NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITION: Hanover Park Regional High School District was rated in the Top 100 School Districts in NJ by Niche.com for the 2019-20 school year. Additionally, Whippany Park High School was awarded a 2019 College Success award by Greatschools.org. Whippany Park was also rated number 47 in New Jersey Monthly Top 100 High Schools of 2018 & recognized Nationally and Statewide in the 2017 Washington Post America's Most Challenging High Schools.

CHARACTER EDUCATION: The Hanover Park Regional High School District was again recognized by the Character Education Partnership (C.E.P) of Washington D.C. and the New Jersey Alliance for Social and Emotional Development (N.J.A.S.C.D.) as both a State and National District of Character. HANOVER PARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS THE FIRST NEW JERSEY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR. Whippany Park also received a 2019 Promising Practice award from the C.E.P. for working with the Celebrate the Children School of Denville. The Anti-Defamation League again named Whippany Park as a “No Place For Hate” for the fifth consecutive year with the prestigious Gold Star designation for the fourth consecutive year.

SCHOLARS: 6 students received National Merit Letters of Commendation and 1 student was a National Merit Scholarship winner; 59 students were Presidential Academic Scholars; 2 students were nominated to the NJ Scholars Program; 2 students were nominated for the Governor's School in Engineering and Sciences; 2 students were nominated for the BASF Science Academy Program; one student was 1 of only 16 students statewide to win the prestigious NJCPA scholarship; 7 were students selected to NJ Boys and Girls State; 12 students participated in the Novartis Multicultural Teen Corporate Mentoring Program; 1 student participated in the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Summit; 103 students were inducted into the John Richards Chapter of the National Honor Society.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT / SAT/ ACT: 562 AP tests were administered in May 2019; 82% of the scores were a 3 or better; 93 students received honors recognition by the College Board; - 11 students were named National AP Scholars; 37 students were named AP Scholars with Distinction, 21 students were named AP Scholars with Honor, and 35 students were named AP Scholars. 8 students achieved a perfect score of 800 on either the SAT, SAT I or SAT II and 2 students achieved a perfect score on the ACT subject test; Whippany Park' SAT Average score of 1179 also continues to surpass the State and National SAT average with a combined score in Math, Critical Reading, and Writing.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: 21 students competed at FBLA Regions with 1 student placing 8th, 1 placing 4th, 3 placing 3rd, 1 placing 2nd, and 1 student placing first; 7 students competed at the state level with two students placing 4th and 1 State Champions and 3 of these students competed at Nationals in San Antonio. The Mock Trial made it to the quarterfinals of the Morris County competition; the Chemistry Team won a silver medal in website design at the Chemistry Olympics; 10 Academic Team members were Regional competition medal winners and 2 students qualified for the state competition.

PERFORMING ARTS: The Marching Band received a Silver Rating in the NJMEA State Festival; 7 students were selected to the North Jersey Area Band, 1 student to the North Jersey Region Band, and 1 student to All State Band; 1 student was selected to the North Jersey Region Orchestra, and 1 student was selected to the North Jersey Region and All State Jazz bands. The Choir performed at Carnegie Hall for the 15th time. The Theatre Department’s Production of You Can't Take It With You earned 5 nominations for Foxy Awards from the Montclair Theater Night awards and 2 students work on the production of Chicago were nominated for awards by the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Stars Program.

VISUAL & LITERARY ARTS: 5 students’ artwork was selected for the Morris County Teen Arts Festival Art Exhibition; 5 students artwork was selected for the Whippnong Library Art Show; 5 students won honorable mention at the Montclair Art Museum’s Scholastic Art Awards while 2 students won silver key awards and 1 student won a gold key that was considered for national level recognition. 1 student won 2nd at the Hispanic Heritage Art Show and Competition held at the Morris Museum; 1 student’s artwork was selected for the Morris Museum’s Fresh Perspectives Exhibition. 1 student won 1st place in the Congressional Art Competition whose work was displayed in the Capitol Building in Washington D.C.; the Whippany Park 2018 Literary Magazine, ETCETERA, was awarded 1st place by the American Scholastic Press Association; 2 students won second place in the Mahatma Gandhi Essay Competition, and 1 students essay was named a winner in a New York Times essay contest which was then published.
2019 Student Achievements

ATHLETICS: Whippany Park won conference championships in Boys Spring Track, State Sectional championships in Softball and Girls Spring Track and the Wrestling Team reached the State Sectional Finals. The Boys Spring Track Team was the Morris County Small School Champion; Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Wrestling won sportsmanship awards for the character they displayed in competition. Field Hockey had the most wins in school history, 3 wrestlers qualified for the state wrestling tournament; 1 wrestler was a region champion and 1 wrestler eclipsed 100 individual wins; 4 swimmers qualified and swam at the Tournament of Champions; 1 hockey player posted 100 career points; at the Group I Winter Track Relay Championships the boys winter track team won 4 x 200 relay and the girls winter track team won the pole vault relay; 1 athlete won the 55 meter hurdles and 300 meter dash championships at the Morris County Winter Track Championship; 1 student also won 1st Place in the 55 meter hurdles at Cliff Back Invitational; 2 spring track athletes students qualified for the Meet of Champions with one student finishing 6th in the state in the 110 meter hurdles. The Girls Softball Coach earned his 200th win and was also named the NJ.com NJAC Coach of the year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Whippany Park participated in the annual “Warm Nights or Frostbite” project where students purchased holiday gifts and coats for nearly 100 underprivileged children; Kids Helping Kids club collected over 100 toys and $1,250 during a holiday drive for the Goryeb Children's Hospital. The Student Government has raised over $20,000 for the hospital over the past few years through Spirit Week and the annual Winter Formal. WPHS is proud to be officially recognized on the Goryeb Donor Wall. Additionally, the Class of 2020 continues to raise money for the Kaitlyn Okolita Cancer Research Foundation and the Freshman Seminar Classes annually raise money for charities through service learning activities. The Social Studies Department hosted the Genocide Studies Gallery Walk and visit from the NJ Holocaust Commission. The HOSA Club organized a school wide blood drive that donated 64 pints of blood while the National Honor Society donated over 2,112 pounds of food to the Interfaith Food Pantry where Whippany Park is now officially recognized on their donor wall. The Interact club was the only club in the district awarded a citation by the local Rotary Club for exemplary community service while several of the student athletes visited the Celebrate the Children school to work with students with special needs several times each year. Additionally, 1 student from Whippany Park was awarded with the Joy Prescott Humanitarian Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award for serving the community.

SCHOLARSHIPS & COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE: 137 local and collegiate scholarships were awarded to the Whippany Park High School Class of 2019. Members of the Class of 2019 were accepted into various 2 and 4 year colleges and universities from across the United States. Notable acceptances include: Auburn, University of Alabama, University of Arizona, UCLA, Pepperdine University, University of Delaware, Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Savannah College of Art and Design, DePaul University, Northwestern University, University of Illinois, Purdue University, Notre Dame, Louisiana State University, Johns Hopkins University, Towson University, University of Maryland, Boston College, Boston Conservatory at Berkley, Boston University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Northeastern University, University of Massachusetts, University of Michigan, Caldwell College, The College of New Jersey, Drew University, FDU, Kean University, Monmouth University, Montclair State University, NJIT, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Rider University, Rowan University, Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Stevens Institute of Technology, William Paterson University, City College of New York, Cornell University, Fordham University, NYU, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Pratt Institute, St. John's University, Syracuse, Duke, UNC Chapel Hill, Ohio State University, Oklahoma State University, Bucknell, Drexel, Lehigh University, Penn State, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Villanova University, Clemson University, University of S. Carolina, James Madison University, Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, George Washington University, and the University of Wisconsin.