

## GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROFILE

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- ❖ Enrollment as of May 2015: 3,894
- ❖ Students attend seven schools:
  - Three Primary Schools (Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade): Hemlock, Homestead, and Locust
  - Two Elementary Schools (Grades 2-5): Stewart and Stratford
  - One Middle School (Grades 6-8)
  - One High School (Grades 9-12)

### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ❖ All eligible schools in the district (Stewart, Stratford, Middle School and High School) have been honored with the prestigious Blue Ribbon by the United States Department of Education
- ❖ High School, Middle School, and Stratford were named 2014 New York State Reward Schools
- ❖ Garden City Middle School was re-designated as a 2014 National and New York State Essentials Elements School to Watch
- ❖ Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of 695 school districts in New York State by *The New York Times*' 10-year study of student achievement on standardized tests
- ❖ According to schooldigger.com, Garden City High School ranked 8<sup>th</sup> of all high schools in New York State
- ❖ Garden City High School is consistently ranked as one of the best in the nation by *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report* and the *Washington Post*
- ❖ High School students met or exceeded international benchmarks on the PISA Exam for High Schools
- ❖ 99% of the graduating Class of 2014 are attending college, with 95% at four-year colleges
- ❖ 86% of the Class of 2014 accepted to *Princeton Review*'s "Best Colleges"
- ❖ Class of 2015: 2 Merit Scholarship Finalist (20 since 2009), 15 Commended Students (61 since 2009), 2 National Merit Hispanic Scholars
- ❖ Ranked #1 in New York State by ProPublica Foundation for percentage of students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- ❖ 20 AP opportunities; 10 courses offered for college credit in business and world languages
- ❖ Class of 2014: The College Board named 206 AP Scholars, including 18 National Scholars
- ❖ Class of 2014: 99% of graduates receive Regents Diplomas; 89% of students received Advanced Regents or Advanced Regents with Honors diplomas, the highest levels of distinction possible
- ❖ Low per pupil expenditures and low tax rates compared to other local high quality districts
- ❖ Low class sizes in all grades (average of mid-twenties) in grades 1-12; 20 is maximum in kindergarten
- ❖ Growing math and science research programs at middle and high schools, including INTEL National Finalist, Grand Prize Winners at LI Science & Engineering Fair and New York State Science & Engineering Fair, Siemens Semi-Finalists, National Broadcom MASTERS Semi-Finalist, Flame Challenge Winner, ExploraVision awards, and multiple Math Olympiad and Long Island Math Fair Gold Medals
- ❖ Quest, a program for gifted and talented students, provides challenging work for students in grades 3-5
- ❖ Spanish language instruction offered at the elementary schools, beginning in grade 4; program selected as model for New York State. Program was named "New York State 2011 Outstanding FLES Program
- ❖ Garden City mastery scores (above 85%) ranked in the top 5 among similar districts on 10 of the 11 Regents exams, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in Geometry and Living Environment, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Physics, Algebra 2/Trigonometry and U.S. History

- ❖ Multi-grade, multidisciplinary research curriculum
- ❖ Robotics programs at middle school; new Robotics Club at High School
- ❖ Award winning engineering program at High School (STEM), New York State Master Teacher
- ❖ Special education program provides outstanding support and remedial services; many inclusion-based programs; Structured socialization and sports programs for students with special needs
- ❖ Five languages offered at the high school level: Spanish, French, Italian, German, and Latin
- ❖ Named as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” by the NAMM Foundation three years in a row; Grammy Foundation Signature School award semi-finalist four years in a row
- ❖ Recognized for achievement in the arts including Music Educators National Conference and All-State musicians, and top trophies at annual “Music in the Parks” competitions, New York State and All-County art exhibitions; a record three students selected to “Long Island’s Best” at Heckscher Museum of Art
- ❖ Tradition of success in interscholastic athletics; 36 Varsity teams; 17 Junior Varsity; 87 teams compete in interscholastic athletics (53 at the High School, 34 at the Middle School); Kickline also offered; numerous Conference, County, Regional, State and National champions
- ❖ GCHS has been cited nine times as a *Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction*; 40 News 12 Scholar-Athletes
- ❖ Dozens of extracurricular activities available at high and middle schools
- ❖ Other honors: Presidential Volunteer Awards, National WordWright Challenge winners, numerous awards in national and regional world language competitions, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) regional first place awards, Stock Market Game regional winning team for two consecutive years, high school named WISE “Blue Star” school for business education for the fourth consecutive year

❖ <b>2014 SAT:</b>	<u>Critical Reading</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Mean</u>
	Garden City High School	564	Garden City High School	556
	New York State	488	New York State	478
	National	497	National	487
	<u>Math</u>	<u>Mean</u>		
	Garden City High School	582		
	New York State	502		
	National	513		

- ❖ Elementary and middle school test scores rank among the highest in the State
- ❖ Extensive character education programs at all levels, including the award-winning BRAVE Program (anti-bullying) at the middle school and Students Helping Students at the high school
- ❖ Full elementary music program including instrumental and vocal performance; Extensive elementary school musical theater programs, including the longest continuously running opera performance series (77 years)
- ❖ Primary schools (Kindergarten and Grade 1) provide small, personalized, friendly environments for young students, combined with an intensive focus on literacy and mathematics
- ❖ Garden City High School is an Affiliate School of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History; schools utilize state-of-the-art technology, including extensive use of SMART Boards, SMART tables and tablets; virtual field trips; advanced courses in computer technology offered at the high school; SMART Music program featured on the *CBS News* as cutting-edge innovation
- ❖ Additional Offerings: Continuing Education, Pre-K-12 Summer Enrichment Program, Camp Invention, an elementary-level science camp, Winter Program for Kids (8 Saturdays), K-5 After School Child Care, expanding on-line academic support initiatives.