Colonie
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. David Perry

Deputy Superintendent
Timothy Backus

COLONIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Executive Principal
Thomas Kachadurian

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- Melissa Judge
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- Brian Scalzo
- David Pace

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- Jason Blind
- Jill Durant
- Brendan DiLello
- Raymond Molloy
- Kimberly Moutray

The mission of the South Colonie Central School District is to educate all students to their highest level of academic achievement, realize their full potential and prepare them to become responsible citizens in a global society.

CEEB CODE 330055

ABOUT US

Located in Albany County, South Colonie is one of the largest school districts in the Capital Region, serving a community of 80,000 residents in a 60-square-mile area.
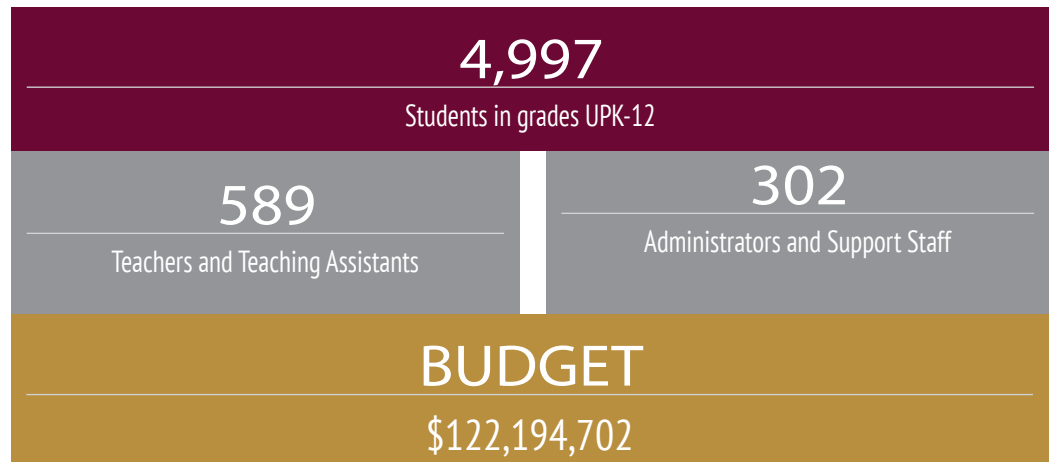
The district's long standing purpose is to graduate students who have the knowledge, skills, attitude and self-esteem to succeed in the real world of the 21st century. A talented staff of teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, nurses, psychologists, social workers and more are dedicated to making this happen.

Colonie Central High School is a four-year public school accredited by the University of the State of New York with 1,537 students and 144 staff members. In 2023, 357 students graduated, of which 60% completed the requirements for an Advanced Regents Diploma (62% of these students graduated with honors). Colonie Central High School is a comprehensive school that offers a wide variety of courses to prepare students to meet the demands of college-level academic work, as well as a focus on career-ready pathways.

SOUTH COLONIE AT-A-GLANCE

4,997
Students in grades UPK-12

589	302
Teachers and Teaching Assistants	Administrators and Support Staff

BUDGET
$122,194,702

ACADEMICS I WELLNESS I CHARACTER I COMMUNITY

The district's four pillars – Learn how these guiding principles play a key role in shaping our South Colonie students — now and into the future.

Academics: School and classroom experiences are dynamic and personally relevant, predicated on the knowledge and belief that students learn best when they are physically and mentally available for learning and pedagogical practices are modernized.

Wellness: Organizational culture and environment that is culturally-responsive and inclusive, with students and employees alike actively engaged in approaches to be more accepting and compassionate of others and their differences, while actively facilitating safety and positive mental health and wellness.

Character: Professionalism that empowers and supports all school personnel to be "leaders" in the purposeful building of the conditions for continuous improvement in their respective roles.

Community: School and community engagement that captures and capitalizes on the energy of positive family involvement through varied modes and means of communication.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

AP, HONORS AND DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES ARE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

ENGLISH
- AP Language, AP Literature and Composition
- Honors English 9, 10
- SUNY Reading Lit, Exploring Teaching as a Profession, Speech Comp and Presentation, Intro to Creative Writing, Foundations in Journalism, Intro to Reporting and News Writing, Topics in English Studies.

MATHEMATICS
- AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC
- SUNY Pre-Calculus, Elementary Statistics, Topics in Contemporary Math, Personal Finance

MUSIC
- SUNY Rudiments of Music

SCIENCE
- AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C
- SUNY Contemporary Issues in Life Sciences, Marine Biology, Oceanography

SOCIAL STUDIES
- Pre-AP World History, AP World History, AP US History, AP European History, AP Government
- SUNY Psychology, Sociology, Macroeconomics, Intro to Criminal Justice Process

TECHNOLOGY, ART, MUSIC
- AP Computer Science Principles
- HVCC CISCO Networking I/II, Survey of Art History, Design Drawing for Production, Engines, Fuel Systems, Passenger Car Chassis I
- SUNY Adirondack Graphic Arts I/II, Digital Photography I/II, Career Exploration Internship Program
- RIT (Project Lead the Way) Design and Drawing for Production, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Computer Integrated Manufacturing

WORLD LANGUAGES
- SCCC Elementary Spanish, Elementary French II
- SUNY Intermediate Spanish 1, Intermediate French 1
- College of St. Rose Spanish Conversation and Cultures
- HVCC Italian Language and Culture I/II

STUDENT COMMUNITY & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Colonie High School's English Language Learner (ELL) population hails from countries around the world including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Italy, Iraq, Mexico, Pakistan, US territory Puerto Rico, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, and Vietnam. The student's have language backgrounds in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Farsi, French, German, Greek, Italian, Pashto, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese.
- Colonie Students are S.M.A.R.T (Students Making a Responsible Tomorrow). Each year, Colonie High School Students donate thousands of hours volunteering and fundraising for community programs like Northern Rivers, The Capital Region Food Bank, Blue Star Mothers, Proctors and more through our regionally recognized I-CARE character education program. Service is an integral part of our Key Club, and both our National Honor Society selection process, as well as our NHS member responsibilities, include a 30-hour service component.
- For the 11th time, the South Colonie School District was recognized as a 2023 Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation. South Colonie students participated in the Area All-State Music Festival, Suburban Council Music Festival, Empire State Youth Orchestra, Melodies of Christmas televised concert, and Albany Pro-Musica winter choral festival.
- The Colonie High School Athletic Program offers 30 varsity level sports that compete in the Suburban Council. Our athletes have been recognized on regional, state and national levels. Approximately 65 percent of the Class of 2023 was involved in athletics.
- Curricula in general engineering and biomedical engineering are offered through the nationally recognized pre-engineering program, Project Lead the Way.
- Seventy-one Colonie High School seniors participate in the Career Exploration Internship Program, a 54-hour internship with industry professionals in the Capital District.
- Students in Colonie High School's Teaching Academy have the opportunity to participate in the NYS Teaching Assistant Preparatory Program. Last year, 7 students participated in this program which resulted in 5 students employed by the district as TAs.

POST SECONDARY PLACEMENT

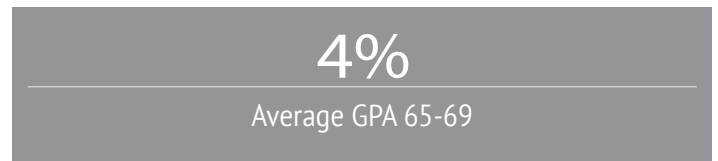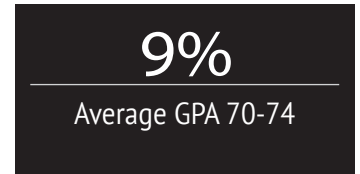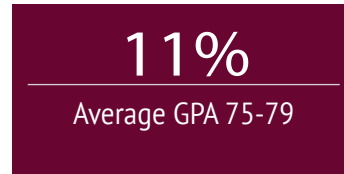| Class of	2021	2022	2023
Four-year colleges	40%	49%	54%
Two-year colleges	44%	31%	26%
Vocational Schools	0%	2%	1%
Military	1%	2%	1%
Employment/ Apprenticeships	12%	12%	13%
Undecided	3%	4%	5%

MEAN TEST RESULTS

SAT I - Evidence Based	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
EBRW	567	552	566
Math	583	575	587
SAT Total	1150	1127	1153

ACT			
Composite	27	24	26

FOUR YEAR CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

19%
Average GPA 95-100

24%
Average GPA 90-94

17%
Average GPA 85-89

16%
Average GPA 80-84

11%
Average GPA 75-79

9%
Average GPA 70-74

4%
Average GPA 65-69
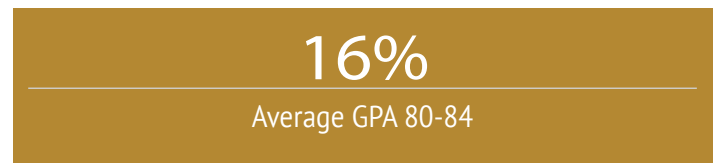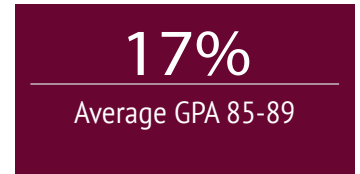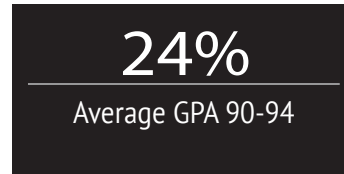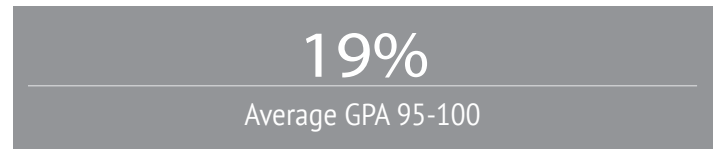
OTHER ACADEMIC DATA

- Due to COVID, the rank for students at Colonie Central High School for the Class of 2024 is not being calculated.

- In May of 2023, 258 students completed 421 AP exams — 71% of exams taken were a score of three or higher.

- 60 percent of the Class of 2023 earned an Advanced Regents Diploma, 62% of these students graduated with honors.

- 89 students earned the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness in 2023. 21 students earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy in 2023.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS I

Over the last three years, CCHS students have enrolled at the following colleges/universities

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

American International College

Bentley University

Binghamton University SUNY

Blinn College

Boston University

Bryant & Stratton College-Albany

Caldwell University

Case Western Reserve University

Cazenovia College

Clark University

Clarkson University

Clemson University

Coastal Carolina University

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Cornell University

CUNY Baruch College

D'Youville University

Daemen University

Dominican University NY

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Erie Community College

Fairfield University

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Florida Institute of Technology

Fordham University

Hartwick College

Hawaii Pacific University

Herkimer County Community College

High Point University

Hilbert College

Hobart William Smith Colleges

Hofstra University

Hudson Valley Community College

Ithaca College

King's College

Le Moyne College

Leeward Community College

Liberty University

Loyola University Maryland

Manhattan College

Maria College of Albany

Marist College

Mars Hill University

Marywood University

Mercy University

Mildred Elley School

Monmouth University

Moravian University

Morgan State University

Muskingum University

Nassau Community College

Nazareth University

New England Institute of Technology

New Jersey Institute of Technology

New York University

Niagara University

Northeastern University

Pace University

Paul Smith's College

Quinnipiac University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Ringling College of Art and Design

Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University

Russell Sage College

Rutgers University

Sacred Heart University

Saint Anselm College

Saint Michael's College

Salisbury University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Schenectady County Community College

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Seton Hall University

Siena College

St Bonaventure University

St. John Fisher University

St. John's University-New York

Stony Brook University SUNY

SUNY Adirondack

SUNY Brockport

SUNY Buffalo State

SUNY Canton

SUNY Cobleskill

SUNY Cortland

SUNY Delhi

SUNY ESF

SUNY Fredonia

SUNY Geneseo

SUNY Morrisville

SUNY New Paltz

SUNY Oneonta

SUNY Oswego

SUNY Plattsburgh

SUNY Polytechnic Institute

SUNY Purchase

Syracuse University

Temple University

Tennessee State University

Texas State University

The College of Saint Rose

The University of Tampa

The University of Tennessee

Union College (NY)

Universidad Ana G. Mendez-PR

University at Albany SUNY

University at Buffalo SUNY

University of Connecticut

University of Hartford

University of Kentucky

University of Maine

University of Maryland

University of Massachusetts

University of Mount Union

University of New England

University of New Hampshire

University of New Haven

University of Pittsburgh

University of Rhode Island

University of Vermont

Utica University

Vassar College

Vermont State University

Walsh University

Wells College

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

York College of Pennsylvania