

Skaneateles Central Schools

'Excellence in Education'



A REPORT TO COLLEGES — 2016-2017 PROFILE

This brochure has been prepared to assist Admissions Offices in evaluating the credentials of graduates of Skaneateles High School.

COMMUNITY: The Skaneateles Central School District is centered on and around Skaneateles Lake, often referred to as "the jewel of the Finger Lakes." The district includes the historic Village of Skaneateles and several townships nestled throughout the rolling hills. The district's most important natural asset, however, is a highly engaged and educated community of people who support education, the arts, athletics and a thriving education foundation (Skaneateles Education Foundation). As a result, Skaneateles students embrace learning from kindergarten through graduation. About 18 miles southwest of Syracuse, the school district has close to 1,400 students (and about 8,900 residents – 2,700 in the village).

SCHOOL: The high school's 490 students are academically competitive and high performing, as well as community-service oriented. Nationally recognized for excellence, the high school offers a wide range of curriculum through more than 130 courses -from Regents level to more rigorous Honors and AP classes in all major academic areas.

ACCREDITATION AND AWARDS: New York State Board of Regents; Washington Post- Most Challenging High Schools in the Nation (2014); Governors Award for Excellence; National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (United States Department of Education); The University of the State of New York Education Department Reward School 2014; Washington Press, America's Most Challenging High Schools 2015; Best High School, US News and World Report Gold 2015

GRADUATION OUTCOMES: 1) Effective Communicators 2) Effective Goal Achievers 3) Critical and Creative Thinkers 4) Collaborative Contributors 5) Quality Producers

CURRICULUM: A more detailed description of courses is available in the Skaneateles High School Program of Studies Guide which can be found on our website.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: *Advanced Placement (AP)* : English Composition and Literature, English Composition and Language, Calculus AB, Statistics, Physics 1, World History, US History, European History, Spanish, Latin, Biology and Environmental Science

Onondaga Community College: English Composition and Literature, Business 101, Mathematics of Business & Finance

SUNY Albany: Participation in Government, Economics

SUNY Oswego: French, Spanish

Rochester Institute of Technology (Project Lead The Way): Design and Drawing for Production, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Digital Electronics, Principles of Engineering, Engineering Design and Development

Honors Courses: English (9, 10), Science (Biology and Chemistry), Math (Geometry, Algebra II and Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus)

WEIGHTING AND RANKING:

Using a three-tiered weighting system, we will report a weighted GPA along with an unweighted GPA on the high school transcript. However, we do not report rank in class for our students. The decision not to report rank is based on both extensive research and the fact that we do not think rank is in the best interest for all of our students, considering the highly competitive nature of our high school. Our goal is to encourage our students to focus on taking the most rigorous courses that fit with their specific academic needs and college goals, and to continue to foster an environment that encourages a life-long love of learning.

Weighting System: High School or Regents Level 1.0
Honors and XL 1.03
AP and College Level 1.05

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

All credit bearing courses are included in the GPA calculation. An unweighted GPA is calculated for each student at the end of their junior year. The GPA distribution seems to be a fair means of determining a student's standing in his/her class, given our school's competitiveness.

GPA Grade Distribution for the Class of 2017

| GPA | # of students |
|------------|----------------------|
| 97-100 | 8 |
| 93-96 | 17 |
| 90-92 | 23 |
| 87-89 | 28 |
| 83-86 | 16 |
| 80-82 | 8 |
| 77-79 | 9 |
| 73-76 | 8 |
| 70-72 | 8 |
| 65-69 | 0 |
| Below 65 | 0 |

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

| | Class of 2013 | Class of 2014 | Class of 2015 | Class of 2016 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total # of Students Tested | 186 | 174 | 200 | 209 |
| Total # of Tests Taken | 286 | 245 | 354 | 393 |
| AP Equity and Excellence Score | 56.9% | 51.2% | 51.3% | 65.7% |
| Scored 3 or better | 77% | 75% | 89% | 81% |

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| Composite | 27 |
| Number Tested | 97 |
| Number Graduated | 136 |

SAT Critical Reading

SAT Math

| Scale | SAT Critical Reading | | | SAT Math | | |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Class of 2014 | Class of 2015 | Class of 2016 | Class of 2014 | Class of 2015 | Class of 2016 |
| 700-800 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 11 | 4 |
| 600-690 | 27 | 33 | 29 | 29 | 25 | 44 |
| 500-590 | 55 | 37 | 50 | 42 | 40 | 48 |
| 400-490 | 12 | 17 | 23 | 29 | 20 | 16 |
| 300-390 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 250-290 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number | 105 | 100 | 115 | 105 | 100 | 115 |
| Mean | 557 | 566 | 563 | 554 | 567 | 566 |

Post-Secondary Institutions, Colleges and Universities for The Class Of 2016

Four Year Colleges for the Class of 2016

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Alfred Univ. | ESF (SUNY) | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| American Univ. | Fairfield University | Siena College |
| Bentley College | Fredonia (SUNY) (2) | St. John Fisher College (4) |
| Berklee College of Music | Geneseo (SUNY) (4) | St. Lawrence University |
| Binghamton Univ. | Harvard University (2) | Syracuse University (6) |
| Boston College | Ithaca College (7) | University at Buffalo (3) |
| Boston Univ. | Keuka College (2) | Univ. of CO at Boulder |
| Brigham Young | Le Moyne College (7) | Univ. of Rhode Island |
| Canisius College (2) | Lewis & Clark College | Univ. of Richmond |
| Cazenovia College | Marist College | Univ. of Rochester |
| Champlain College | Marquette Univ. | Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst |
| Culinary Institute | Marywood Univ. | UNC Chapel Hill |
| Clarkson Univ. (3) | Mercyhurst College(5) | Union College |
| Cleveland Inst of Art | Nazareth College (2) | Univ. of Virginia |
| Colgate Univ. (2) | Northeastern University (2) | Washington Univ. at St. Louis |
| Cornell Univ. (9) | New York University | Yale Univ. |
| Cortland (SUNY) (2) | Oswego (SUNY) | York College of PA |
| Davidson College | Penn State | |
| Elizabethtown College | Potsdam (SUNY) | |
| | Rochester Institute of Technology(2) | |

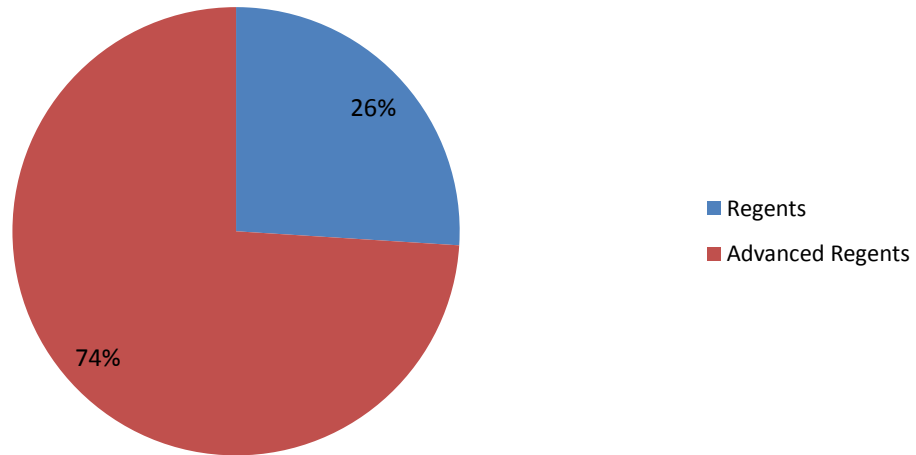
Two Year Colleges for the Class of 2016

Cayuga Community College (5)
Onondaga Community College (17)
SUNY Morrisville
SUNY Cobleskill

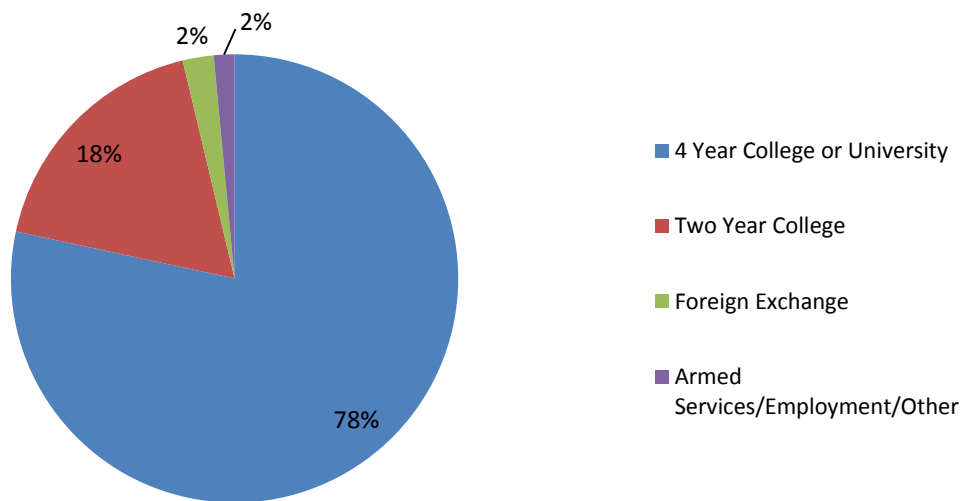
Armed Services
Army and Marines

Foreign Exchange Countries for the Class of 2016
Japan, Italy, Netherlands

Diplomas Earned by the Class of 2016



Graduation Destinations for the Class of 2016



Policy on Visits/Preferred Schedule: Counselor and student interviews by college representatives and the Armed Services are welcomed and encouraged. Advance notification of at least one week is recommended.

Mr. Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent

Mr. Gregory Santoro: High School Principal

Mr. Michael Major: Asst. Principal/ Athletic Director

Mrs. Barbara Drozynski: School Counselor (A-F)

Ms. Jessica Walsh: School Counselor (G-O)

Mrs. Mary Lou Ingram: School Counselor (P-Z)

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Skaneateles High School

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THE LAKER WAY

We give 110% in all we do ... in the classroom,
on the fields, on the stage,
in the community.
We teach, learn, coach, guide, support, lead and
care the Laker Way, 110%. The Laker Way is not
just some of the time, it is all the time.

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September 1, 2016

Dear College Representative,

The school counselors and administrators at Skaneateles High School would like to take the opportunity to notify you of some recent policy changes that impact the information we will be reporting to you about our students.

Beginning last year, we stopped reporting rank for all of our students. The decision to make this change was based on both extensive research and the fact that we felt that our policy was not in the best interest of our students. Our goal is to encourage our students to focus on taking the most rigorous courses that fit with their specific academic needs and college goals, and to continue to foster an environment that encourages a life-long love of learning.

As you may remember, last year, **we also made some adjustments to our GPA weighting system.** We are now using a **three-tiered weighting system**, which is as follows:

Core College and AP coursework = 1.05

Core Honors and XL coursework = 1.03

Core Regents coursework = 1.0

We will continue to send you students who are well-prepared for the rigor of college and to provide you with the necessary information needed to make your admissions decisions. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our recent policy change, please do not hesitate to contact any member of our team.

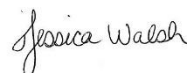
Sincerely,



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