



WHS ADMINISTRATION

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COMMUNITY

Weston is located 12 miles west of Boston in Eastern Massachusetts, with a population of 11,283. The community is composed of professionals and their families who strongly support the public schools and excellence in learning for all students. There are three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school with a total district population of 2,019 students.

SCHOOL FACTS

Weston High School is a four-year high school with a reputation for academic excellence and a commitment to building the critical thinking and collaboration skills necessary not only for college, but also to participate positively in a complex and constantly changing, culturally diverse world.

Grades 9-12 enrollment in 2021-2022: 642 Students (159 seniors)

Professional faculty and administration: 90

Schedule: Academic classes meet five 68-minute blocks in the 8-Day rotating schedule, with an average academic class size of approximately 20.5.

Passing Mark: D-

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Breadth of electives – Weston offers a breadth of academic and other electives for a school its size. By junior year, students may take interest-focused academic classes in a range of subjects beyond the “standard” subjects. In addition, electives are offered in the visual arts (art, video, clay, photo, graphic design, etc.), drama (acting, directing, technical theater), music (instrumental ensembles and choirs at varying levels), cooking, and business. (See the [Program of Studies](#).)

Co-curriculum/extra-curricular opportunities – Students may explore independent study, online learning, college courses or other learning opportunities for credit beyond the required credits. In addition, the majority of students develop their individual interests by participating in extra-curricular activities, with athletics, theater, music, service, and student government being the most popular. Weston High School offers over 70 clubs, 25 athletic offerings, and numerous opportunities for student leadership in elected positions and appointed advisory committees.

METCO – Since 1967, Weston Public Schools has participated in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunities, a voluntary desegregation program which, this year, brings 167 students in grades K-12 from Boston to Weston’s schools. There are currently 48 students (12 seniors) at the high school.

June Academy is a robust educational experience during the last two weeks of the school year that facilitates “learning for learning’s sake,” sparking students to be curious, learn new things, and ignite their own creativity. Students engage in work outside of the standard curriculum. Classes are offered in almost every discipline, with some including international travel or service experiences. June Academy is graded on a pass/fail basis. (*Not run in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid.*)

Seal of Biliteracy – The Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to students who have studied and attained a designated level of proficiency in two or more languages (including English) by graduation. In 2021, 31 students received the Seal of Biliteracy and 7 the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction.

CLASS OF 2021 FUTURE PLANS

Number of graduates: 164	Continuing full-time education	98.7%
Our graduates entered 91 post-secondary institutions in 25 states, District of Columbia, Canada, and Australia.	4-year college (<i>gap year included</i>)	96.3%
	2-year college	0.6%
	Other post-graduate school	1.8%
	Military	0.0%
	Work/Other	1.2%

(Percentages rounded)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must earn a minimum of 120 credits, including:

English	20 credits
World History	10 credits
U.S. History	5 credits
Mathematics (including Algebra 2)	20 credits
Science (including Biology)	15 credits
World Language	10 credits
Visual/Performing Arts	6 credits
Physical Education	8 credits
Health	3 credits
Speech	1 credit
Additional courses	22 credits

CURRICULUM NOTES

The curriculum includes a broad offering of courses at varying levels to meet student needs and interests. Courses are offered at the College Preparatory (CP), Honors (H), and AP levels and vary year-by-year by discipline. Unless designated as Honors (H) or AP on the transcript, courses are CP. Academic elective courses are generally unlevleed and considered CP, although some may have an Honors option.

Teacher recommendations and/or departmental approval are generally required for advanced courses. All Science courses include labs. The World Language sequence is proficiency based and, except for Latin, begin with Novice (CP) and progress through three Intermediate levels (two CP and one H), and end with AP. Students continuing World Language study from the middle school generally start high school at the Intermediate I level.

Program of Studies:

www.westonschools.org/curriculum/program-of-studies/

A summary of standard offerings for core subjects follows:

Discipline	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	CP	CP,H	CP,H	CP,AP
Social Studies	CP,H	CP,H,AP	CP,AP	CP,H,AP
Mathematics	CP,H	CP,H	CP,H	CP,H,AP
Science	CP,H	CP,H	CP,H	CP,H,AP
World Language	CP	CP	CP,H	CP,H,AP

Honors/AP courses available for the Class of 2022 (4 years):

Discipline	Honors	AP
English	2	1
Social Studies	4	4
Mathematics	5	4
Science	6	3
World Language	5	5
Music	–	1

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Weston High School does not calculate class rank.

GPA's are calculated based on courses taken at Weston High School for a minimum of four semesters, based on a 4.0 scale. The **weighted GPA** (calculated through the Class of 2022) includes only academic subjects. Honors grades earn an additional 0.7 value and AP grades earn an additional 1.0 value. The **unweighted GPA** includes *all* courses with letter grades and is calculated without additional value for Honors and AP courses.

STATISTICS

[^] indicates data from Naviance

National Merit Program	2022	2021	2020
Letters of Commendation	11	12	14
Semi-Finalists	4	3	6

Class of 2021 Advanced Placement Awards

AP Scholars	17
AP Scholars with Honor	9
AP Scholars with Distinction	32
AP International Diploma	1

Spring 2021 Advanced Placement Tests

Number of students	283
Number of exams	549
Number of subjects (3 taken through independent study)	20
Scores 3 or better (8% lower than non-Covid years)	76%
<i>Test scores:</i>	
	5 4 3 2 1
Number of exams	149 130 132 92 46

Weston High School offers AP Courses in:

Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science A, English Literature, European History, French Language, Latin, Music Theory, Physics C: E&M and Physics C: Mechanics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, U.S. History, World History

Class of 2021 ACT Scores

Number of students tested: 65 (39.6% taking)

Section	WHS Middle 50%	WHS Mean	MA State Mean	National Mean
English	25 - 34	28.6	27.6	19.6
Math	24 - 31	27.4	26.9	19.9
Reading	25 - 34	28.9	28.4	20.9
Science	25 - 32	27.7	26.8	20.4
Composite	25 - 32	28.3	27.6	20.3

Class of 2021 SAT Scores

Number of students tested: 82 (50.0% taking)

Section	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading/Writing	590 - 720	644
Mathematics	600 - 740	670
Total	1200 - 1430	1314
<i>Comparative Statistics</i>		
2021 Massachusetts State Mean	591	593
2021 National Mean	533	528

IMPACT OF COVID-19

Grading policies were modified in 2019-20. Successful completion of the remote 4th quarter benefited students. In year-long courses the final grade averaged the two highest quarters. For semester courses, students could opt for either a Pass or a letter grade.

2020-2021 began with hybrid with students in two cohorts in the building two days per week for 50 minute classes and home working remotely three days per week, ending the year with our standard 8-day rotation. Our Remote Learning Academy included students who attended class entirely remotely using the same schedules. Some of their classes were live-streamed whereas others were online and self-paced.