

Morristown High School

Profile 2011-2012

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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 1478 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 21 Advanced Placement Courses and 25 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% White, 18.4% Hispanic, 18.4% African American and 4.2% Asian/Pacific Islanders
- Represent more than 20 different native languages
- 93.3% of the Class of 2011 attended two or four year colleges or universities after graduation
- 22% of our 2011 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.
 - 42 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 online newspaper, www.mhsbroadcaster.org.
 - Visual Arts and Graphic Design students contribute designs to the high school environment and publications, as well as participate in community exhibitions.
 - Students are actively involved in community service.

Staff:

The professional staff includes 138 educators with 65% having graduate degrees (4 Doctorates; 85 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:

- 268 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, World 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 obtain real-world experience in areas they wish to pursue as a career interest.
- Option Two offers students the opportunity to pursue academic learning in non-traditional settings.
- Selected as one of *Newsweek* magazine's 2010 Nation's Best High Schools.
- Selected multiple times by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of New Jersey's Top Public High Schools.
- 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 complement 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 or B	College Preparatory

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, U.S. Government & Politics and U.S. History 2.

Honors Courses

Honors courses are offered in Advanced Latin Literature, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, American Studies, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, English 1, English 2, English 3, Geometry, Italian Language & Culture, Italian Literature, Physics, Pre-Calculus, Research Science 1, Spanish 5, 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

64.8 %	Four-Year College/University	0.9%	Military
28.5 %	Two-Year College	2.6 %	Employment
0.9 %	Business/Technical School	2.3 %	Other

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)	4.5	5.375
A	(95-97)	4.0	5.000
A-	(90-92)	3.7	4.625
B+	(88-89)	3.5	4.125
B	(85-87)	3.0	3.750
B-	(80-82)	2.7	3.375
C+	(78-79)	2.5	2.875
C	(75-77)	2.0	2.500
C-	(70-72)	1.7	2.125
D+	(68-69)	1.5	1.625
D	(65-67)	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 4.5 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 2012 Decile Distribution:

Class Size: 358

Decile	# of Students	Range of Student GPA's	Decile	# of Students	Range of Student GPA's
1st Decile	36	4.6718 - 4.1918	6th Decile	36	3.2825 - 3.0458
2nd Decile	36	4.1875 - 3.8875	7th Decile	36	3.0325 - 2.7594
3rd Decile	36	3.8818 - 3.7125	8th Decile	36	2.7510 - 2.4897
4th Decile	37	3.7046 - 3.5104	9th Decile	36	2.4894 - 2.0524
5th Decile	36	3.5073 - 3.2917	10th Decile	33	2.0094 - 1.2490

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

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
National Merit Finalists	-	3	-
National Merit Semi Finalist	1	3	-
National Merit Letters of Commendation	12	10	6
National Hispanic Recognition Scholar	-	2	1
National Achievement Scholar	-	1	2

Summary of 2011 Advanced Placement Results

AP National Scholar:	1
AP Scholar with Distinction:	21
AP Scholar with Honor:	15
AP Scholar:	29
Total Students Taking Exams:	208
Number of Exams Completed:	400
Scored 3 or Higher:	76%

Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores - Mean Comparisons – Morristown High School

2011 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test Critical Reading				2011 Score Distribution SAT Reasoning Test Math				2011 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
75th	620	570	570	75th	630	600	600	75th	600	560	570
50th	510	490	490	50th	540	510	510	50th	520	480	490
25th	440	420	420	25th	460	450	450	25th	430	410	420

Class of 2011 Acceptances

Adelphi University	The Evergreen State College	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	Pennsylvania State University, Erie: The Behrend College	St. John's University - Queens
The University of Alabama	Fairfield University	University of Maryland University College	Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Albright College	Fairleigh Dickinson University	University of Maryland, College Park	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	State University of New York at Albany
Allegheny College	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison	Marywood University	Pennsylvania State University, Worthington Scranton	Stevens Institute of Technology
American University	Florida State University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	University of Pennsylvania	Stevenson University
Arcadia University	Fordham University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Philadelphia University	Stony Brook University
Arizona State University	Franklin and Marshall College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	University of Pittsburgh	Suffolk University
The University of Arizona	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	McDaniel College	University of Pittsburgh Point Park University	SUNY College at Cobleskill
The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University	Furman University	McGill University	Princeton University	SUNY College at Cortland
Auburn University	George Mason University	University of Miami	Providence College	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Barnard College	The George Washington University	Michigan State University	Queen's University	SUNY College at Fredonia
Bentley University	Georgetown University	University of Michigan	Quinnipiac University	SUNY College at Geneseo
Berklee College of Music	Georgia Gwinnett College	Middle Tennessee State University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	SUNY College at Potsdam
Bethany College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Randolph-Macon College	Susquehanna University
Binghamton University	Gettysburg College	Misericordia University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Syracuse University
Bloomfield College	Green Mountain College	University of Mississippi	Rhode Island School of Design	The University of Tampa
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Hamilton College - NY	University of Missouri Columbia	University of Rhode Island	Temple University
Boston College	Hampton University	Monmouth University	Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	The University of Texas, Austin
Boston University	University of Hartford	Montclair State University	University of Richmond	The Art Institute of Philadelphia
Brandeis University	Hartwick College	Moravian College	Rider University	The University of Scranton
University of Bridgeport	Harvard University	Morgan State University	Roanoke College	Towson University
Brigham Young University	Hawaii Pacific University	Mount Saint Mary College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Tufts University
Brookdale Community College	High Point University	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of Rochester	Tulane University
Brooks Institute of Photography	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Muhlenberg College	Roger Williams University	Union College
Brown University	Hocking College	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	Rollins College	Union County College
Bryant University	Hofstra University	University of New Hampshire	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University at Buffalo The State University of New York
Bucknell University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of New Haven	Rosemont College	University of South Carolina- Beaufort South
Buffalo State College of SUNY	Indiana University at Bloomington	New Jersey City University	Rowan University	Ursinus College
Caldwell College	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick	Vanderbilt University
University of California at Davis	Ithaca College	The College of New Jersey	Saint Augustine's College-NC	Vassar College
University of California at Riverside	James Madison University	New York University	College of Saint Elizabeth	University of Vermont
California College of the Arts	Johns Hopkins University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Saint Peter's College	Villanova University
Carnegie Mellon University	Johnson & Wales University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Salisbury University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Castleton State College	Juniata College	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	San Francisco Art Institute	Virginia State University
Champlain College	University of Kansas	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	University of San Francisco	University of Virginia
College of Charleston	Kean University	North Carolina Central University	Sarah Lawrence College	Wake Forest University
Chatham University	Keene State College	Northeastern University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Washington University in St. Louis
Clark University	Kent State University	Northwest College	Seton Hall University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Clemson University	King's College	Norwich University	Seton Hill University	Wesley College
Colgate University	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	The Ohio State University	Siena College	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
University of Colorado at Boulder	La Salle University	Old Dominion University	Simpson College	West Virginia University
Columbia University	Lafayette College	University of Ottawa	Skidmore College	Widener University
University of Connecticut	Lehigh University	Oxford College of Emory University	Smith College	Wilkes University
Cornell University	Lincoln University	Pace University, New York City	South Carolina State University	College of William and Mary
County College of Morris	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	Pace University, Pleasantville Campus	University of South Carolina	William Paterson University of New Jersey
Dartmouth College	Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus	Paine College	University of South Florida, Tampa	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Delaware State University	Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus		University of Southern California	The College of Wooster
Delaware Valley College	Loyola University Maryland		Springfield College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
University of Delaware	Lynchburg College		St. Bonaventure University	Yale University
Dover Business College	Manhattan College			York College of Pennsylvania
Drew University	Manhattanville College			
Drexel University	Marist College			
East Carolina University	University of Mary Washington			
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania				
Eckerd College				
Elizabethtown College				
Elon University				
Emerson College				