



ROY C. KETCHAM SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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2019-2020 School Profile

OUR SCHOOL

"Dedicated to Excellence"

Established in 1962, Roy C. Ketcham High School is a four-year public high school serving grades 9-12 in the Wappingers Central School District. Informally known as Ketcham or RCK, our school has been listed among the top 1000 schools in the nation by *MSNBC/Newsweek Magazine*.

Principal
David Seipp

Enrollment: 1674 students

Senior Class: 438 students

School Year: Two 20 week semesters

School Day: Eight 46 minute periods

Accreditation

New York State Department of Education
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
via The Tri-State Consortium (NY,CT, NJ)

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OUR COMMUNITY

The Wappingers Central School District is one of the largest school districts in New York State with an enrollment of over 12,000 students. The District covers 110 square miles in southern Dutchess County and serves a residential suburban community with a population of approximately 75,000. A large percentage of our residents are college graduates engaged in professional careers. Our community is rich in retail and professional employment opportunities. IBM Corporation is a major local employer, along with other computer-related and "high tech" manufacturing companies. New York City is within commuting distance. Vassar College, Marist College, and Dutchess Community College are located in nearby Poughkeepsie. Other institutions of higher learning in the area include: Bard College, Mount Saint Mary College, the State University of New York at New Paltz, and the Culinary Institute of America.

OUR FACULTY

Ninety-five percent of district faculty hold a Master's degree or higher and nearly fifty percent have ten or more years of teaching experience. The student-to-teacher ratio at Ketcham is approximately 15:1.

ACADEMICS

Ketcham students benefit from a rich curriculum including courses in art, business, family and consumer science, health, English Language Arts, mathematics, music, physical education, science, social studies, technology, and world languages (French, Italian and Spanish).

Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts.....	4.00
Social Studies.....	4.00
Math.....	3.00
Science.....	3.00
Foreign Language.....	1.00
Health.....	0.50
Physical Education.....	2.00
Art/Music.....	1.00
Electives.....	3.50
Total Credits Required.....	22.00

Students must demonstrate proficiency by passing a minimum of five New York State Regents Examinations in English, Social Studies, Science, Math or alternative pathway.

Class Rank & Grade Point Average

Grade point averages reported to colleges and universities are **unweighted**. Class rank is **weighted**.

Weighting System

Regular Regents	1.00
Honors	1.05
AP/College Courses	1.10

Grades based on a 100 point scale, with 65% the minimum passing grade.

Advanced Placement Courses (subject to enrollment)

In 2019, 213 Ketcham students took a total of 403 AP exams. Fifty-five of our students qualified as AP Scholars.

AP Courses (20 Total)

AP Biology	AP History: European
AP Calculus - AB	AP History: US
AP Calculus - BC	AP History: World
AP Chemistry	AP Italian Language
AP English Language	AP Music Theory
AP English Literature	AP Participation in Govt.
AP Env. Science	AP Physics
AP French Language	AP Spanish Language
AP Macro Economics	AP Statistics
AP Micro Economics	AP Studio Art

AP Recognition

Class of	2019	2018	2017
AP Scholars	22	21	15
AP Scholars w/ Honor	21	10	14
AP Scholars w/ Distinction	11	9	17
National Scholars	1	2	1

College Programs (Concurrent Enrollment)

Ketcham also has a strong concurrent enrollment program. Ketcham juniors and seniors will take college classes on our campus through agreements with Dutchess Community College, Marist College, Syracuse University, and SUNY Albany. In addition, many students will take Project Lead the Way pre-engineering courses through the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Concurrent Enrollment Courses (subject to enrollment)

DCC English 101 & 102	DCC Economics
DCC Government	DCC Psychology
DCC Accounting	Project Lead the Way (RIT)
DCC Pre-Calculus	Forensic Science (Syracuse)
DCC Calculus	Italian (SUNY Albany)

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Roy C. Ketcham High School offers a complete range of extracurricular programs in which a majority of our student body is actively involved. Approximately, thirty-five teams and thirty clubs involve students in special interest areas including interscholastic sports, drama, music, art, literature, journalism, business, government, debate, and academic pursuits. As well, graduates logged over 15,000 hours of community service both as a requirement to graduate and to lend a hand to the community.

Standardized Testing

Class of 2019 SAT SCORES

Total Mean Scores

(Number of students tested: 240)

Total Mean Score 1097

Reading/Writing Mean Score – 553

Math Mean Score - 544

National Merit Recognition

Class of	2018	2017	2016
Commended	2	7	2
Semifinalists	1	0	0
Finalists	1	0	0

The Class of 2019 had 398 graduates. 89% continued their formal education full time, 41% enrolled in four year colleges and universities, 47% enrolled in two-year colleges, and 1% in vocational schools. Of the other graduates, 3% enlisted in the military and 5% entered the workforce and 3% were undecided. There were fourteen recipients of the New York State Regents Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Recent graduates were accepted by some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. Locally, RCK graduates attended Dutchess Community College, Marist College, Mount Saint Mary College, SUNY New Paltz, Vassar College, and the Culinary Institute of America.

Diploma Summary - Class of 2018

Of the 398 graduating seniors, 41% percent received Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation, 51% received Regents Diplomas, 6% received local diplomas, and 1% received CDOS or other certification.