

# Skaneateles Central Schools

'Excellence in Education'



## A REPORT TO COLLEGES — 2015-2016 PROFILE

This brochure has been prepared to assist Admissions Offices in evaluating the credentials of graduates of Skaneateles High School.

**COMMUNITY:** The Skaneateles Central School District is centered on and around Skaneateles Lake, often referred to as "the jewel of the Finger Lakes." The district includes the historic Village of Skaneateles and several townships nestled throughout the rolling hills. The district's most important natural asset, however, is a highly engaged and educated community of people who support education, the arts, athletics and a thriving education foundation (Skaneateles Education Foundation). As a result, Skaneateles students embrace learning from kindergarten through graduation. About 18 miles southwest of Syracuse, the school district has 1,400 students (and about 8,900 residents – 2,700 in the village).

**SCHOOL:** The high school's 525 students are academically competitive and high performing, as well as community-service oriented. Nationally recognized for excellence, the high school offers a wide range of curriculum through more than 130 courses -from Regents level to more rigorous Honors and AP classes in all major academic areas.

**ACCREDITATION AND AWARDS:** New York State Board of Regents; Washington Post- Most Challenging High Schools in the Nation (2014); Governors Award for Excellence; National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (United States Department of Education); The University of the State of New York Education Department Reward School 2014

**GRADUATION OUTCOMES:** 1) Effective Communicators 2) Effective Goal Achievers 3) Critical and Creative Thinkers 4) Collaborative Contributors 5) Quality Producers

**CURRICULUM:** A more detailed description of courses is available in the Skaneateles High School Program of Studies Guide which can be found on our website.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** *Advanced Placement (AP)* : English Composition and Literature, English Composition and Language, Calculus AB, Statistics, Physics 1, Music Theory, World History, US History, European History, Spanish, Latin, Biology and Environmental Science

*Onondaga Community College:* English Composition and Literature, Business 10, Mathematics of Business & Finance

*SUNY Albany:* Participation in Government, Economics

*SUNY Oswego:* French, Spanish

*Rochester Institute of Technology (Project Lead The Way):* Design and Drawing for Production, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Digital Electronics, Principles of Engineering, Engineering Design and Development

*Honors Courses:* English (9, 10, and 12), Science (Biology and Chemistry), Music (Band, Orchestra, Chorus), Art (Advanced Art and Photography), Math (Geometry, Algebra II and Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus)

## WEIGHTING AND RANKING:

Beginning this year, we will no longer be weighting any of our courses and we will no longer be reporting rank. In the past we used a four-tiered weighting system and reported a weighted GPA for all of our students. **We will now report only the unweighted GPA on all transcripts.**

Under the old policy we ranked the top 10% of our students. **With the policy change, we will no longer be reporting rank for any of our students.** The decision to make these changes was based on both extensive research and the fact that our policy was not in the best interest for all of our students. Our goal is to encourage our students to focus on taking the most rigorous courses that fit with their specific academic needs and college goals, and to continue to foster an environment that encourages a life-long love of learning.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

All credit bearing courses are included in the GPA calculation. An unweighted GPA is calculated for each student at the end of their junior year. The GPA distribution seems to be a fair means of determining a student's standing in his/her class, given our school's competitiveness.

### GPA Grade Distribution for the Class of 2016

GPA	# of students
97-100	2
93-96	35
90-92	28
87-89	21
83-86	18
80-82	10
77-79	7
73-76	8
70-72	2
65-69	2
Below 65	0

### Advanced Placement (AP) Program

	Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
Total # of Students Tested	176	186	174	200
Total # of Tests Taken	259	286	245	354
AP Equity and Excellence Score	48.9%	56.9%	51.2%	51.3%
Scored 3 or better	78%	77%	75%	89%

### Class of 2015 Enhanced American College Entrance Examination Test

(ACT) Composite	26
Number Tested	77
Number Graduated	121

Scale	SAT Critical Reading			SAT Math		
	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
700-800	7	5	8	5	4	11
600-690	33	27	33	41	29	25
500-590	52	55	37	51	42	40
400-490	27	12	17	21	29	20
300-390	5	6	5	6	1	4
250-290	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	124	105	100	124	105	100
Mean	554	557	566	560	554	567

## Post-Secondary Institutions, Colleges and Universities For The Class Of 2015

### *Four Year Colleges for the Class of 2015*

Babson College	John Carroll University	St. John Fisher College
Baldwin Wallace University	Keuka College (2)	St. Lawrence University (2)
Bentley University	Lehigh University	Siena College (2)
Boston University	LeMoyne College (4)	Skidmore College
Brigham Young University	Loyola University (2)	SUNY Albany
Champlain College	Lycoming College)	SUNY Brockport
Clemson University	Miami University Oxford (2)	SUNY Cortland
Colby College	Muhlenberg College	SUNY Fredonia
Cornell University (4)	New York University	SUNY Geneseo
Drexel University	Niagara University (2)	SUNY Oswego
Eastman School of Music	Northeastern University	Susquehanna University
Elon University (2)	Northwestern University	Syracuse University (4)
Emory University	Purdue University	U.S. Military Academy West Point
Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Delaware
Gettysburg College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maryland
Green Mountain College	Rochester Institute of Technology (3)	University of Notre Dame
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2)	Rutgers University	Utica College
Houghton College	St. Bonaventure University	Villanova University
Ithaca College (2)		Yale University

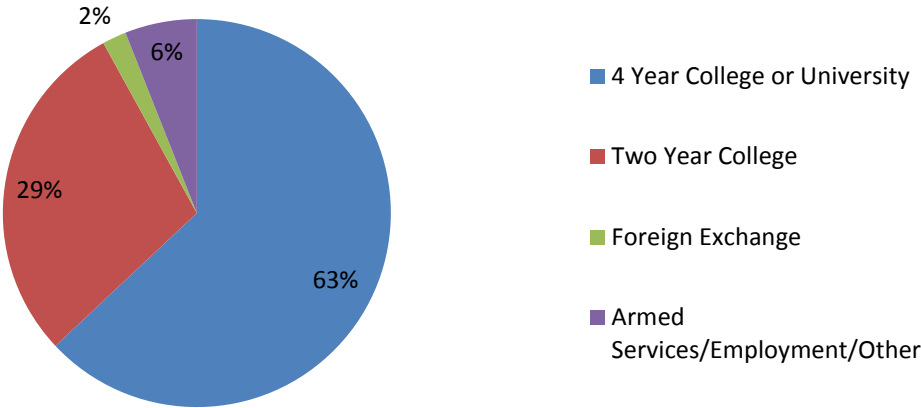
### *Two Year Colleges for the Class of 2015*

Cayuga Community College (7)  
 Bucks County Community College  
 Jefferson Community College  
 Onondaga Community College (17)  
 SUNY Morrisville  
 SUNY Delhi (2)  
 SUNY Alfred

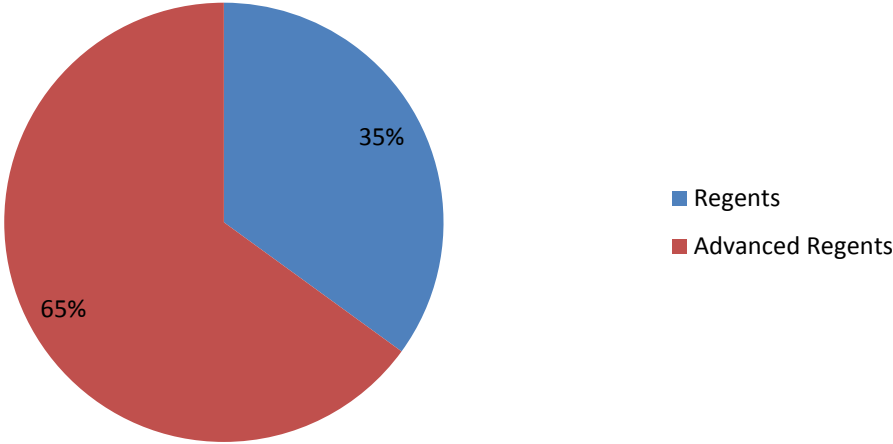
Armed Services  
 Air Force, Army, Marines

Foreign Exchange Countries for the Class of 2015  
 Finland, Germany

### Graduation Destinations for the Class of 2015



### Diplomas Earned by the Class of 2015



**Policy on Visits/Preferred Schedule:** Counselor and student interviews by college representatives and the Armed Services are welcomed and encouraged. Advance notification of at least one week is recommended.

Mr. Kenneth Slentz, Superintendent

Mr. Gregory Santoro: High School Principal

Mr. Michael Major: Asst. Principal/ Athletic Director

Mrs. Barbara Drozynski: School Counselor (A-F)

Ms. Jessica Walsh: School Counselor (G-O)

Mrs. Mary Lou Ingram: School Counselor (P-Z)

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