

# WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL NORTH AND SOUTH

## 2020



## PROFILE

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### HS South (311277)

Principal: Dennis Lepold

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Principal: Jonathan Dauber Ed.D.

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**WEST WINDSOR - PLAINSBORO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT** has served the municipalities of West Windsor Township and Plainsboro Township since its formation in 1969. In fulfilling its mission since regionalization, the district has been successful in providing school facilities and an outstanding education for our student population. A diverse suburban community of approximately 50,000 residents, the district is located in central New Jersey approximately 50 miles south of New York City and 48 miles north of Philadelphia. West Windsor and Plainsboro Townships are home to technology leaders such as the David Sarnoff Research Center, Plasma Physics Laboratory, and myriad companies located in the Forrestal and Carnegie Corporate Centers. The area has been recognized as one of the top suburban communities in the region.

#### SCHOOLS

West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North and High School South reflect the lifestyle of a community that takes pride in its continuing tradition of academic and cultural achievement. The richness of their academic programs, alternative options, and extracurricular activities expand learning beyond classroom boundaries. Each high school provides an educational environment that motivates students to learn and requires them to exercise imagination and sensibility in solving problems. Over 3,000 students may choose from over 170 courses offered in a program of studies that reflects a demanding and challenging curriculum. The high schools offer state-of-the-art resources and technology that allow faculty to provide interdisciplinary instruction with maximum flexibility. West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North and High School South offer teams in 29 sports and sponsor various student publications, acclaimed performing groups in vocal and instrumental music, academic teams and over 30 clubs/activities devoted to specialized interests. Approximately 21 percent of the 729 member senior class earned National Merit finalist, semifinalist or commended scholar status, while approximately 94 percent of the graduates continue their education with 90 percent going on to four-year colleges. This profile contains the aggregate measures of both campuses, continuing to reflect why our high school community receives state and national recognition.

#### STUDENT BODY

The population of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North and High School South represents all major racial and cultural groups (66.87 percent Asian; 21.64 percent White; 6.45 percent Black; and 3.94 percent Hispanic). This diversity affords students excellent opportunities for intercultural understanding and provides them with a global view of world issues.

## MINIMUM GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

All West Windsor-Plainsboro high school students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 credits in course work that begins in Grade 9 and concludes in Grade 12. The course work must include the following:

1. Four years of Language Arts (9-12)
2. Three years of Mathematics
3. Two years of American Studies
4. One year of World History
5. Three years of Science
6. One year of Visual and Performing Arts
7. One year of Career Ed. & Consumer, Family Life Skills or Voc. Tech
8. Two years of World Languages
9. One year of Health & Physical Education for each year enrolled
10. Half year of Financial Literacy

## GRADING SYSTEM/WEIGHTED AND UNWEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) SCALE

Both weighted and unweighted grade point averages (WGPA and GPAs) are calculated. WGPA is based on an open-ended scale beginning with 0.00 and having no ceiling. Only the final grade achieved in each course is used to compute GPA and WGPA. All graded (non-pass/fail) courses, with the exception of Physical Education, are used in the calculation WGPA. Coursework completed outside the parameters of WWPHS academic day does not count towards WGPA or GPA except for courses taken at Princeton University. Each letter grade is assigned a numeric equivalent as indicated in the following table:

Grade	Weighted	Unweighted	Grading Scale
A	5	4	90-100
B	4	3	80-89
C	3	2	70-79
D	2	1	60-69
F	0	0	0-59

1. For each graded (non-pass/fail) course the student completes, with the exception of Physical Education for WGPA, multiply the numeric equivalent of the grade received times the number of credits earned to determine the number of quality points awarded.
2. Determine the sum of quality points earned for all courses for each year.
3. Divide the quality point total for one year by the total number of credits attempted for that year. This will yield the grade point average for that year. The same method is used for calculating WGPA and GPA. Weighted courses grade point equivalents increase 1.0 points.

## RANK IN CLASS

The academic environment at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North and High School South is very challenging. The majority of our students meet that challenge by earning exemplary grades. The comparisons among students inherent in rank-in-class calculations unnecessarily increase competition within the school; further, we believe that our students' levels of achievement are not equitably or fully communicated by this single figure transcript statistic.

**West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North and High School South policy, therefore, precludes the reporting of rank-in-class.**

## RANGE OF WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGES (WGPA) FOR CLASS OF 2020

Top fifth: 4.54—4.91      Highest: 4.91      Mean: 3.95      Lowest: 0.71

## CURRICULUM

The West Windsor-Plainsboro High Schools maintain a single curriculum, which is broad in scope and flexible in meeting the general and individual needs of students. The instructional program of 170+ courses focuses on college preparation with honors and Advanced Placement courses offered in all major disciplines. Juniors and seniors who have exhausted course offerings within a discipline may apply for courses at Princeton University. All honors, Advanced Placement, and Princeton University courses receive weighted value in the calculation of the WGPA. WWPHS offers a challenging and rigorous academic curriculum at all levels. Therefore, the numerous AP courses in our program are typically available to juniors and seniors only. See below for all weighted (honors/AP) courses. To view our complete Program of Studies, please visit our website at: <http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/departments/>

### Business/Computer Science

AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, Adv. Topics in Computer Science Hns

### English

Lang Arts I Hns, Lang Arts II Hns, Lang Arts III Hns, Lang Arts IV Hns, AP Lang & Comp, AP Lit & Comp, Adv Journalism I Hns, Adv Journalism II Hns

### Fine & Performing Arts

Drawing and Painting II Hns, AP Studio Art, AP Art History, Concert Choir Hns, Chamber Choir Hns, Symphonic Band Hns, Wind Ensemble Hns, Symphony Orchestra Hns, Philharmonic Orchestra Hns

### Mathematics

Geometry Hns, Geometry Hns/Acc\*, Adv Algebra II Hns, Precalculus Hns, Precalculus Hns, Calculus Hns, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC,

### Science

Biology Hns, Chemistry Hns, Physics Hns, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Adv. Topics in Physics Hns

### Social Studies

World History Hns, American Studies I Hns, American Studies II Hns, AP US History, AP European History, AP American Government, AP Comparative Government and Global Studies, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology

### World Languages

Chinese 4 Hns, Chinese 5 Hns, AP Chinese Lang, French 3 Hns, French 4 Hns, AP French Lang, German 4 Hns, German 5 Hns, AP German Lang, Spanish 3 Hns, Spanish 4 Hns, Spanish Cultural Studies Hns, AP Spanish Lang, AP Spanish Lit

### Additional Studies

Advanced Study at Princeton University

\*Mathematics Honors and Accelerated

## STANDARDIZED TEST MEAN SCORES

### SAT REASONING 2020

#### Evidence Based Reading and Writing

#### Mathematics

WWPHS	651	687
New Jersey	541	540
USA	528	523

### ACT (Data from 2018-2019)

#### English

#### Mathematics

#### Reading

#### Science

#### Composite

WWPHS	30.4	30.2	30.1	28.8	30.0
New Jersey	24.3	24.0	24.6	23.6	24.2
USA	20.1	20.4	21.2	20.6	20.7

### SAT SUBJECT AREA TEST

#### 2020 WWPHS Mean Scores

English Literature	624
U.S. History	685
Mathematics I	664
Mathematics II	746
Biology E	670
Biology M	717
Chemistry	726
Physics	714
Spanish	600

### SCHOLARS

#### 2020 National Merit Scholars

Semifinalists - 22

Finalists - 14

Letters of Commendation - 118

#### 2020 A.P. Scholars

Scholars - 198

Scholars with Honors - 139

Scholars with Distinction - 335

National Scholars - 102

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS

2020—91% of students had grades 3 or higher.  
1,253 Students wrote 3,090 exams

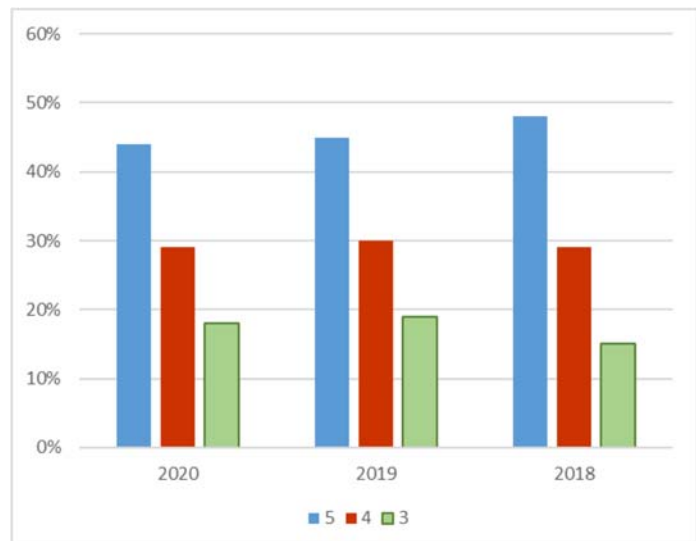
44% - 5      29% - 4      18% - 3

2019—94% of students had grades 3 or higher.  
1,146 Students wrote 2,794 exams

45% - 5      30% - 4      19% - 3

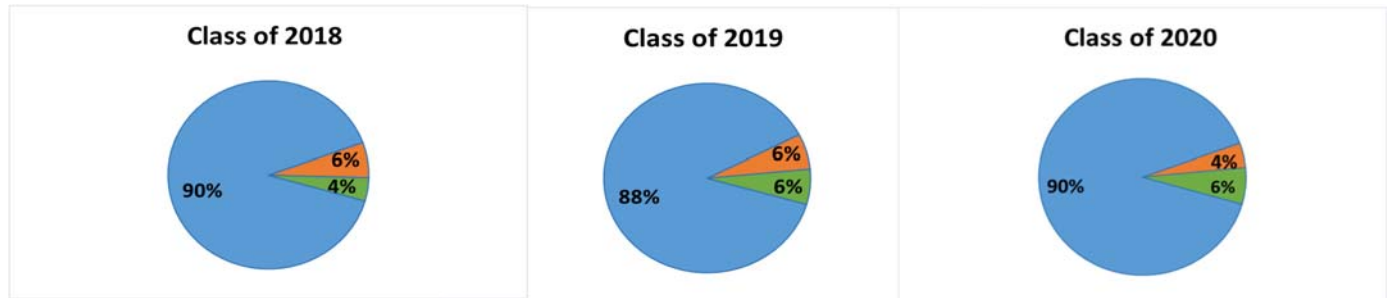
2018—92% of students had grades 3 or higher.  
1,161 Students wrote 2,724 exams

48% - 5      29% - 4      15% - 3



## POSTGRADUATE PLANS

■ 4 year ■ 2 year ■ Work/Military/Undecided



## GRADUATE PLACEMENT

Members of the WWPBS classes of '18 '19 and '20 are in attendance at the following 4 year and 2 year institutions.

Albright C	Georgetown U	Rice U	U of Chicago
American U	Georgia Inst of Tech	Rider U	U of Colorado
Amherst C	Gettysburg C	Rochester Inst of Tech	U of Connecticut
Arcadia U	Harvard U	Rose-Hulman Inst of Technology	U of Delaware
Arizona State U	Hofstra U	Rowan C	U of Illinois
Babson C	Indiana U	Rowan U	U of Maryland C Park
Barnard C	Ithaca C	Rutgers, State U of NJ	U of Massachusetts, Amherst
Belmont U	James Madison U	Sacred Heart U	U of Miami
Bentley U	Johns Hopkins U	Saint Johns U	U of Michigan
Berklee C	Johnson & Wales U	Saint Joseph's U	U of Notre Dame
Binghamton U	Kean U	Savannah C	U of Pennsylvania
Boston C	Kutztown U	School of Visual Arts	U of Pittsburgh
Boston U	Lafayette C	Seton Hall U	U of Rhode Island
Brandeis U	Lehigh U	Smith C	U of Richmond
Brown U	Loyola U Maryland	Stanford U	U of Rochester
Bryn Mawr C	Marist C	State Univ of New York	U of San Diego
Bucknell U	Maryland Institute C of Art	Stevens Inst of Tech	U of South Carolina
California Inst of Tech	Massachusetts Inst of Tech	Stockton U	U of Southern California
Carnegie Mellon U	Mercer County Community C	Stony Brook U	U of the Sci in Philadelphia
Case Western Reserve U	Miami U	SUNY Albany	U of Toronto
Clemson U	Middlebury C	Swarthmore C	U of Vermont
Coastal Carolina U	Monmouth U	Syracuse U	U of Virginia
Colgate U	Montclair State U	Temple U	U of Washington
C of William and Mary	Morehouse C	The Catholic U of America	U of Wisconsin, Madison
Columbia U	Muhlenberg C	The C of New Jersey	Vanderbilt U
Cornell U	New Jersey Inst of Tech	The Cooper Union for Adv	Vassar C
Dartmouth C	New York U	Science and Art	Villanova U
Davidson C	Northeastern U	The Culinary Inst of America	Virginia Tech
DeSales U	Northwestern U	The George Washington U	VA Polytechnic Inst and St U
Dickinson C	Nova Southeastern U	The Juilliard School	Wake Forest U
Drew U	Oberlin C	The New School	Washington U, St. Louis
Drexel U	Ohio U	The Ohio State U	Wellesley C
Duke U	Oxford C	The U of Arizona	Wesleyan U
East Carolina U	Pace U	The U of North Carolina	West Chester U of PA
Elon U	Pennsylvania State U	The U of Scranton	Widener U
Emerson C	Pratt Institute	The U of Texas	William Paterson U
Emory U	Princeton U	Towson U	Williams C
Fairfield U	Purdue U	Tufts U	Yale U
Fairleigh Dickinson U	Quinnipiac U	Tulane U	
Fordham U	Ramapo C of New Jersey	Union C	
Franklin and Marshall C	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst	U at Buffalo	
George Mason U	Rhode Island School of Design	U of California, Los Angeles	