

CORNWALL

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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High School Profile
2025-2026



Our Mission:

The Cornwall Central School District is committed to work together with the community to provide a secure and nurturing environment of diverse learning opportunities for all students. It is our goal to help students achieve their dreams and aspirations and to prepare them to confidently face challenges while promoting strength of mind, body and character.

Just sixty miles north of New York City on the west bank of the Hudson River, the Cornwall Central School District is comprised of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, the Town of Cornwall, and parts of the towns of New Windsor and Woodbury. Cornwall Central High School has approximately 1000 students in grades 9-12. It is a highly recognized educational leader producing extremely motivated, socially aware, life-long learners.

Providing a rich and full curriculum to all students, CCHS offers a range of advanced level courses in all major core subject areas and 16 Advanced Placement courses. In addition, CCHS students have the opportunity to earn college credit through the SUNY Albany *University in the High School Program*, SUNY Orange *Community College in the High School Program* and Marist College *High School College Program*.

Consistently ranked as the top high school in a three county area, CCHS students distinguish themselves on numerous performance indicators. From New York State assessments to mean SAT Scores to Regents Diploma graduation rates, CCHS sets the standard for the region.

In 2019, Cornwall Central High School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, 1 of 7 public high schools in New York State bestowed with this honor.

Outside the classroom Cornwall students can distinguish themselves in a vast and diverse range of extracurricular activities:

- National Honor Society Chapter
- Safe-School Ambassadors® Program
- Drama program with two major productions per year
- Music program that produces numerous All-County, Area All-State, and National instrumental and vocal performers
- Required community service graduation requirement
- Multiple sectional, regional and state championship athletic teams
- Thirty-eight different interscholastic sports teams including various Section IX and New York State championship squads and individuals

CURRICULUM

Cornwall Central High School offers a strong academic program that meets the individual needs of its students and prepares them for the rigors of college study.

Graduation Requirements

All students are required to carry a minimum of 5 subjects and physical education each year. Consistent with New York State requirements, all students must earn a minimum of 22 credits.

Specifically:

- 4 Credits of English
- 4 Credits of Social Studies
- 3 Credits of Math
- 3 Credits of Science
- 1 Credit of Foreign Language
- 1 Credit of Art or Music
- 0.5 Credit of Health
- 2 Credits of Physical Education
- 3.5 Elective Credits

Community Service

The Class of 2026 must complete 20 hours of community service in order to graduate from CCHS. Additionally, CCHS students may participate in a specialized 200 hour Community Service Diploma Endorsement entitled the School, Community and World Endorsement.

Advanced Level Courses

CCHS students may choose to accept the challenge of advanced or accelerated courses in grades 9-12 in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language. Additional opportunities are present in areas of Fine and Performing Arts, Business, and Technology

Advanced Placement Opportunities

Many advanced level courses provide students with opportunities to sit for Advanced Placement exams:

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| Art & Design | Macroeconomics |
| Biology | Music Theory |
| Calculus AB | Physics B |
| Chemistry | Precalculus |
| Computer Science A | Psychology |
| English Language | Spanish Language |
| English Literature | Statistics |
| Environmental Science | US Government & Politics |
| French Language | US History |

Note: These courses are indicated by an "*" on the students' transcripts.

CCHS

GRADING AND TIER SYSTEM

In 2020, Cornwall Central High School moved away from a traditional class rank system and moved towards a tier based system for our students. Below is the breakdown for each tier based upon weighted cumulative GPA:

- 92—94.999 Cum Laude (With Honor)
- 95—97.999 Magna Cum Laude (With Great Honor)
- 98+ Summa Cum Laude (With Highest Honor)

For calculation of grade point average, advanced courses are given a weight of 1.05. Cornwall Central High School will still have a traditional Valedictorian and Salutatorian based upon cumulative weighted GPA and 4 completed semesters prior to Senior year at CCHS.

GRADING SCALE

The following equivalents are used when converting from numeric to alphabetic grades:

A +	97	4.0	C+	77	2.0
A	95	4.0	C	75	2.0
A-	92	4.0	C-	72	2.0
B+	87	3.0	D+	67	1.0
B	85	3.0	D	65	1.0
B-	82	3.0	F	-	0.0

CLASS OF 2026 DISTRIBUTION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

265 Students in Class of 2026

Highest Weighted GPA: 102.697

- Summa Cum Laude (98+) - 27 students
- Magna Cum Laude (95-97.999) - 38 students
- Cum Laude (92-94.999) - 41 students

106 out of 265 in the Class of 2026 (40%) currently stand as honors graduates

CLASS OF 2025 STATISTICS & FUTURE PLANS

- 249 In Graduating Class
- 246 Regents Diploma Recipients (99%)
- 71 % Entered Four-Year Colleges
- 19 % Entered Two-Year Colleges
- 5 % Entered the Work Force
- 1 % Entered the Military or Other Programs
- 4 % Undecided/Other Plan/Unknown

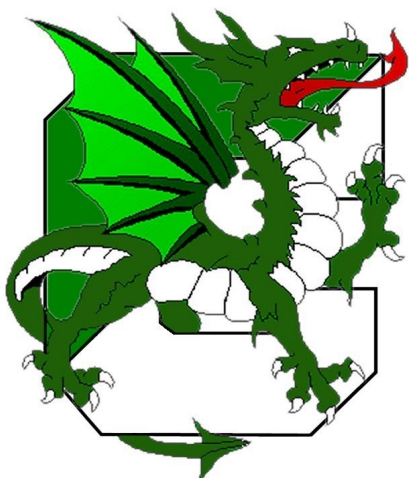
STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT I <small>(Class of 2025)</small> Combined Score	CCHS Students	%
1400-1600	15	7%
1200-1390	86	40%
1000-1190	93	43%
800-990	21	10%
600-790	1	<1%
400-590	0	-
MEAN Combined Score 1176		

SAT Benchmarks (College and Career Readiness) <small>For August 2024-June 2025</small>	
Met ERW Benchmarks	93%
Met Math Benchmarks	80%
Met Both Benchmarks	78%

AP Exams 2025	5	4	3	% ≥ 3
Biology	-	5	5	56%
Calculus AB	2	11	5	67%
Chemistry	1	16	31	83%
English Language & Composition	6	13	18	95%
English Literature & Composition	9	4	2	100%
Environmental Science	6	7	13	100%
Macroeconomics	3	12	21	75%
Physics 1	2	5	-	100%
Psychology	6	18	26	68%
Statistics	5	14	14	87%
U.S. History	14	37	17	96%

In May of 2025, 228 Cornwall students sat for 484 AP exams. CCHS had a 83% rate overall of obtaining a 3 or higher on AP exams.



SPECIAL HONORS

2025 Advanced Placement Recognition	
Scholars	47
with Honor	17
with Distinction	21



*Cornwall Central High School is
recognized as a NYSPHSAA School
of Distinction.*

Post-Graduate Destinations: Classes of 2024-2025

Adelphi University
Alfred University
American University
Belmont Abbey College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bowie State University
Brigham Young University
Central Connecticut State University
Clark University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Cornell University
Dominican University
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Endicott College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Flagler College
Fordham University
High Point University
Hilbert College
Hillsborough Community College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Hope College
Indiana University–Bloomington
Iona University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University–Providence
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lackawanna College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
LeMoyne College
Liberty University
Long Island University–Post
Louisiana State University of Alexandria
Manhattan University
Marist University
Molloy University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Mount Saint Mary College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Pace University
Pittsburgh Technical College
Point Park University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Rutgers University–New Brunswick
Ramapo College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Saint Louis University
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Southwestern College
St. Bonaventure University
St. John's University
St. Joseph's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Broome
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Delhi
SUNY Dutchess
SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry
SUNY Farmingdale State
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Herkimer
SUNY Hudson Valley
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Morrisville
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Orange
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Rockland
SUNY Stony Brook
SUNY Sullivan
SUNY Westchester
Syracuse University
The Culinary Institute of America
The George Washington University
The Juilliard School
The Pennsylvania State University–Behrend
The Pennsylvania State University–Harrisburg
The Pennsylvania State University–University Park
The University of Alabama
The University of Iowa
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Rhode Island
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee–Chattanooga
The University of Utah
The University of Virginia
Tri-County Technical College
University of Central Florida
University of Connecticut

University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Maryland–Baltimore County
University of Massachusetts–Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Mount Saint Vincent
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of Washington
Ursinus College
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
West Chester University
Widener University
Wilkes University
Wilson College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Military

U.S. Air Force ROTC
NY Air National Guard
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Army
U.S. Army Reserve
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Marine Corps
U.S. Navy
United States Military Academy–West Point
United States Military Academy Preparatory School

Trade / Technical / Apprenticeship Programs

Capri Cosmetology Learning Center
Institute of Culinary Education
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
(IBEW)–Local 363
Lincoln Technical Institute
Orange-Ulster BOCES
Skyborne Airline Academy
Teamsters–Local 553

