6th Decile	37	3.1990 - 2.9510
2nd Decile	37	4.1760 - 3.9177	7th Decile	37	2.9469 - 2.6229
3rd Decile	37	3.9167 - 3.6948	8th Decile	37	2.6141 - 2.3510
4th Decile	37	3.6719 - 3.4052	9th Decile	37	2.3500 - 2.0872
5th Decile	37	3.3885 - 3.2073	10th Decile	32	2.0771 - 1.0250

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 2009	Class of 2010	Class of 2011
National Merit Finalists	1	-	-
National Merit Semi Finalist	1	1	3
National Merit Letters of Commendation	12	12	10
National Hispanic Recognition Honorable Mention	2	-	2
National Achievement Scholar	2	-	1

Summary of 2010 Advanced Placement Results

AP National Scholar:	--
AP Scholar with Distinction:	20
AP Scholar with Honor:	11
AP Scholar:	27
Total Students Taking Exams:	181
Number of Exams Completed:	363
Scored 3 or Higher:	78%

Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores - Mean Comparisons – Morristown High School

2010 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test Critical Reading				2010 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test Math				2010 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test Writing			
Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey	Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey	Percentile	Morristown High School	Total Group	New Jersey
75 th	600	580	570	75 th	620	600	600	75 th	610	570	570
50 th	520	500	490	50 th	550	510	510	50 th	530	490	490
25 th	460	420	420	25 th	490	450	450	25 th	460	410	420

Class of 2010 Acceptances

Adelphi University	Elizabethtown College	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	University of Pennsylvania	Stevens Institute of Technology
Albright College	Elon University	University of Maryland, College Park	Philadelphia University	Stonehill College
American University	Emerson College	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Pittsburgh	Stony Brook University
Arcadia University	Emory University	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Plymouth State University	Suffolk University
Arizona State University	Fairfield University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Pomona College	SUNY at Albany
The University of Arizona	Fairleigh Dickinson University	McDaniel College	Princeton University	SUNY at Brockport
Assumption College	Fayetteville State University	Merrimack College	Providence College	SUNY at Cortland
Berkeley College of NJ	Felician College	University of Miami	Purdue University	SUNY at Oneonta
Benedict College	Florida A&M University	Michigan State University	Quinnipiac University	SUNY at Oswego
Bethune-Cookman University	Florida Atlantic University	University of Michigan	Ramapo College of New Jersey	SUNY at New Paltz
Binghamton University	Florida International University	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Randolph College	Susquehanna University
Bloomfield College	Florida Southern College	Misericordia University	Randolph-Macon College	Syracuse University
Bloomsburg University	Florida State University	University of Mississippi	Regis University	The University of Tampa
Boston College	Fordham University	Mitchell College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Temple University
Boston University	Franklin and Marshall College	Monmouth University	Rhode Island College	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Bowdoin College	Franklin College Switzerland	Montclair State University	University of Rhode Island	Texas Southern University
Bryant University	Frostburg State University	Moore College of Art and Design	Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	Thiel College
Buffalo State College of SUNY	George Mason University	Moravian College	University of Richmond	Towson University
University at Buffalo The State University of New York	The George Washington University	Mount Ida College	Rider University	Tufts University
Cabrini College	University of Georgia	Mount Saint Mary's University	Roanoke College	Tulane University
Caldwell College	Gettysburg College	Muhlenberg College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Tuskegee University
University of California at Santa Barbara	Goucher College	Neumont University	University of Rochester	Union College
California State University, Dominguez Hills	Guilford College	University of New England	Roger Williams University	Unity College
California University of Pennsylvania	Hampton University	University of New Hampshire	Rowan University	Universal Technical Institute
Carnegie Mellon University	University of Hartford	University of New Haven	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick	Union County College
Case Western Reserve University	Hawaii Pacific University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at Newark	Ursinus College
Cedar Crest College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	The College of New Jersey	Sacred Heart University	Utah Valley University
Centenary College	Hofstra University	New York Institute of Technology - Old Westbury	College of Saint Elizabeth	University of Vermont
Champlain College	College of the Holy Cross	Norfolk State University	Saint John's University	Villanova University
College of Charleston	Hood College	North Carolina A&T State University	Saint Joseph's University	Virginia Commonwealth University
University of Cincinnati	Howard University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Saint Leo University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
City University of New York	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Saint Peter's College	Virginia State University
Clark University	Immaculata University	Northeastern University	The College of Saint Rose	Virginia Wesleyan College
Clarkson University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Norwich University	Salisbury University	University of Virginia
Clemson University	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Oakwood College	Salve Regina University	Wake Forest University
Coastal Carolina University	Iona College	Occidental College	Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta	Washington College
Colby College	Ithaca College	The Ohio State University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Washington University in St. Louis
University of Colorado at Boulder	James Madison University	Old Dominion University	University of the Sciences, Philadelphia	Wentworth Institute of Technology
University of Connecticut	Johns Hopkins University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Scranton	West Chester University
Coppin State University	Johnson & Wales University	Pace University, New York City	Seton Hall University	West Virginia University
Cornell University	Juniata College	Pace University, Pleasantville-Briarcliff	Skidmore College	West Virginia Wesleyan College
County College of Morris	Kean University	Paul Smith's College	Slippery Rock University	Western Connecticut State University
Curry College	Kendall College of Art and Design	Pennsylvania State University, Abington	University of Southern California	Westminster College
University of Dayton	Kent State University	Pennsylvania State University, Altoona	Southern Virginia University	Widener University
Delaware State University	King's College	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	St. Andrews Presbyterian College	Wilkes University
Delaware Valley College	Kutztown University		St. Bonaventure University	College of William and Mary
University of Delaware	LaSalle University		St. John's University, Manhattan Campus	William Paterson University
DeSales University	Lafayette College		St. John's University, Queens Campus	University of Wisconsin, Madison
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Lehigh University		St. Mary's College of Maryland	Wittenberg University
Dover Business College	Lincoln Technical Institute, Union NJ		Stanford University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Drew University	Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus			University of Wyoming
Drexel University	Loyola University, Maryland			York College of Pennsylvania
Duke University	Lynchburg College			Young Judaea Year Course
Duquesne University	Macalester College			Youngstown State University
East Carolina University	University of Maine			
East Stroudsburg University	Marist College			
Eastern Connecticut State University				
Eckerd College				