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High School Profile 2025-2026

School and Community: An education-oriented community with high expectations for its schools, the Port Jefferson School District serves a suburban area on the North Shore of Long Island, sixty miles east of New York City. Proximity to Stony Brook University, the University Hospital and Brookhaven National Laboratory makes this largely a residential area for professional people.

Earl L. Vandermeulen High School (ELVHS) is a four-year public school with a student enrollment of 327 and a teaching enrollment of 47. The faculty/student ratio of 1:7 is one of the best on Long Island. The academic emphasis at the secondary school is college preparatory. Typically, an average of 95% of each year's graduating class attends college.

According to U.S. News and World Report, Earl L. Vandermeulen was ranked 734 out of 17,901 public high schools nationally, 77 in New York State, 107 in the Metro area and 4 in Suffolk County. ELVHS was ranked 51 for STEM High Schools nationally. ELVHS was ranked among The NAMM Foundation's "Best Communities for Music Education" for the 19th consecutive year. The high school was also named a School of Distinction by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Curriculum: The courses of study of Earl L. Vandermeulen High School conform to the policies of the New York State Board of Regents and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. One credit is awarded for one full-year of study in a subject successfully completed. One-half credit is awarded for each semester course or a class that meets on alternating days for a full year. One-quarter credit is awarded for a course that meets on alternating days for one semester.

Covid-19: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, our school transitioned to full remote learning from March 16 thru June 26, 2020. The 2020-2021 school year started with a hybrid school day. Our students received one day of asynchronous learning and four days of synchronous learning with two days of in-person instruction and two days of real time directed instruction through our livestream Google classrooms. On January 12, 2021, we transitioned into four days of in person learning and one day of asynchronous learning. On March 8, 2021, we moved to a full return to school with five days of in person classroom instruction. Some students opted to learn in a fully remote model and participate in real-time via livestream on all the synchronous days. Since the 2021-2022 school year, we have operated with five days of in person instruction. We did not offer a fully remote model after the 2020-2021 school year.

As per New York State Education Department, all students (in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021) in Regents level course(s) who passed the course(s) earned an exemption, shown as an "E" on their transcripts for the corresponding exam(s). For more information on NYSED Regents Exemptions, please see this guidance document: <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/state-assessment/faq-june-august-2021-assessments.pdf>. In June 2022, NYSED updated their guidance on Regents exams scoring. A Special Appeal was put in place for all Regents Exams taken in June 2022, January 2023, June 2023 and August 2023 which if used is designated on the student's transcripts with "SA" next to the examination. Please see the FAQ guidance document for full details. <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/faqspecialappealtoearnplomalowerscoreregents.pdf>.

Course Offerings: Students have the opportunity to choose from a wide array of electives. We offer 8th grade accelerated courses in math, science and LOTE. Students need a recommendation for enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement core subject areas. Additionally, we offer a number of AP courses that can be self-selected as an elective. Dual Enrollment courses are available through Stony Brook University, Long Island University and Suffolk County Community College. Courses run based on student interest, and while there is no limit to the number of AP Courses students can take, our small school size means not every course runs each year. In fact, 70 of our courses are singletons, which can sometimes lead to scheduling conflicts. The first offering of AP Human Geography as a 9th grade Social Studies class is this year 2025-2026 and as of June 2025, we no longer offer our Latin program.

Honors Courses

Calculus X	Global 9X
English 9X	Global 10X
English 10X	Pre-Calculus X
English 11X	US History X
English 12X	

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

American History	Human Geography
Biology	Italian Language
Calculus AB	Latin Vergil
Calculus BC	Macroeconomics
Capstone Seminar	Music Theory
Capstone Research	Physics
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science Principles	Spanish Language
Computer Science A	Spanish Literature
English Language & Composition	Statistics
English Literature	Studio Art
Environmental Science	World History
French Language	

Dual Enrollment Courses

Spanish 3, 4 & 5
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
French 3, 4 & 5
AP French Language
Italian 3, 4 & 5
AP Italian Language
Latin 3, 4, 5,
AP Latin Vergil
AP United States History
AP Psychology
Calculus X
Pre-Calculus X
Pre-Calculus
Broadcast Journalism

How we weight: The GPA includes all course grades, except pass/fail courses, taken at the high school, as well as accelerated courses taken at our middle school. The final GPA which appears on the transcript is weighted. Weighted grades of **1.025 for Honors Courses** and **1.075 for Advanced Placement Courses** are used for the purpose of obtaining a “Weighted Average”. Individual course grades, as reported on the transcript, are **not** weighted. **Grade point averages for transfer students include only grades earned at Earl L. Vandermeulen High School.**

Grading scale: 100 point scale; A = 90 – 100; B = 80 – 89; C = 70 – 79; D = 65 – 69; F = 0 – 64 Our grading policy was unchanged during the time of Covid-19.

Class Rank: Because of our strong academic program and small class size, **we do not rank** our students with the exception of identifying the Valedictorian and Salutatorian based upon the highest weighted GPA.

Graduation Requirements: Students must earn at least 22.5 credits for a NYS High School Diploma. Port Jefferson students typically earn well above the minimum credits, which include: 4 English; 4 Social Studies; 3 Mathematics; 3 Science; 1 World Language; 1 Fine Arts; 2 Physical Education, .5 Health, .5 Public Speaking (local graduation requirement), 3.5 elective. In addition, each student must complete 32 hours of community service prior to graduation.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS 2025		
Subject	Number Enrolled	% of Grades 3 or Higher
2-D Art and Design	3	100
3-D Art and Design*	1	100
Biology	32	90.6
Calculus AB	16	93.8
Calculus BC	17	82.4
Chemistry	28	85.7
Computer Science A	9	77.8
Computer Science Principles	28	57.1
English Language & Composition	33	97.0
English Literature & Composition	27	100
Environmental Science	18	83.3
Italian Language & Culture	1	100
German Language & Culture*	3	66.7
Latin	3	100
Macro Economics	29	69
Micro Economics*	2	100
Physics 1	13	100
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism*	2	50
Physics C: Mechanics*	1	100
Psychology	3	100
Research	13	92.3
Seminar	38	100
Spanish Language & Culture	6	50
Spanish Literature & Culture	7	85.7
Statistics	14	85.7
US History	49	75.5
World History	18	100

Advanced Placement Testing (2025):

- 152 students took 411 exams in 27 AP academic subjects
- 85.53% of the students received a score of 3 or better.
- *31 AP Scholars*
- *18 AP Scholars with Honor*
- *41 AP Scholars with Distinction*
- *12 AP Capstone Diplomas*
- *1 AP Seminar & Research Certificate*

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

CLASS OF 2025

1- Finalist
6- Commended

* Indicates AP exams taken as self-study. Courses not available.

Post-Graduation Plans Class of 2025 – Class Size 77 students – 66 seniors attending four-year colleges (86%), 9 seniors attending two-year colleges (12%), 1 senior entering the workforce (1%), 1 senior - other (1%)

American University
Assumption University
Barnard College
Binghamton University
Brown University
California Institute of Technology
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Columbia University in the City of NY
Cornell University
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College
CUNY Macaulay Honors College
East Carolina University
Emerson College
Farmingdale State College
Fitchburg State University
Flagler College
Fordham University

Georgia Institute of Technology
High Point University
Hunter Business School – Suffolk
Iowa State University
Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte
Johnson & Wales University – Providence
Marquette University
Mercy University
Morehouse College
Muhlenberg College
North Carolina State University – Raleigh
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Oberlin College
Pace University
Sacred Heart University
St. John fisher University
State University of NY at New Paltz

Stony Brook University
Suffolk County Community College
SUNY at Purchase College
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY College at Plattsburgh
SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Oneonta
The Catholic University of America
The University of Alabama
Towson University
University at Buffalo
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Massachusetts – Amherst
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor