

Jersey City Public Schools
DR. RONALD E. MCNAIR ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL
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SCHOOL PROFILE

McNair Academic High School (formerly known as Academic High School), is a college preparatory school established in 1976. It is located in Jersey City and accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. McNair Academic thrives by understanding its responsibility to make city life a positive experience and recognizing the rich diversity of its population. Maintaining a balanced student body of 25% African-American, 25% Caucasian, 25% Hispanic, and 25% representing other groups, McNair Academic is a unique multicultural tapestry.

Acceptance entails a highly selective screening process based on elementary school performance, recommendations, standardized tests, participation in extracurricular activities, and attendance.

The enrollment of 663 students allows for a student faculty ratio of 16:1.

A minimum of 160 credits is required for graduation. Each student must fulfill the following requirements:

| <u>SUBJECT AREA</u> | <u>CREDITS</u> |
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| English | 30 |
| Mathematics | 22.5 |
| World Language | 15 |
| Laboratory Science | 22.5 |
| Social Studies | 20 |
| Fine Arts | 10 |
| Health and Physical Education | 20 |
| Electives | 20 |

All courses offered at McNair Academic High School are either Honors Level or Advanced Placement. The weighting for these is:

1.05 for Honors Courses

1.10 for Advanced Placement Courses

Students are not assigned a rank in class.

McNair Academic High School offers the following Advanced Placement Courses:

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| Art History | Biology |
| Calculus "AB" | Calculus "BC" |
| Chemistry | Computer Science |
| English Language and Composition | English Literature and Composition |
| Environmental Science | French |
| Macroeconomics | Microeconomics |
| Music Theory | Physics "B" |
| Physics "C" | Psychology |
| Spanish | Statistics |
| Studio Art | United States History |
| United States Government and Politics | World History |
| | Western Civilization |

McNair Academic High School has been recognized locally, statewide and nationally:

- No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award 10/2008
- #30 High School in the Country US News & World Report 04/2008
- #27 High School in the Country - Newsweek Magazine 05/2007
- #15 High School in the Country - Newsweek Magazine 05/2005
- #82 High School in New Jersey - New Jersey Monthly 05/06
- #4 High School in New Jersey - New Jersey Monthly 09/04
- #1 High School in New Jersey - New Jersey Monthly 09/98, 09/00, 09/02, 09/06
- New Jersey Department of Education Best Practice Awards 05/96, 05/97, 05/98, 05/99
- New Jersey Department of Education Star School Award 05/95
- New Jersey Star School Department of Education 05/05

Students have consistently scored above both the state and national averages on the SATs.

McNair Academic students consistently distinguished themselves by achieving numerous awards. Among them are:

- National Merit Finalists and Scholars
- National Achievement Commended Scholars for Black Americans
- National Hispanic Recognition Program
- Urban Scholars
- Bloustein Scholars
- Advanced Placement Scholars
- Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction
- Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors

The success of our graduates is evident by the types of colleges and universities they attend. Ninety-nine percent of the 2008 graduating class are attending four year colleges and universities.