



Wissahickon School District

True Blue with a Heart of Gold

2024-2025 Profile

Wissahickon High School is a four-year, public high school in Montgomery County, PA with a strong tradition of academic rigor and excellence, enriching co- and extracurricular offerings and a dedicated character education program.

Students	Enrollment 9-12	1,336
	Senior Class	378
	Minority Enrollment	40%
Faculty	Economically Disadvantaged	24%
	Number of Faculty	370
	% with Master's Degree	84%

Enrollment CEEB Code.....390065

Accolades | *U.S. News and World Report 2024* ranked WHS among the top 4% of high school in the nation, 16th best in the state (compared to public high schools only, with magnet schools removed) and the 3rd best high school in Montgomery County.

Community | WHS is located 22 miles north of Philadelphia. The district encompasses Ambler Borough, Lower Gwynedd Township and Whitpain Township. It prides itself on being a socially, ethnically and economically diverse residential community with the majority of residents employed in professional positions in business, education, law, medicine and technology.

Social Emotional Learning | WHS students participate in social emotional learning lessons and activities and community service in the classroom and through extracurricular activities.

Co- & Extracurricular Activities | 80% of WHS students participate in one or more of the 35+ activities, organizations and athletic programs that compete in interscholastic competitions.

Graduation Requirements

English	4.00
Social Studies	4.00
Mathematics*	3.00
Science*	3.00
Math, Science or Computer Science*	1.00
Wellness (9th grade)	1.00
Physical Education	1.00
Health	0.50
Career Pathways Portfolio	0.80
Electives **	8.50
Total	26.80

*Students must earn a combined total of 7.0 credits in Mathematics and Science which can include 1.0 credit in Computer Programming/Advanced Computer Programming or AP Computer Science.

**Two years of world language are required, but exceptions are considered on an individual basis

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Administration

Superintendent	Dr. James A. Crisfield
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. Mwenyewe Dawan
Principal	Dr. Lynne Blair
Assistant Principal	Dr. Karen Haney
Assistant Principal	Mr. Jim Kelly
Assistant Principal	Mr. James Brooks
Athletic Director	Mr. Jim Cairnes

Counseling Staff

Ms. Antoinette Perrotta aperrotta@wsdweb.org Class of '25 (A-Dh)	Mr. Vince Yasenchak (Md-Sb All classes) vyasenchak@wsdweb.org
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Class of '26, '27 and '28 (I-Mc)	

Most Rigorous Course Offerings

Honors Courses | WHS offers 68 Honors courses. For students interested in the performing or visual arts, the curriculum includes 15 Honors Arts/Music offerings.

Advanced Placement | WHS offers 26 Advanced Placement courses and exams. In the Class of 2024, 53% of students took at least one AP exam and 91% received a score of 3 or better on one exam. In the Class of 2025, 51% of students took at least one AP exam by the end of junior year. Students are not required to sit the AP exam. WHS will pay for two exams per student per year and all exams for students with financial need.

Science Labs | In addition to the traditional lab science courses (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) and our AP science courses, WHS offers students the opportunity to participate in these additional lab sciences courses for core credit: Anatomy & Physiology, Forensics, Medical Intervention, and Principles of Biomedical Science. Environmental Science is considered a core course but does not currently meet the credentials of a lab science.

AP Courses Offered

Seminar (10th - 12th)	Microeconomics (12th)
Biology (10th-12th)	Macroeconomics (12th)
Calculus AB (10th -12th)	Physics 1 (10th-12th)
Calculus BC (11th or 12th)	Physics 2 (11th-12th)
Chemistry (11th-12th)	Psychology (11th or 12th)
Computer Science A (11th or 12th)	Research (11th or 12th)
English Language (11th)	Spanish Language (12th)
English Literature (12th)	Statistics (11th or 12th)
Environmental Science (11th or 12th)	Studio Art: 2-D (12th)
European History (10th -12th)	Studio Art: 3-D (12th)
French Language (12th)	US Government & Politics (12th)
German Language (12th)	US History (11th)
Japanese Language (12th)	AP World History

2024 AP Exams

Number of exams administered	1294
Percent of total exams resulting in 3+	91%
Percent of Class of 2024 taking at least one test in high school	53%
Percent of testers in Class of 2023 scoring 3+ on at least one exam	91%

AP Awards

AP Scholar	77
AP Scholar with Honor	45
AP Scholar with Distinction	103
AP Capstone Diploma	7

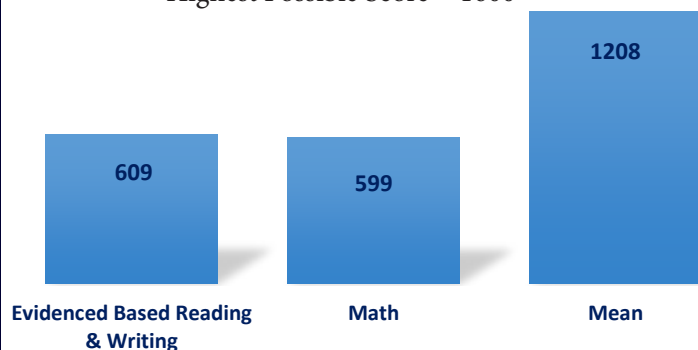
College Admission Testing - Class of 2024

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Results |

59% of the Class of 2024 (199 students) took an SAT

Class of 2024 SAT Mean Scores

Highest Possible Score = 1600

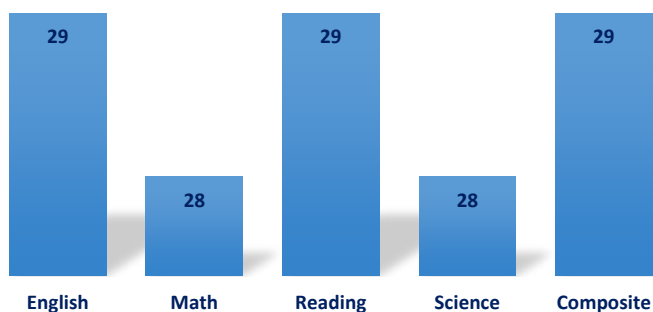


Calculated from highest test score attained across all test attempts

ACT Results | 23% of the Class of 2023

(78 students) participated in the ACT

Class of 2024 ACT Mean Scores



Calculated from highest test score attained across all test attempts

National Merit Scholar Recognition
Class of 2024

7 Finalists

9 Commended

Wissahickon Virtual Academy

The Wissahickon Virtual Academy (WVA) provides a tuition-free educational experience for cyber learners who reside within the boundaries of the Wissahickon School District. The virtual academy is designed for families seeking a more flexibly scheduled secondary program for any one of a number of reasons. Students entering grades 6-12 are eligible to attend WVA, and for those successfully completing their high school program through WVA, they will earn a Wissahickon High School diploma. Course offerings are available at various academic levels, including honors and AP, to support and encourage rigor. The curriculum aligns with the district's credit requirements and assesses student performance relative to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Academic and Core Standards.

The Wissahickon Virtual Academy provides instruction through an asynchronous lesson format. This means that the student will learn through lessons prepared by teachers at the Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP) which is managed through the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. MVP partners with online providers such as Edgenuity, Odesseyware Academy, Peak, The Virtual High School, and Calvert Learning. For a catalog of courses, visit <https://mvp.mciu.org/what-we-offer/course-lists/>.

Courses and grades earned from WVA will be provided on a Wissahickon High School transcript under a separate heading. Grades earned through WVA can/will be used as part of the cumulative WHS GPA calculation. Students enrolled in WVA are eligible to take part in all extra-curricular activities at WHS.

For more detailed information on WVA, visit <https://www.wsdweb.org/schools/wissahickon-virtual-academy>.

Special Programs

Dual Enrollment | Students have the option to earn dual enrollment credit from Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) or Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) for the following courses: Language, Literature, & Writing IV A (MCCC), Fitness (MCCC), Advanced Computer Programming (MCCC), AP Computer Science (MCCC), Introduction to Engineering Design (RIT), Civil Engineering and Architecture (RIT), Computer Integrated Manufacturing (RIT), Mass Media and Society (MCCC), French III H (MCCC), French IV H (MCCC), German III H (MCCC), German IV H (MCCC), Spanish III H (MCCC), Spanish IV H (MCCC).

Virtual High School (VHS) | Provides students with online courses not offered at Wissahickon. A maximum of 10 students are selected to enroll in VHS courses based on GPA and ability to independently monitor progress.

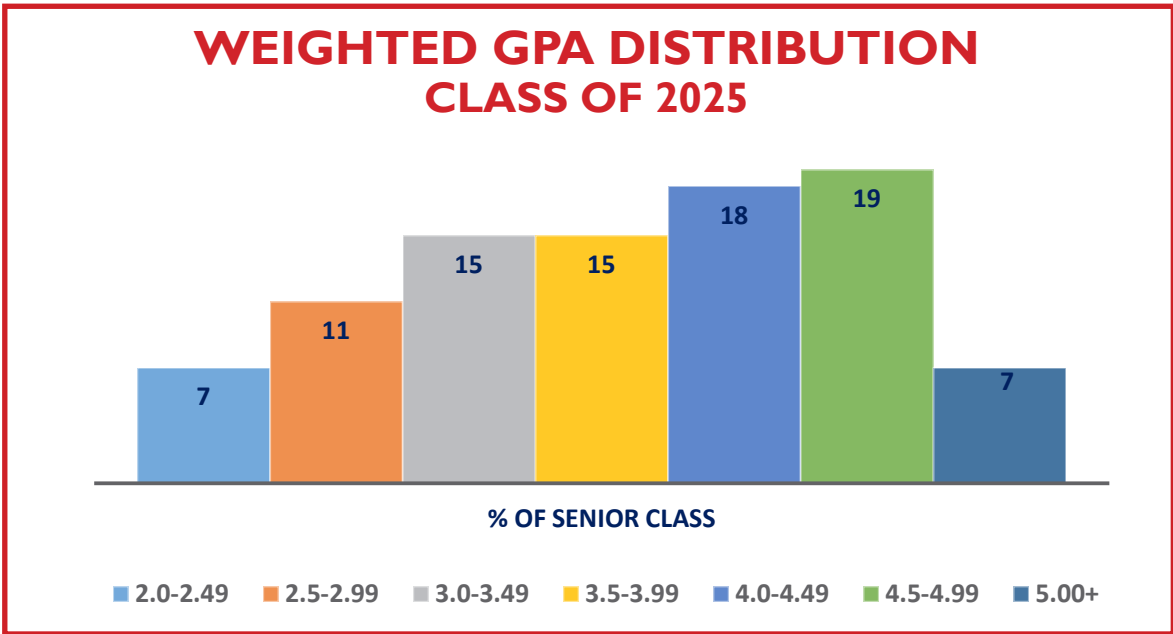
Senior Internship | A voluntary yearlong senior course allowing students to complete an internship in the community for elective credit.

Technical Career Center | North Montco Technical Career Center (NMTCC) offers 21 programs, including the highly competitive, honors level Biomedical Technology program, a lab-intensive training that offers students the opportunity to earn college credit through Montgomery County Community College. NMTCC students have the opportunity to apply to enroll in the 12th grade honors-level course of their CTE program. The honors course for is for 12th grader students who have demonstrated a high level of interest and achievement in their program and who aspire to an advanced level of learning.

Grading System

Class of 2025 - 378 students
 Highest Weighted GPA - 5.45

GPA is calculated based on credits earned through Wissahickon, North Montco Technical High School, or Wissahickon Virtual Academy only. Credits recovered in summer school are also included in the GPA. Grades earned at other high schools are NOT calculated in the students' cumulative unweighted/weighted GPA provided by WHS. Both unweighted and weighted GPA are provided on the transcript. Students who earn a C- or better in an AP or Honors level course will have .10 (AP) or .05 (Honors) added to their unweighted GPA to calculate the weighted GPA.



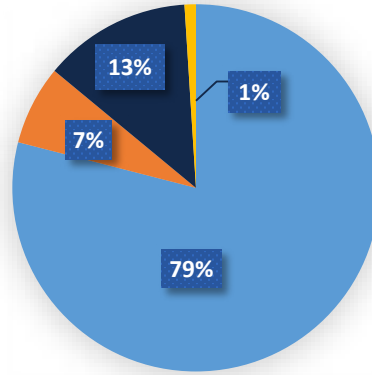
Grading Scale		
Letter Grade	Percent Grade	Grade Points
A	93-100	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1
F	Below 65	0

WHS Does Not Rank Students

P Passing
 F Failing
 M Medical Excuse

Class of 2024 College Matriculation

92% of 2024 Graduates Elected to Attend one of 105 Colleges/Universities



338 Graduates

Post Secondary Plans

- Four-year college
- Two-year college/trade/technical school
- Work or other opportunities
- Military

Albright College
 Alvernia University
 Arcadia University
 Arizona State University (Tempe)
 Auburn University
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Clark Atlanta University
 Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg)
 Cornell University
 Dalhousie University
 Delaware State University
 Delaware Valley University
 Dickinson College
 Drexel University
 Duquesne University
 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
 Emerson College
 Flagler College
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Goucher College
 Gwynedd Mercy University
 Hampton University
 Haverford College
 Hillsdale College
 Immaculata University
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Main Campus)
 Ithaca College
 Jacksonville University
 James Madison University
 Johnson College
 Juniata College
 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
 La Salle University
 Lincoln University

Michigan State University
 Millersville University of Pennsylvania
 Montgomery County Community College
 Moravian University
 Morehouse College
 Morgan State University
 Muhlenberg College
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Penn State University (Abington)
 Penn State University (Berks)
 Penn State University (Schuylkill)
 Penn State University (University Park)
 Penn State University (World Campus)
 Pennsylvania College of Technology
 Pratt Institute
 Purdue University (Main Campus)
 Quinnipiac University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rider University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rowan University
 Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
 SUNY at Purchase College
 Saint Joseph's University
 Shenandoah University
 Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
 Smith College
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
 The Ohio State University
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Edinburgh
 The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
 Thomas Jefferson University
 Tufts University
 University College Dublin

University of Chicago
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Florida
 University of Groningen
 University of Louisville
 University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
 University of Maryland (College Park)
 University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
 University of Michigan
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Scranton
 University of South Carolina
 University of South Florida (Main Campus)
 University of Virginia (Main Campus)
 University of Wisconsin (Madison)
 Valencia College
 Villanova University
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania
 West Virginia University
 Widener University
 Winston-Salem State University