



SCHOOLS TO WATCH - NEW YORK MODEL SCHOOL - VISITOR'S GUIDE

Van Wyck Junior High School



School Statistics

(Source: NYSED School Report Card)

Community: Suburban/Residential
Enrollment: 1468
Grade Levels: 6, 7, and 8 changing to 7/8 for 2015-2016

School Schedule: 9 Period Day with Block Scheduling, Houses, and Teams

Student Demographics

51% Male
49% Female
9% Hispanic/Latino
81% White
1% American Indian/Alaskan Native
4% African American
0% Filipino
4% Asian/Pacific Islander
17% Students with Disabilities
17% Economically Disadvantaged
0% English Learners

Designated in 2012 Re-designated in 2015

District: Wappinger Central School District.
County: Dutchess County, New York
Principal: Dr. Steven H. Shuchat
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<http://www.wappingersschools.org/site/default.aspx?domainid=785>

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Accelerated Math and Science Program
- Honor ELA and Social Studies Program
- ED Camp; Professional Development Aimed to Enhance Best Practices
- Team Model
- Benchmark Assessments
- Interdisciplinary Instruction
- Academically Focused Co-Curricular Activities
- Learning Center
- Multiple Computer Labs
- Portable Chromebooks for Classroom Use for Research and Assessments
- Word-of-the Week
- Rtl (Response to Intervention)
- Student of the Month Team Awards
- Academic Achievement Award Breakfasts

- Academic Improvement Award Breakfast
- “Good Citizens” Breakfast
- National Junior Honor Society
- Library Media Center/Video Conferencing Equipment
- Inquiry Learning
- Academic Intervention Service (AIS)
- Fully Implemented Common Core Learning Standards
- Project Homework
- Project Achieve
- Co-teaching
- Block Scheduling

Developmental Responsiveness

- Naviance Programming for Career Development
- Career Café
- Instructional Support Teams
- “Griffin Stage” Drama Program
- Interscholastic Sports Program
- PTA Fund Raising Activities
- Student Government Association
- Open House and Parents as Partners
- Parent Portal
- Principal’s Newsletter
- SchoolMessenger
- HomeBase Advisory Program
- Project Adventure for Physical Education Team and Character Building
- PBIS
- OLVEUS Bully Prevention Program

Social Equity

- Multiple access points for students to enter the honors or accelerated programs.
- Anti-Bullying Assemblies
- Heterogeneous Instructional Groups
- Character Education
- Equal access to after school activities
- Fully inclusive classrooms.
- Co-Teaching Model
- Individualized Instruction

Organizational Support

- School Counselor Corner
- Common Team Planning Time
- Team Meetings
- Smart Board Technology Resources
- New Teacher Mentoring Programs
- Student Leadership Team (SLT)
- Professional Learning Community (PLC)
- Data-Driven Instruction
- Professional Development/Sharing Best Practices
- Teacher Leadership Team
- Student, Team, Guidance and Administrative Looping Across Grade Levels