



Wissahickon School District

True Blue with a Heart of Gold

2020-2021 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	1,460
	Senior Class	349
	Minority Enrollment	36%
Faculty	Economically Disadvantaged	21%
	Number of Faculty	377
	% with Master's Degree	85%

Enrollment CEEB Code.....390065

Accolades | *U.S. News and World Report 2020* ranked WHS #1 Best High School in Montgomery County and #8 best in the state (#5 compared to public high schools only, with magnet schools removed).

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.

Character Education | WHS students participate in character building activities and community service in the classroom, through extracurricular activities and a required graduation project.

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
Graduation Project	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

Wissahickon High School

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Most Rigorous Course Offerings

Honors Courses | WHS offers 67 Honors courses. For students interested in the performing or visual arts, the curriculum includes 15 Honors Arts/Music offerings.

Advanced Placement | WHS offers 25 Advanced Placement® courses and exams. In the Class of 2020, 48% took at least one AP exam and received a score of 3 or better. In the class of 2021, 47% took at least one AP exam by the end of junior year. Students are not required to sit for the AP Exam. WHS will pay for two exams per student per year and all exams for students with financial need.

AP Courses Offered		2020 AP Exams	
Seminar (10th - 12th)	Japanese Language (12th)	Number of exams administered	910
Biology (11th or 12th)	Microeconomics (12th)	Percent of exams resulting in 3+	90%
Calculus AB (10th -12th)	Macroeconomics (12th)	Percent of Class of 2020 taking at least one test in high school	57%
Calculus BC (11th or 12th)	Physics 1 (11th or 12th)	Percent of testers in Class of 2020 scoring 3+ on at least one exam	88%
Chemistry (12th)	Physics 2 (12th)	AP Awards	
Computer Science A (11th or 12th)	Psychology (11th or 12th)	AP Scholar	45
English Language (11th)	Research (11th or 12th)	AP Scholar with Honor	34
English Literature (12th)	Spanish Language (12th)	AP Scholar with Distinction	81
Environmental Science (11th or 12th)	Statistics (11th or 12th)	National AP Scholar	24
European History (10th -12th)	Studio Art: 2-D (11th or 12th)	AP Capstone Diploma	7
French Language (12th)	Studio Art: 3-D (11th or 12th)		
German Language (12th)	US Government & Politics (12th)		
	US History (11th)		

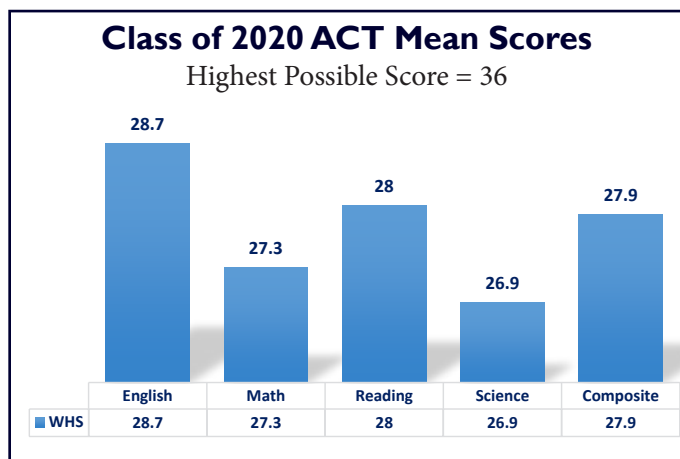
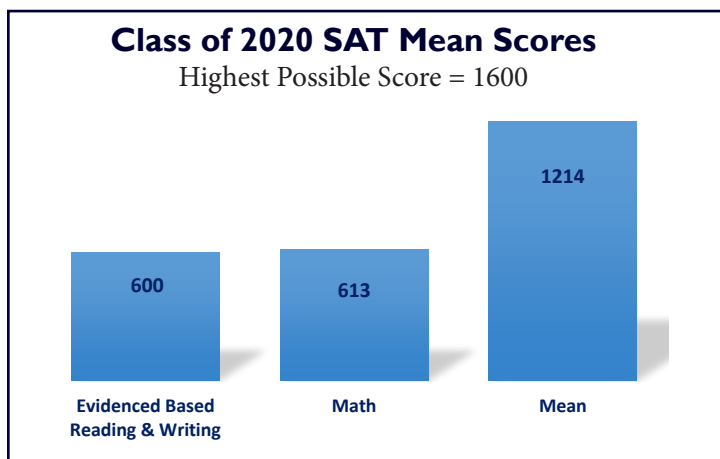
College Admission Testing - Class of 2020

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Results |

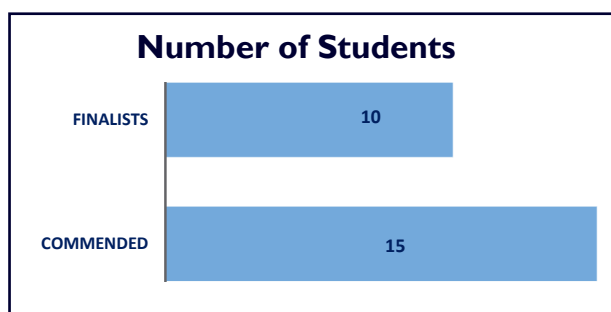
76% of the Class of 2020 (270 students) took an SAT

ACT Results | 21% of the Class of 2020

(75 students) participated in the ACT



National Merit Scholar Recognition
Class of 2020



Covid-19 Impacts

Spring 2020 | Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in-person instruction at Wissahickon High School ended on March 12, 2020. For the remainder of the school year, asynchronous virtual instruction was provided to the students. There were no final exams. Letter grades were given for the fourth marking period based on performance from virtual learning. Final letter grades were provided to students based on an average of the four marking periods (90%) and midterm exam grade (10%).

Fall 2020 | Instruction began virtually for all high school students through the end of the first marking period. Students participated in a synchronous learning model with district teachers following a typical school day schedule. Letter grades were given based on student performance in the virtual setting. For the second marking period, beginning November 9, students were given the option of continuing 100% virtual or transitioning to hybrid (in-person learning every other day).

WHS students have laptop computers provided by the school district. For families without home internet access, the school district provides hot spots to ensure that students can complete schoolwork and assignments.

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 earn college credit for enrolling in Web Design and Advanced Computer Programming at Montgomery County Community College.

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

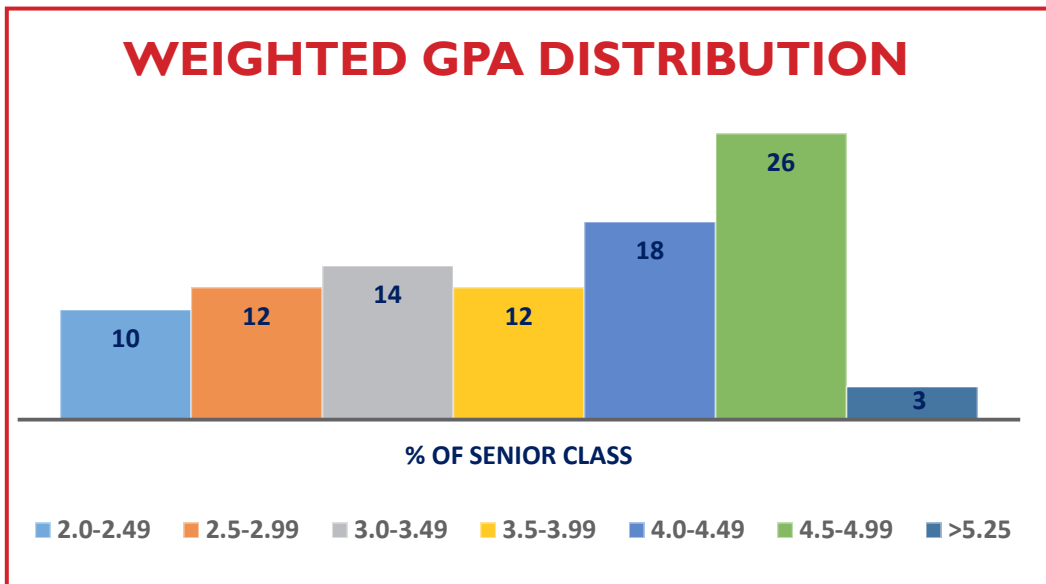
Virtual High School (VHS) | Provides students with online courses not offered at Wissahickon. A maximum of 10 students are selected to enroll in VHS courses based on GPA and ability to independently monitor progress.

Technical Career Center | North Montco Technical Career Center offers 22 programs including the highly competitive Allied Health Technology program where students interested in a medical or health science career participate in clinical rotations and classes at Abington Lansdale Hospital and the Biotechnology program - a laboratory intensive program which offers students eight college credits.

Grading System

Class of 2021 - 349 students
 Highest Weighted GPA - 5.25

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.



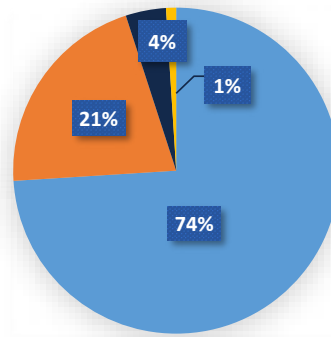
Grading Scale		
Letter Grade	Percent Grade	Grade Points
A	93-100	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1
F	Below 65	0

WHS Does Not Rank Students

- P Passing
- F Failing
- M Medical Excuse

Class of 2020 College Matriculation

95% of 2020 Graduates
Elected to Attend
one of 110 Colleges/
Universities



349 Graduates

Post Secondary Plans

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

American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Augsburg University
Automotive Training Center
Binghamton University
Bloomsburg University
Boston College
Boston University
Bucknell University
California University
Central Michigan University
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
Cornell University
Delaware Valley University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Stroudsburg University
Eastern University
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Emory University
Empire Beauty School
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hamilton College
Haverford College
Hillsborough Community College
Hofstra University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Ithaca College
Kutztown University
Lafayette College

LaSalle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Loyola University Maryland
Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Millersville University
Montgomery County Community College
New York University
Northeastern University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University, Abington
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona
Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Regis University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
San Diego State University
Shippensburg University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The Ambler Beauty Institute
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
The Culinary Institute of America
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Tampa
Thomas Jefferson University
Tulane University
University of Aberdeen
University of Alabama
University of California, San Diego

University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Louisville
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
West Chester University
West Virginia University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
York College of Pennsylvania