

TAPPAN ZEE HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile

2011-2012

AP SCHOLARS - CLASS OF 2010-2011

3 National AP Scholars
 27 AP Scholars with Distinction
 17 AP Scholars with Honors
 35 AP Scholars

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. Students may also take college courses, either at one of the local college campuses or at the high school.

- 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 9, World History 9 and 10, U.S. History and Integrated Geometry, Integrated Algebra II/Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus.
- College credit may be earned at the high school in the following areas: Basic/C++ Computer Languages, Criminal Justice, Italian IV and V, French IV and V, Spanish V and Survey of Spanish Literature.
- Advanced Placement courses are offered in the following areas:

Art History	U.S. History
Biology	World History
Calculus AB and BC	Physics B
Chemistry	Physics C-Mechanics
Computer Science	Psychology
Economics	Spanish Language
English Literature and Composition	Spanish Literature
European History	Statistics
	Studio Art

The Advanced Placement Program enjoys wide participation by students in grades 10 through 12. In May of 2011, 541 examinations were taken. Students are actively encouraged to pursue challenging courses.

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 20,000. While economically diverse, the district attracts a substantial number of professionals, managers, teachers, police and firemen, artists and musicians.

District Enrollment South Orangetown includes one pre-kindergarten special education school, three elementary schools (K-1, 2-3, and 4-5), one middle school (6-8) and one high school (9-12). Total enrollment is approximately 3407. Tappan Zee High School's present and projected enrollments are given below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grade 12</u>	<u>Total 9-12</u>
2010-11	304	1202
2011-12	320	1189
2012-13	285	1159
2013-14	293	1149

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:

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 cumulative grade point average (GPA) after a student has completed six semesters. 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
- Regents level courses are weighted at 1.03
- Honors courses are weighted at 1.05
- Final course grades appearing on the transcript are unweighted; only the cumulative GPA is weighted.

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

Guidance Team Leader: Celia Walker

Counselors: Randy Altman
 Laura Ferrante
 Betsy Sherwood
 Richard Weissberg

Phone: 845-680-1614

Fax: 845-680-1929

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

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 seniors and their parents or guardians in accordance with applicable laws. In those cases where the parent or guardian has waived their right of access to this information, a notice to this effect will be indicated on the student's transcript.

The Class of 2012

**Grading Distribution: N= 303
 Weighted Average**

Range	Number of Students
90-100%	129
85-89%	69
80-84%	52
75-79%	29
70-74 %	15
65-69%	09

National Merit Program

- 2 Semi-Finalist
- 7 Commended Students

Note: Tappan Zee High School requires all juniors to take the PSAT and sophomores to take the PLAN.

The Class of 2011

National Merit Program

- 1 Winner
- 1 Finalist
- 1 Semi-finalist
- 6 Commended Students

Scholastic Aptitude Test

SAT Participation:

	No. of Students	% of Class	Mean Score
CR	218	90%	529
M	218	90%	557
W	218	90%	531

Post Secondary Plans

- 4-Year Colleges (73%)**
- 2-year colleges (25%)**
- Employment/Other (2%)**

Advanced Regents and Regents Diplomas:

- 148 Advanced Regents and Regents Diplomas
- 67 Advanced Regents Diplomas with Honors

Total:

215 Advanced Regents and Regents Diplomas
 89% of eligible students