

# MARTIN VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL

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**Community:** Martin Van Buren High School is located in a residential middle class section in the borough of Queens in New York City.

**School Characteristics:** A New York City public high school consisting of grades 9 through 12, with a school population of approximately 1300 students of which 326 are seniors. Our population is diverse, coming from over 20 different countries. Approximately 47% of our school population is African-American, 30% is Asian, 5% is Caucasian, 14% is Hispanic, and 3% other. 55% of the population is male and 45% of the population is female. There are 90 teachers with a 1 to 34 teacher to student ratio. 71% of our students are considered economically disadvantaged. The school offers rigorous academic courses as well as challenging majors in technical studies. The school is accredited by the New York State Board of Regents. 90% of last year's graduates are currently enrolled in college: 45% are enrolled in four-year colleges and 55% are enrolled in two-year colleges.

**Marking System:** The school year consists of two terms (semesters), with three marking periods to a term. Students take an average of eight classes per term. Marks are based on a numerical grading system of 40% to 100% with 65% the lowest passing grade. Grades are recorded in multiples of five, except for 90 and above.

## Course Designations:

Honors Program (H) – Enriched Curriculum

Advanced Placement (AP) – Course which follows the College Board Curriculum

Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) – College level courses taught on our campus

Regents (R) - New York State Regents Curriculum

Non-Regents/Basic – Non-Regents New York State Curriculum

**Final Average:** The final cumulative average is determined at the end of six semesters, using the weighted final grades for all subjects (see below).

**Class Rank:** The class rank is computed at the start of the fall term of the senior year. All courses marked with an “H” (Honor) are given an added weight of 5%, and all courses marked with an “AP” (Advanced Placement) and “SUPA” (Syracuse University Project Advance) are given an added weight of 10% for the purpose of rank and cumulative average. Rank is not reported on the student transcript. The rank is based on six terms of work from grades 9 through 11.

## DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for a New York City diploma, students must successfully complete at least 44 credits of study.

| <b>SUBJECT</b>     | <b>LOCAL DIPLOMA</b> | <b>REGENTS DIPLOMA**</b>           |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| English            | 8 Credits            | 8 Credits                          |
| Social Studies     | 8 Credits            | 8 Credits                          |
| Mathematics        | 6 Credits            | 6 Credits                          |
| Science            | 6 Credits            | 6 Credits                          |
| Second Language    | 2 Credits            | 2 Credits, 6 Credits for Adv. Reg. |
| Art and/or Music   | 2 Credits            | 2 Credits                          |
| Health             | 1 Credit             | 1 Credit                           |
| Physical Education | 7 Terms              | 7 Terms                            |
| Electives          | 10 Credits (minimum) | 10 Credits (minimum)               |
| Total              | 44 Credits (minimum) | 44 Credits (minimum)               |

## **Sequence**

A sequence is a concentration in a specific subject. Additional credits are added to the requirements above.

**Pre-Med Sequence** to include Patient Care Tech. Certificate, Emergency Medical Tech Certificate (EMT), Clinical Research: Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Pre-Med College credits through CUNY.

**Pre-Engineering Sequence** to include topics on Chemical, Biomedical, Mechanical, Software, Electrical and Civil Engineering, NYC First Robotics Competition at Jacob Javits Center, Boys and Girls Robotics Teams, Partnered with NYU Polytechnic, Engineering College credits through CUNY.

**Law & Forensics Sequence** to include topics on Criminology, Psychology, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Forensics, an exploration of DNS testing, College Courses at John Jay College of CUNY. Program will develop skills in critical thinking, collaboration, chemistry, report writing and defending research findings.

\*\*Beyond completion of the above required credits, students may be issued one of three diplomas based upon their performance on New York State Regents Examinations.

The diploma types and their exam requirements are:

**Local Diploma** – Offered only to students with instructional support services who score 55 or higher on all 5 Regents exams. (Exam subjects – English, Math, Global History and Geography, US History, Science)

**Regents Diploma** – All 5 Regents exam grades must be 65 or higher.

**Regents Diploma with Honors** is granted when a student additionally achieves an average score of 90 or higher on all 5 Regents exams.

**Advanced Regents Diploma** – 8 Regents exam scores of 65 or higher (exam subjects – same as Regents diploma, plus one additional science exam, two additional math exams and one LOTE exam (Language Other Than English)).

**Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors** is granted when a student additionally achieved an average of 90% on the required Regents exams.

## **Advanced Placement Courses:**

AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Environmental Science, AP Spanish, AP U.S. History and AP World History.

## **College Courses Offered at Martin Van Buren High School Campus:**

*Syracuse University* Project Advance (SUPA) – Government, Economics  
*CUNY College Now* – College Focus Math, College Algebra

## **College Courses Offered at College Campuses:**

*John Jay College of Criminal Justice* – Political Science, Psychology, International Law

*Queensborough Community College* – English 101, Intro to Business, Intro To Electrical Engineering, Robotics, Speech 101, Visual Basic

*York College* – Biology 101, Health 101, Nutrition 101

## **Certificate Program:**

Emergency Medical Technician/ Patient Care Technician Certificate program on the CUNY Queensborough Community College Campus.