Athletics

Farmingdale is one of the best school districts for the Arts in New York.

The Fine Arts Department offers students the opportunity to earn as many as 10 college credits through Advanced Placement (AP) and college courses. We are recognized as an AP School of Distinction, meaning students who take the exams typically earn an improvement of 20 or higher on AP tests.

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The PTA's annual events have included the following:

- **Farmingdale High School Athletic Banquet**
- **Farmingdale High School Academic Banquet**
- **Farmingdale High School Music Banquet**
- **Farmingdale High School Drama Banquet**
- **Farmingdale High School Dance Banquet**
- **Farmingdale High School naughty nite**
- **Farmingdale High School Homecoming Dance**
- **Farmingdale High School Winter Carnival**
- **Farmingdale High School Spring Carnival**
- **Farmingdale High School Fall Festival**
- **Farmingdale High School Thanksgiving Dinner**

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Academics

Farmingdale offers students the best education with outstanding programs and academic rigor.

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Farmingdale’s appeal lies in its friendly suburban character. Citizens play safely on our streets, neighbors know and care about each other, and local businesses that we shop at commit to making our community a wonderful, small-town environment.

Farmingdale Schools—a major attraction to prospective residents—reflect the community’s character. All the residents of the Farmingdale School District share a common bond of similar values, including a commitment to excellence in the education of their children.

The goal of the Farmingdale Public Schools is to establish ourselves as a high achieving school district as evidenced by high levels of student performance in all areas.

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From Hardscrabble to Farmingdale: A History of Our District and Town

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