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Hoboken High School

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Greetings to My Future Redwing Families,

I know this is the time of year when 8th grade students begin to apply to private and county schools. I am writing to inform you of all that Hoboken High School has to offer. We are no longer a hidden gem. I am proud to say that we are a shining crown jewel with many programs to tout and accomplishments to highlight.

Beginning next year Hoboken High School will launch the Advanced Placement (AP) Academy. We have always offered AP courses but beginning with the freshman class in September 2021 we will be offering Pre AP courses in English, Algebra, Geometry and Biology as well as AP World History. This is not merely honors level coursework, but College Board Certified Pre AP Curriculum. Our teachers will attend professional development offered by the College Board for each of the content areas above and will follow the curriculum set forth to ensure students are prepared for AP classes in all content areas.

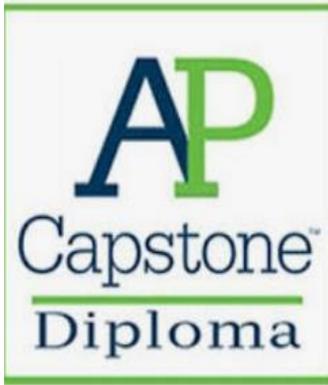
The Advanced Placement Academy is a rigorous academic program in which students will take at least eight AP courses across disciplines between grades 9 through 12. This program will challenge students to display exceptional achievement on AP exams.

Why should you consider our Advanced Placement Academy?

- Earn college credit
- Stand out in the college admissions process (Power of the Transcript)
- Gain skills that will help you succeed in college
- Broaden your intellectual horizons
- Earn AP Scholar Awards
- Gain self-confidence
- Advance critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Connect with leading mentors in various career fields for a variety of opportunities

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For those seeking further challenges in the area of independent research, Hoboken High School is just one of two in Hudson County that offers the AP Capstone Program and distinguished Diploma. This innovative diploma program equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communications skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. The AP Capstone Program is built upon the foundation of two AP courses - AP Seminar and AP Research - and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP exams will receive the AP Capstone Diploma.

At Hoboken High School, all students take Introductory Courses in Biomedical Science, Engineering and Computer Science during their freshman year of study. We are out in front of state and national initiatives, using the Project Lead the Way curriculum. In 2019, Hoboken High School was named a National School of Distinction by Project Lead the Way for its commitment to implementing the PLTW curriculum and course sequence, and for student achievement on course assessments.

While our Advanced Placement Academy and the AP Capstone Program are extremely rigorous, students do have the opportunity to challenge themselves with singleton Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement courses of their choice and select from a range of interesting electives. Our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion also includes coursework in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, African American and Latino History and Culture, and People who have Shaped the World. Hoboken High School is equipped with excellent support and special services, and a Guidance Department that is topnotch.

As you can see, we are serious about the level of academic rigor at Hoboken High School and I am confident that we are the right choice for you. Over the past few years we have continued to challenge students and push them toward academic success. Our recent graduates have earned over \$17 million dollars in college and university scholarships and an additional \$70,000 in private scholarships. Per pupil, this far exceeds the amounts earned by those attending High Tech or County Prep. Our 4-year graduation cohort rate has reached 98.9% and our Class of 2020's college and university acceptance rate was 97%. Our students work extremely hard to achieve their goals.

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We offer a variety of NJSIAA athletics over three seasons. During the fall season, our Athletic Department offers football, boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball and cheerleading. During the winter season, we offer boys and girls basketball, boys and girls swimming, boys and girls bowling, boys and girls wrestling and indoor track. During the spring season, we offer baseball, softball, outdoor track, boys volleyball, and boys and girls lacrosse. As you can see with fourteen athletic offerings, there are many choices to meet the interests of all our student athletes. Currently, we are also surveying families about a new offering for the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited to bring ice hockey to Hoboken High School, as this has been a sport on the rise over the past few years. We are also extremely proud of the fact that our student athletes have received the NJSIAA Sportsmanship Award four out of the past five years.

Our brag sheet for co-curricular activities is also quite impressive. Hoboken High School's Theater Program, led by Ms. Danielle Miller, is quite accomplished. Our one act play won First Place in the New Jersey Thespians Festival out of the attending 51 schools and over 1,350 competing students. Hoboken High School's Theater Program also took home top acting awards in the Hudson County Teen Arts Festival, outperforming all other Hudson County schools. Through these accomplishments we have been invited to compete at the International Thespians Festival in Indiana in June for the past four years with national and international teams.

Hoboken High School's Harvard Model Congress, Model UN, and Mock Trial teams, coached by Mr. Steve D'Bernardo and Mr. Paul Huggins, are impressive as well. Our debate team has traveled to Spain for the International Harvard Model Congress Competition and received Awards of Excellence and Honorable Mentions in five categories. Five students won awards, making Hoboken High School one of the top achieving schools at the Conference in Spain. Our Mock Trial team took home First Place in New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Hudson County Competition out performing 15 public and private school competitors to become the 2020 Hudson County Mock Trial Champions.

I am sure you have heard about our Rockin' Redwings. Director, Mr. Dave Stasiak has done a phenomenal job building this music program which includes a marching band, color guard, a competition band, and chorus. Recently, our district won the NAMM Foundation Award for Best Communities for Music Education. The Rockin' Redwings have traveled down to Washington D.C. in both 2017 and in 2019 to perform in the National Memorial Day parade. The marching band has also won numerous awards in Bloomfield Marching Festival, West Orange Marching Festival and the Wayne Hills State Ratings Festival. Students participate in summer band camps and practice all year long.



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In addition, to those co-curricular programs mentioned above, Hoboken High School also offers a range of extra-curricular clubs and activities. Here are a few of our more popular clubs at Hoboken High School:

African American Culture Club	Art Club	Computer Science Club
Diversity Club	Environmental Science Club	Gay Straight Alliance
Hispanic Culture Club	International Club	Math Competition Team
National Honor Society	National Spanish Honor Society	Student Council

In 2016, we began Classroom without Walls, an international travel program at Hoboken High School. Since 2016, our Hoboken High School Redwings have travelled to France, England, Spain, Italy and Japan. Unfortunately, our trip to Greece was postponed last spring but it has already been rescheduled. This spring, we are scheduled to explore the Galapagos Islands. In partnership with EF Tours, students may earn credits while travelling with us and earn scholarships for extended summer study abroad programs.

Given all this, I hope that you make what I believe to be the best choice and join our Redwing Family. In order to learn even more about Hoboken High School, you may reach out to me directly at robin.piccapietra@hoboken.k12.nj.us for a private or small group meeting or you may also register for our [Redwing for a Day](#) program. [Redwing for a Day](#) is for students who would like to experience our school community by visiting our school for a day, partnered with one of our established Redwings. You may find more information on our website at www.hoboken.k12.nj.us to register.

Sincerely,

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