

Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame



Dr. Clara Strupp
Educator

Dr. Clara Strupp served Watchung Hills Regional High School in one capacity or another under three successive superintendents for over thirty years.

Beginning as a teacher of German in 1961, she was later named World Language Department supervisor. As such, she initiated many programs, chief of which were the home-to-home/school-to-school student exchange (German American Partnership Program) and the Advanced Placement Program. "Home stays" with students of other cultures have now come to include France, Spain, Italy and even China. She designed and implemented several challenging college-level courses in philosophy.

Recognizing her excellence as a teacher, three successive superintendents nominated her for the Princeton Best Teacher Award, and she was in the top 12 among 4,000 contenders in 1984.

Dr. Strupp helped establish the Watchung Hill Education Association and served as its first president. During her term she negotiated the very first agreement between the Association and the Board of Education. After her retirement, from 1984 to 1991, she served as Watchung Borough's representative to the Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education.

Dr. Strupp was also instrumental in establishing the Deutsche Sprachschule (German Language School), a Saturday morning learning opportunity for all age groups.

Her enthusiasm for learning , high standards and the encouragement of scholarly pursuits are still remembered.