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# Inside Jersey

Our Exclusive Ranking

## BEST HIGH SCHOOLS

➔ *for Academics & the Arts*

### New Jersey's Top Performing Public High Schools *for Academics & the Arts*

Inside Jersey's annual Top Performing Public High Schools ranking adds a new tracking category to the mix this year — arts education.

For the first time, the state Department of Education looked at the integration of arts into school curriculum, making New Jersey the only state in the country to track student participation in the arts.

So, we included this statistical profile in our ranking, with schools listed by county. This year's formula relies on three factors: a combined SAT score, a composite High School Proficiency Assessment score and a combined arts participation score.

A snapshot of the state's arts survey shows that 30.2 percent of students were involved in visual arts, the area of highest participation; 16.7 percent were in music programs; 3.5 percent in theater; and 1.8 percent in dance. Overall, 47.3 percent of New Jersey students participated in one or more forms of arts education.

Our ranking also lists median home prices, drawn from the U.S. Census' American Community Survey, which tabulates values along school district lines.

— Frederick Kaimann

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DISTRICT	SCHOOL	INSIDE JERSEY SCORE	TOTAL ARTS PARTICIPATION	HSPA COMPOSITE	SAT TOTAL	MEDIAN HOME VALUE
Edison Township	Edison H.S.	312	36%	221	1,509	\$368,600
Woodbridge Township	Colonia H.S.	310	42%	217	1,496	\$320,300
Sayreville	War Memorial H.S.	306	51%	214	1,477	\$328,600
Woodbridge Township	Woodbridge H.S.	300	47%	216	1,402	\$320,300
South Plainfield	South Plainfield H.S.	298	46%	210	1,445	\$334,800
South Amboy	South Amboy H.S.	287	88%	191	1,396	\$280,600
Middlesex County Voc. and Tech.	Middlesex County - E. Brunswick	279	19%	190	1,392	\$340,000
South River	South River H.S.	278	44%	192	1,364	\$310,200
Carteret	Carteret H.S.	271	65%	181	1,332	\$281,400
New Brunswick	New Brunswick H.S.	261	69%	171	1,237	\$254,900
Middlesex County Voc. and Tech.	Middlesex County - Piscataway	230	13%	153	1,173	\$340,000

### MONMOUTH COUNTY

Monmouth County Vocational	Communications H.S.	392	26%	286	1,888	\$399,000
Rumson-Fair Haven	Rumson-Fair Haven Regional H.S.	362	48%	258	1,738	\$740,400
Holmdel Township	Holmdel H.S.	356	50%	249	1,718	\$621,900
Freehold Regional	Marlboro H.S.	348	34%	246	1,697	\$409,700
Freehold Regional	Colts Neck H.S.	347	28%	254	1,648	\$409,700
Middletown Township	Middletown - H.S. South	338	69%	235	1,590	\$411,100
Manasquan	Manasquan H.S.	332	56%	237	1,537	\$637,900
Wall Township	Wall H.S.	330	50%	237	1,560	\$468,600
Freehold Regional	Freehold Township H.S.	329	40%	238	1,558	\$409,700
Ocean Township	Ocean Township H.S.	327	57%	231	1,529	\$405,300
Freehold Regional	Freehold H.S.	325	32%	228	1,598	\$409,700
Upper Freehold Regional	Allentown H.S.	324	42%	232	1,546	\$476,400
Freehold Regional	Manalapan H.S.	324	38%	231	1,570	\$409,700
Shore Regional	Shore Regional H.S.	323	74%	229	1,503	\$469,100
Middletown Township	Middletown - H.S. North	319	75%	218	1,487	\$411,100
Freehold Regional	Howell H.S.	318	42%	227	1,516	\$409,700
Henry Hudson Regional	Henry Hudson Regional H.S.	317	64%	219	1,532	\$338,300
Red Bank Regional	Red Bank Regional H.S.	316	47%	217	1,541	\$470,200
Matawan-Aberdeen Regional	Matawan Regional H.S.	314	48%	224	1,492	\$326,000
Hazlet Township	Raritan H.S.	300	47%	209	1,436	\$327,600
Monmouth Regional	Monmouth Regional H.S.	298	26%	211	1,462	\$326,700
Keansburg	Keansburg H.S.	278	63%	194	1,339	\$227,200
Keyport	Keyport H.S.	269	3%	188	1,372	\$288,700
Neptune Township	Neptune H.S.	267	65%	184	1,279	\$325,600
Long Branch	Long Branch H.S.	254	45%	179	1,196	\$354,700
Academy Charter	Academy Charter H.S.	235	20%	163	1,188	\$399,000
Asbury Park	Asbury Park H.S.	196	64%	119	962	\$325,700

### MORRIS COUNTY

School District of the Chathams	Chatham H.S.	368	64%	262	1,744	\$721,200
West Morris Regional	West Morris Mendham H.S.	365	54%	261	1,730	\$574,200
Mountain Lakes	Mountain Lakes H.S.	365	57%	266	1,699	\$882,400
Madison	Madison H.S.	362	65%	254	1,735	\$627,600
Kinnelon	Kinnelon H.S.	360	80%	258	1,639	\$587,100
Morris County Vocational	Morris County School of Technology	358	54%	250	1,676	\$446,800
West Morris Regional	West Morris Central H.S.	357	58%	260	1,655	\$574,200
Randolph Township	Randolph H.S.	353	59%	249	1,696	\$553,600
Pequannock Township	Pequannock Township H.S.	353	67%	254	1,645	\$417,800
Hanover Park Regional	Whippany Park H.S.	346	65%	247	1,630	\$532,100
Hanover Park Regional	Hanover Park H.S.	344	70%	250	1,599	\$532,100
Montville Township	Montville H.S.	343	55%	244	1,654	\$592,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills	Parsippany Hills H.S.	342	46%	249	1,617	\$427,200
Morris School District	Morristown H.S.	338	70%	233	1,638	\$493,900
Mount Olive	Mount Olive H.S.	338	62%	245	1,575	\$375,800
Morris Hills Regional	Morris Knolls H.S.	335	57%	240	1,577	\$370,800
Parsippany-Troy Hills	Parsippany H.S.	331	35%	241	1,561	\$427,200
Roxbury	Roxbury H.S.	320	68%	220	1,534	\$358,500