



Leonardo da Vinci High School

"A National Magnet School of Distinction"

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Recognized in **US News and World Report** as one of the best high schools in the nation.

SCHOOL PROFILE

- **TOTAL ENROLLMENT:** 397
- **TOTAL GRADUATES 2011:** 103
- **SCHOLARSHIP MONIES WON 2011:** \$2,962,058

Leonardo da Vinci High School was founded in 1986 as an offering in the Buffalo Public schools magnet program. The school is unique in that it was the first Public High school in the United States physically located on a college campus. The partnership with D'Youville College has been a successful and mutually beneficial one.

DaVinci offers a college prep curriculum based upon the Harvard University model. It stresses lifelong learning by teaching the critical thinking skills necessary for later success. DaVinci students also get a head start to college success by direct observation. From the time they are freshmen, students have access to college level facilities, including a Graduate Level research library. Students are expected to adhere to the collegiate code of conduct in all areas. A mentoring program that pairs high school students and college students helps to ease many of the transitions.

As sophomores qualified students can earn college credit by taking vocational exploration courses, taught by college professors. As juniors and seniors students who excel in their high school courses are allowed to take any entry level college courses which interest them. Seniors can graduate from DaVinci with upwards of 21 credit hours of fully transferable college credit.

DaVinci has an enrollment of close to 400 students. It is easily among the most competitive programs in Western New York. For every one opening there is an average of ten applications.

Core Requirements for Graduation:

- *English 4 years*
- *Social Studies 4 years*
- *Mathematics 4 years*
- *Science 4 years*
- *Foreign Language 3 years*
- *Art or Music 1 year*
- *Health ½ unit*

Required Regents Exams:

(Must be passed with 65 or better)

- *English 3*
- *Global Studies 10*
- *US History*
- *Living Environment /Biology*
- *Integrated Algebra / Math A*

For Advanced Distinction:

- *Earth Science or Chemistry*
- *Foreign language 3*
- *2nd & 3rd Regents Mathematics*

GRADE POINT CONVERSION SCALE:

<u>100 Point scale</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>4.0 scale</u>
100, 99, 98	A+	3.9 – 4.0
97, 96, 95	A	3.75 -3.89
94, 93, 92	A-	3.5 - 3.74
91, 90, 89	B+	3.25 – 3.49
88, 87, 86	B	3.0 - 3.24
85, 84, 83	B-	2.65 - 2.9
82, 81, 80	C+	2.4 – 2.64
79, 78, 77	C	2.15 – 2.39
76, 75, 74	C-	1.9 – 2.14
73, 72, 71	D+	1.65 – 1.89
70, 69, 68	D	1.4 – 1.64
67, 66, 65	D-	1.15 - 1.39
64 or Below	F	0