



**STATE OF THE DISTRICT
Part 1 – High School**

**Presentation to the
Board of Education**

November 6, 2024



National Recognition:

DIVISION AVENUE AND MACARTHUR

**High Schools Ranked Among
the Best in the U.S.**



"MacArthur and Division Avenue's recognition as two of the 'Best U.S. High Schools' is a testament to the community's commitment to excellence in education. In Levittown, every student can find success."

Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

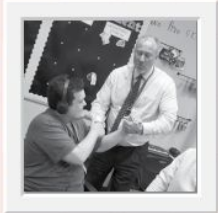




ONCE A GENERAL, ALWAYS A GENERAL

ABA Program Shines

MacArthur's ABA Program, which takes in students with special needs, strongly reflects Generals' pride. In the program, all students are empowered to acquire various life skills. The Coffee Club, for example, puts smiles on faces throughout the building as peers and staff receive morning goodies delivered straight to their room. Outside the school, students take up important roles at local businesses and institutions, helping them obtain vocational skills.



Excellence on and off the Field

Last year, the Lady Generals varsity basketball team completed an undefeated season. The flag football team, in its inaugural season, reached the county finals, while the varsity football team celebrated a commanding 21-0 victory at homecoming. Each year, the district proudly recognizes numerous All-County and All-State athletes.

This sense of teamwork extends beyond the field and into the classroom, whether it's in guided physical education or spin classes, fostering a strong sense of community throughout the school.



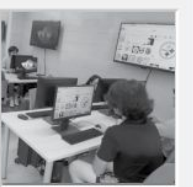
Fresh Spaces for All

MacArthur's newly renovated library provides a vibrant, inclusive space for all students. Whether relaxing with a good book in cozy seating areas or diving into research at modern workstations, students have access to a wealth of resources at their fingertips. The refreshed environment has quickly become a favorite, where students collaborate, explore, and embark on new learning adventures surrounded by a world of knowledge on every shelf.



Future-Ready Education

Many lessons are designed to prepare students for the challenges of today's rapidly changing world. The newly renovated computer lab serves as a hub for this learning, offering courses that teach valuable skills across a range of high school business classes.

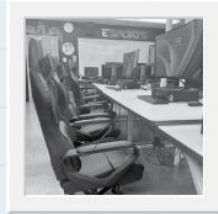


HOW DO OUR HIGH SCHOOLS STAND OUT?

In 2024, both Division Avenue and General Douglas MacArthur High Schools were recognized by U.S. News & World Report as among the best in the nation, reflecting their academic excellence and the collective commitment of our community. This prestigious honor acknowledges the hard work of students, families, staff, and teachers, all contributing to a culture of achievement. Both schools are known for their high graduation rates, access to a wide-range of AP courses, innovative new classes, and numerous interscholastic and extracurricular opportunities. With an emphasis on preparing students for a variety of postsecondary paths, our schools are committed to helping every student succeed.



WHERE DRAGONS SOAR



Esports and More

Division Avenue's esports room promotes both collaborative learning and competitive gaming, providing students with a unique space to build camaraderie like never before. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, students are thriving and developing new skills.

Fierce Competitors

Division Avenue is home to athletic champions, including the flag football team, which dominated its conference, and the state champion cheerleaders. This competitive spirit extends to academics as well—Division's Science Olympiad team has advanced to the state level for 16 consecutive years. These achievements are a testament to the Dragons' strong sense of unity and teamwork.



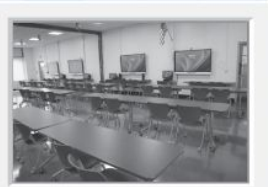
Evolving Electives

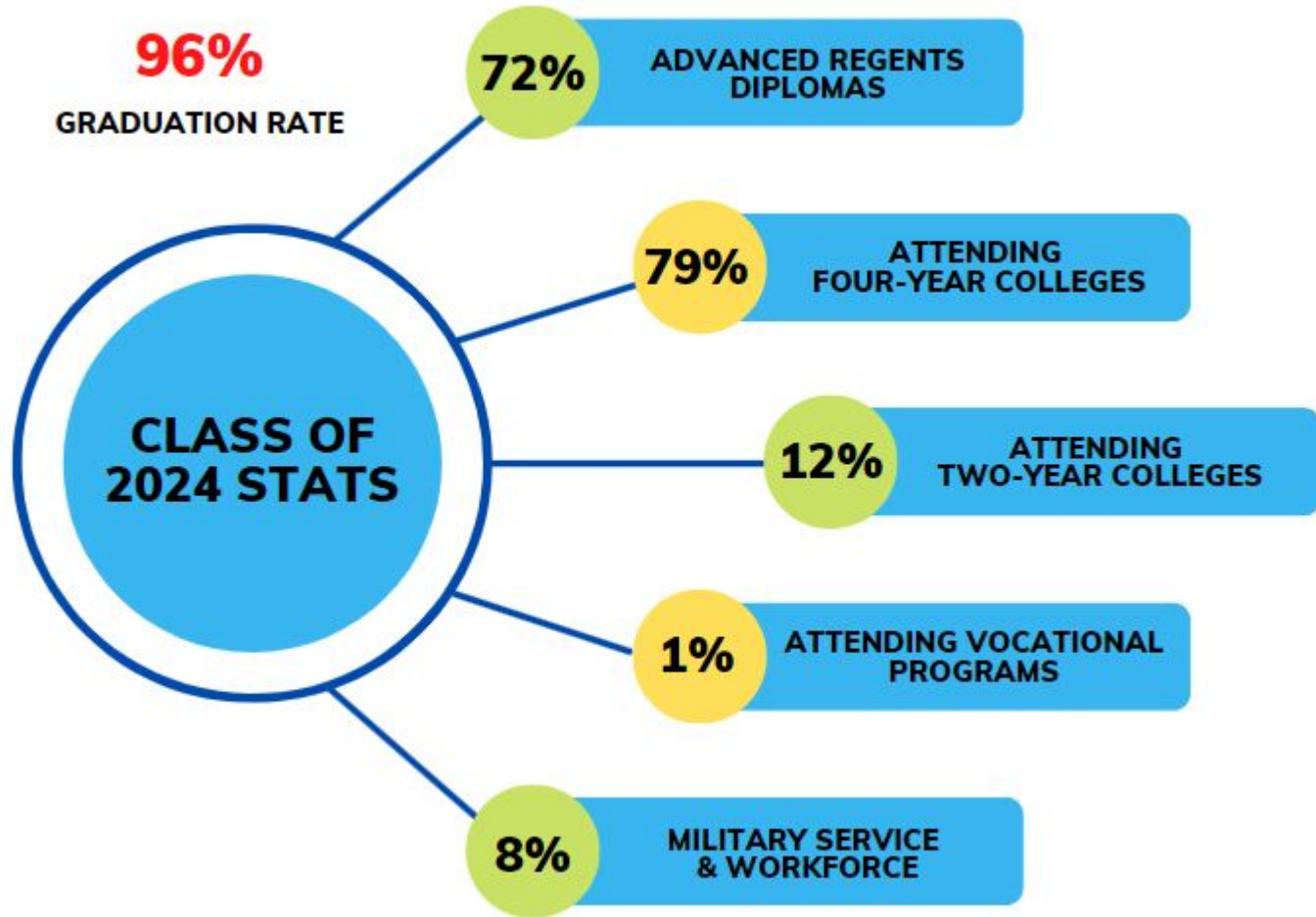
New electives introduced at Division Avenue give students freedom to pursue an education catered to their interests while preparing them for the future. Courses such as College Real Estate, Branding Yourself for Success, Future Teachers, College Marine Biology, Advanced Woodworking and Small Engine Car Maintenance are a small sample of the variety of offerings available to students.



Interactive Spaces, Impactful Learning

The most flexible lessons are hosted in Division Avenue's aptly named Flex Lab. Technological resources are available for teachers to host experimental lessons not possible in the traditional classroom. The open seating makes for a perfect spot to host guest speakers who share their influential experience.





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POSTSECONDARY FAIRS



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College Real Estate



Future Teachers



College Anatomy
& Physiology



CAREER EXPLORATION

Small Engine/Basic
Car Maintenance



Financial Literacy
and Readiness



Branding Yourself
for Success



I LOVE THE PRIDE YOU FEEL WHEN YOU PUT ON THAT "RED, WHITE AND BLUE". YOU ARE PART OF A GROUP THAT STANDS TOGETHER, WORKS TOGETHER AND HAS THE SAME LOVE AND PASSION AS YOU DO FOR MACARTHUR. WHETHER IT'S CLASS, SPORTS, CLUBS, YOU ARE PART OF A TEAM AND THAT IS A TRULY SPECIAL FEELING. THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN BEING A GENERAL.

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Dean Quitoni, Senior

NYS REGENTS EXAMINATION RESULTS

Regents Exam	Levittown Passing Percentage	Nassau County Passing Percentage	Regional Gap
English	93	86	+7
Algebra I	90	80	+10
Algebra II	97	91	+6
Geometry	88	76	+12
Global History	97	90	+7
US History	97	92	+5

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Regents Exam	Levittown Passing Percentage	Nassau County Passing Percentage	Regional Gap
Living Environment	88	78	+10
Chemistry	87	80	+7
Earth Science	92	84	+8
Physics	86	81	+5

“ TO BE A STUDENT AT DAHS IS TO UPHOLD THE THREE PILLARS OF PRIDE, HONOR AND COMMITMENT.

TO BE A BLUE DRAGON, IN THE WORDS OF BELOVED ENGLISH TEACHER MR. VERDI, IS TO “DARE TO BE GREAT.” ”

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Ariba Khan – Senior

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS

2023		2024
1,587	NUMBER OF AP TESTS TAKEN	1,745
69	PERCENTAGE EARNING 3,4, OR 5	77
22	AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMAS	25
143	AP SCHOLARS	150

AP HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS



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SAT OVERALL SCORE

2023-2024 TEST ADMINISTRATIONS

	<800	800-990	1000-1190	1200-1399	1400-1600
LEVITTOWN	2%	20%	48%	23%	7%
NEW YORK	17%	29%	29%	18%	8%

LEVITTOWN MEAN TOTAL SCORE: 1116

NEW YORK STATE MEAN TOTAL SCORE: 1035

LEAVING MACARTHUR WILL BE THE HARDEST PART OF GOING TO COLLEGE. THE CONNECTIONS YOU MAKE AND THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU HAVE ARE ONE OF A KIND. THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A GENERAL SURROUNDS YOU WITH TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND STAFF THAT CARE ABOUT ALL OF US.

Sophia Leon, Senior

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NYSED SEALS



135 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy, showcasing their proficiency in two or more languages.

307 students earned the Seal of Civic Readiness, recognizing their demonstrated civic knowledge and active engagement in civic experiences.



AS BLUE DRAGONS, WE ARE LEADERS BOTH WITHIN OUR SCHOOL AND IN OUR COMMUNITY. ALSO AS BLUE DRAGONS, WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES TO EXCEL IN LEARNING AND GROWTH.

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Artur Badalyn - Junior



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ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Expansion of Esports to both high schools
- ★ Renovation of the Division Avenue High School guidance suite and multiple classrooms
- ★ Renovation of the MacArthur High School Library, Business Lab, FACS room, and multiple classrooms.
- ★ National Merit Commended Scholars (MacArthur) and National Merit Finalists (DAHS)
- ★ Numerous recognitions in **athletics**, including a State Championship for Cheerleading (DAHS), County Championship in Baseball (DAHS), Conference Championship in Girls Swimming (MacArthur), and Conference Championship in Girls Basketball (MacArthur)



ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



- ★ Numerous accolades in **science research**, including a Long Island Brain Bee championship, Best Overall Project (MacArthur) and Best Research Paper (DAHS) at the Long Island Youth Summit, a 1st Place in NYS Science Olympiad for Fossils (DAHS), and the Best Poster Presentation at the American Association of Geographers Middle States Annual Conference (MacArthur)
- ★ Numerous awards and recognitions in **art and music**, including a winner in the Nassau Music Educators' design contest (MacArthur), a Gold Medal-rated orchestra performance at NYSSMA (DAHS), and participation in the prestigious Long Island's Best Young Artists Exhibition at the Heckscher Museum of Art (DAHS)

ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



FALL COLLEGE TRIP

Attention Juniors & Seniors! Discover an unforgettable fall trip to Quinnipiac University and University of Connecticut!

COST PER STUDENT \$68

- ✓ Transportation and lunch
- ✓ Campus facilities and infrastructure
- ✓ College course details
- ✓ Take a tour around the campus
- ✓ Meet students, lectures & advisors

REGISTER NOW

ON MY SCHOOL BUCKS

45 seats available
First come, first-served basis



November 21, 2024



ATHLETES HELPING ATHLETES RETURNS



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Blue Ribbon Commission Update

Phased Approach



Planning Year
(Fall 2024 – Summer 2025)



Phase 1: Installation
(Fall 2025 – Summer 2027)



Phase 2: Initial Implementation
(Fall 2027 – Summer 2029)



Phase 3: Full Implementation and Scaling Up
(Fall 2029+)

Diploma Requirements by Cohort

Cohort 2023
and prior

- Current diploma requirements* leading to one of three diplomas (Local, Regents, or Regents with Advanced Designation)

* *Eligible students may request an exemption due to major life events*

Cohorts
2024 - 2026

- One diploma, advanced designation as a seal of distinction
- Current credit requirements
- Diploma assessment requirements decoupled by Fall 2027

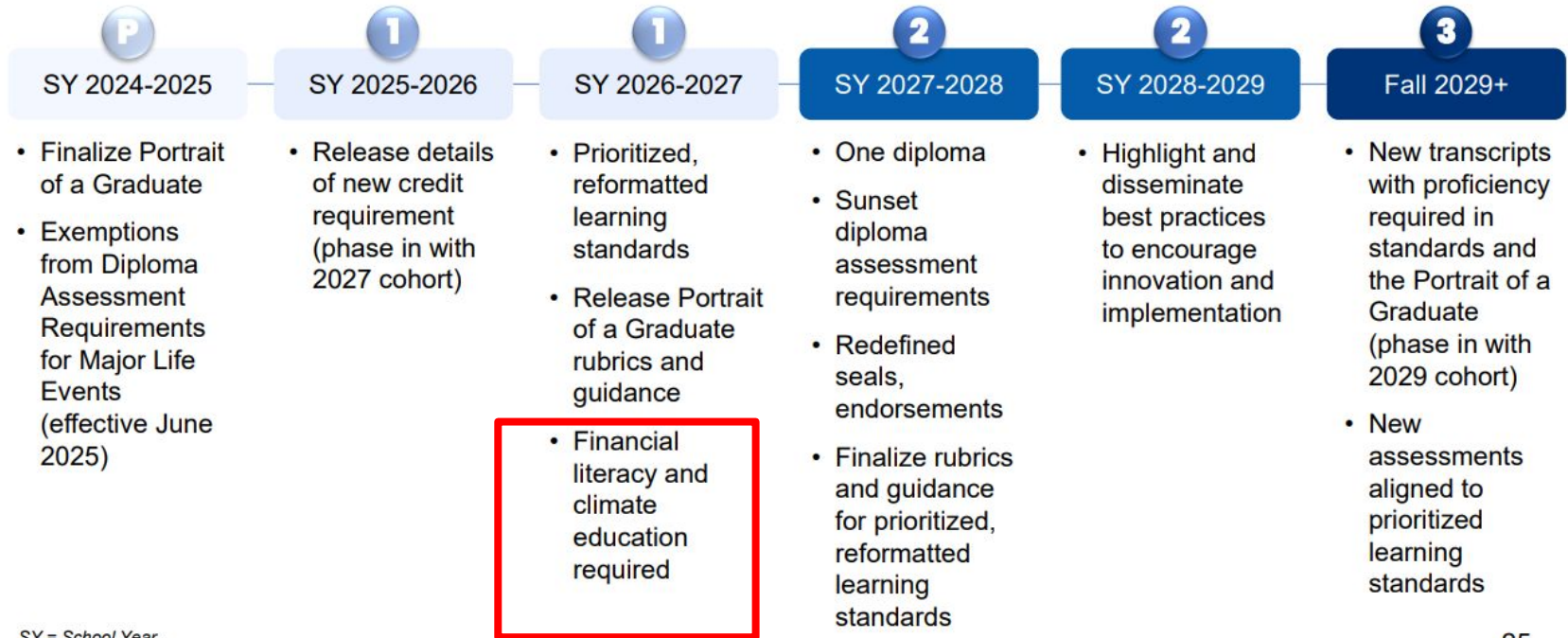
→ Cohorts
2027 - 2028

- One diploma, redefined seals and endorsements including advanced designation
- New credit requirement
- Sunset diploma assessment requirements

Cohort 2029+

- One diploma, redefined seals and endorsements including advanced designation
- Statewide transcript required
- Proficiency in both learning standards and the Portrait of a Graduate required

Overall Timeline



SY = School Year



Questions?