

West Essex Regional School District



Assessments and Ranking
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West Essex AP Participation & Performance

CollegeBoard

AP

<i>Total Students Summary</i>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total AP enrollment	578	658	738	843	714	679	810
# of AP Exams taken	561	649	724	836	720	675	786
% of Students who took the exam	97%	99%	98%	99%	100%	99%	97%
<i># of Students enrolled in 1 or more AP courses</i>	220	261	279	296	286	284	299
<i>% of Total AP Students with Scores of ≥ 3</i>	85%	76%	79%	83%	83%	89%	78%



West Essex SAT Results

Reading, Writing, Mathematics



Classes of/ Subject	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	¹ 2021
² Reading/EWR	518	541	565	591	579	552	579
Mathematics	541	576	568	584	588	558	578
Reading + Mathematics	1059	1117	1133	1175	1168	1110	1158

¹Scores represent WE students in the Class of 2021 who took the SAT at any time during their HS years. For students who took the exam more than once, only their most recent score was used.

²Beginning in 2017, Reading and Writing were combined into 1 section entitled “Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW).”

Media Rankings





West Essex Ranking

[Niche.com](https://www.niche.com)



District's Overall Ranking in NJ

- **2022 - #14**
- **2021 - #22**
- **2020 - #41**

Methodology for Overall Ranking

- **Academics (50%)** - state testing, SAT/ACT scores, AP enrollment/passing rate, graduation rate, student-teacher ratios, surveys from students and parents...
- **Teachers (15%)** - absenteeism, tenure, salaries, student-teacher ratio, surveys...
- **Culture & Diversity (10%)** - including race, gender, and economically disadvantaged, surveys...
- **Health & Safety (5%)** - student absenteeism, cost per student, suspensions, surveys...
- **Resources/Facilities (5%)** - cost per student, student-counselor ratio, student-teacher ratio, surveys
- **Clubs & Activities (2.5%)** - cost per student, student-teacher ratio, sports, surveys...
- **Sports (2.5%)** - enrollment, # of sports offered, participation, championships, surveys...
- **Overall Feedback (10%)** - surveys from parents and students on their overall experience



West Essex Ranking

U.S. News & World Report



Ranking of "Best High Schools" in New Jersey

- **2021 - #63**
- **2020 - #73**
- **2019 - #149**

Methodology for Ranking

- **Standardized Test Scores (40%)**
- **College Readiness (30%)**
- **Graduation Rates (10%)**
- **College Curriculum Breadth (10%)**
- **Underserved Student Performance (10%)**



Using Data to Improve Student Outcomes



- District Goal for SY2122
- Data Team
 - 21 staff members representing both schools in all content areas
- Professional Data Consultant
 - Dr. Tracey Severns, [Teach4Results](#)
 - Summer training for Data Team and administrative staff
 - Ongoing Professional Development for all staff
- [LinkIt](#)
 - Online tool for collecting, analyzing, and storing student data
 - Standardized pre-assessments to identify learning deficiencies
 - Benchmark assessments to measure student growth
 - Will be hearing more about LinkIt as the school year progresses



THANK YOU

**to our students, teachers, and staff for their sacrifices & dedication
to our Superintendent and Board of Education for their support**