



**PORT JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EARL L. VANDERMEULEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**High School Profile 2026-2027**

**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 306 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.

Earl L. Vandermeulen High School has earned Platinum distinction on the 2025 Advanced Placement (AP) School Honor Roll, the highest level of recognition awarded by the College Board. Earl L. Vandermeulen was also recognized by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) as a School of Distinction for the 2025-2026 school year. According to U.S. News and World Report, Earl L. Vandermeulen is ranked 305 in New York State, 419 in the Metro area and 9,254 in the Nation. According to Niche, ELVHS is ranked 15 Best Public High Schools in Suffolk County. ELVHS was ranked among The NAMM Foundation's "Best Communities for Music Education" for the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

**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 and Major Life Exemptions:** 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/faqspecialappealtoearnndiplomalowerscoreregents.pdf>. New York State Major Life Exemptions is shown as an "E" on their transcript. Please see the [NYSED website](http://www.nysed.gov) for full details.

**Course Offerings:** Students have the opportunity to choose from a wide array of electives. We offer 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11X | Pre-Calculus X |
| English 12X | US History X   |

**Advanced Placement (AP) Courses**

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

**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  
AP English Literature  
AP United States History  
AP Psychology  
Calculus X  
Pre-Calculus X  
Pre-Calculus  
College Accounting  
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

**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 cumulative weighted GPA including first semester of senior year.

**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.

| <b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS<br/>2026</b> |                        |                                |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Subject</b>                           | <b>Number Enrolled</b> | <b>% of Grades 3 or Higher</b> |
| 2-D Art and Design                       | 2                      | 100                            |
| Art History*                             | 1                      | 100                            |
| Biology                                  | 16                     | 93.8                           |
| Calculus AB                              | 15                     | 86.7                           |
| Calculus BC                              | 18                     | 100                            |
| Chemistry                                | 25                     | 88.0                           |
| Computer Science Principles              | 41                     | 53.7                           |
| English Language & Composition           | 39                     | 92.3                           |
| English Literature & Composition         | 30                     | 86.7                           |
| French Language & Culture                | 4                      | 75.0                           |
| Human Geography                          | 39                     | 84.6                           |
| Macro Economics                          | 21                     | 85.7                           |
| Micro Economics*                         | 1                      | 100                            |
| Music Theory                             | 6                      | 33.3                           |
| Physics 1                                | 15                     | 100                            |
| Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism*      | 2                      | 100                            |
| Physics C: Mechanics*                    | 2                      | 100                            |
| Research                                 | 6                      | 100                            |
| Seminar                                  | 39                     | 97.4                           |
| Spanish Language & Culture               | 14                     | 64.3                           |
| Spanish Literature & Culture             | 5                      | 60.0                           |
| Statistics                               | 22                     | 86.4                           |
| US History                               | 45                     | 82.2                           |
| World History                            | 24                     | 75.0                           |

#### **Advanced Placement Testing (2026):**

- 175 students took 432 exams in 24 AP academic subjects
- 84% of the students received a score of 3 or better.
- *28 AP Scholars*
- *11 AP Scholars with Honor*
- *45 AP Scholars with Distinction*
- *6 AP Capstone Diplomas*

#### ***CLASS OF 2026***

#### **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

2 – Semi-finalists

4 – Commended

**Coca-Cola Scholars Semi-Finalist: 1**

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

**Post-Graduation Plans Class of 2026 – Class Size 83 students** – 66 seniors attending four-year colleges (80%), 7 seniors attending two-year colleges (8%), 7 seniors entering the workforce (8%), 3 seniors - other (4%)

Adelphi University  
Apex Technical School  
Bard College  
Brown University  
California Institute of Technology  
Cornell University  
CUNY-The City University of New York  
Emerson College  
Farmingdale State College  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida Atlantic University  
James Madison University  
Lehigh University  
Manhattan University  
Marist University  
Princeton University

Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Sacred Heart University  
San Diego State University  
St. Joseph's University, NY – LI Campus  
St. Lawrence University  
Suffolk County Community College  
SUNY Binghamton University  
SUNY Buffalo University  
SUNY Geneseo  
SUNY New Paltz  
SUNY Oneonta  
SUNY Oswego  
SUNY Plattsburgh  
SUNY Purchase College  
SUNY Stony Brook University

Syracuse University  
Temple University  
The University of Tampa  
Tufts University  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Hartford  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of Rhode Island  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology  
Villanova University  
Virginia Tech  
Western Connecticut State University  
William & Mary  
Yale University