



Wissahickon School District

True Blue with a Heart of Gold

2022-2023 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	1,347
	Senior Class	341
	Minority Enrollment	38%
Faculty	Economically Disadvantaged	20%
	Number of Faculty	370
	% with Master's Degree	84%

Enrollment CEEB Code.....390065

Accolades | *U.S. News and World Report 2022* ranked WHS 3rd Best High School in Montgomery County and 13th best in the state (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 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

Wissahickon High School

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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 25 Advanced Placement courses and exams. In the Class of 2022, 41% of students took at least one AP exam and received a score of 3 or better. In the Class of 2023, 54% 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)	Japanese Language (12th)
Biology (10th-12th)	Microeconomics (12th)
Calculus AB (10th -12th)	Macroeconomics (12th)
Calculus BC (11th or 12th)	Physics 1 (10th-12th)
Chemistry (11th-12th)	Physics 2 (11th-12th)
Computer Science A (11th or 12th)	Psychology (11th or 12th)
English Language (11th)	Research (11th or 12th)
English Literature (12th)	Spanish Language (12th)
Environmental Science (11th or 12th)	Statistics (11th or 12th)
European History (10th -12th)	Studio Art: 2-D (12th)
French Language (12th)	Studio Art: 3-D (12th)
German Language (12th)	US Government & Politics (12th)
	US History (11th)

2022 AP Exams

Number of exams administered	943
Percent of total exams resulting in 3+	84%
Percent of Class of 2022 taking at least one test in high school	47%
Percent of testers in Class of 2022 scoring 3+ on at least one exam	87%

AP Awards

AP Scholar	66
AP Scholar with Honor	31
AP Scholar with Distinction	74
AP Capstone Diploma	8

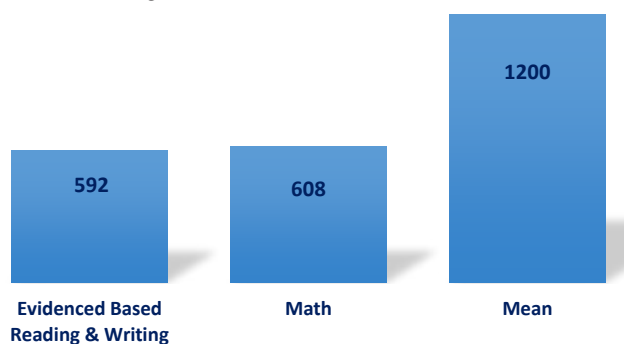
College Admission Testing - Class of 2022

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Results |

65% of the Class of 2022 (229 students) took an SAT

Class of 2022 SAT Mean Scores

Highest Possible Score = 1600

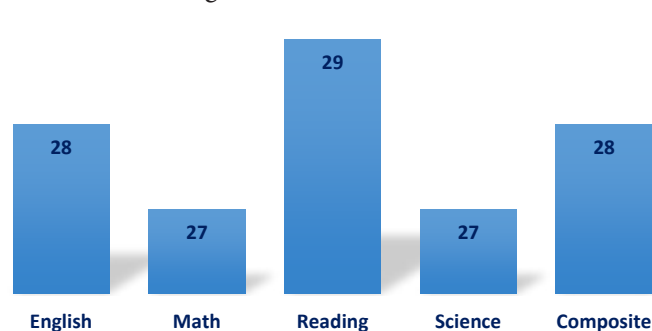


ACT Results | 17% of the Class of 2022

(58 students) participated in the ACT

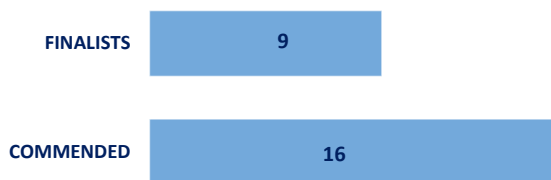
Class of 2022 ACT Mean Scores

Highest Possible Score = 36



National Merit Scholar Recognition
Class of 2022

Number of Students



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%).

2020-2021 | The 2020-2021 school year began virtually for all students. Two virtual options were available – synchronous virtual instruction by WHS staff or asynchronous virtual instruction through the Wissahickon Virtual Academy. In November, students were given an option to return to school under a hybrid model. Virtual instruction remained an option for the entire school year. Grades were issued based on student performance. No midterm or final exams were given in the 2020-2021 school year.

2021-2022 | Students returned to in-person instruction five days per week. Students who wished to remain virtual were moved to the Wissahickon Virtual Academy.

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.

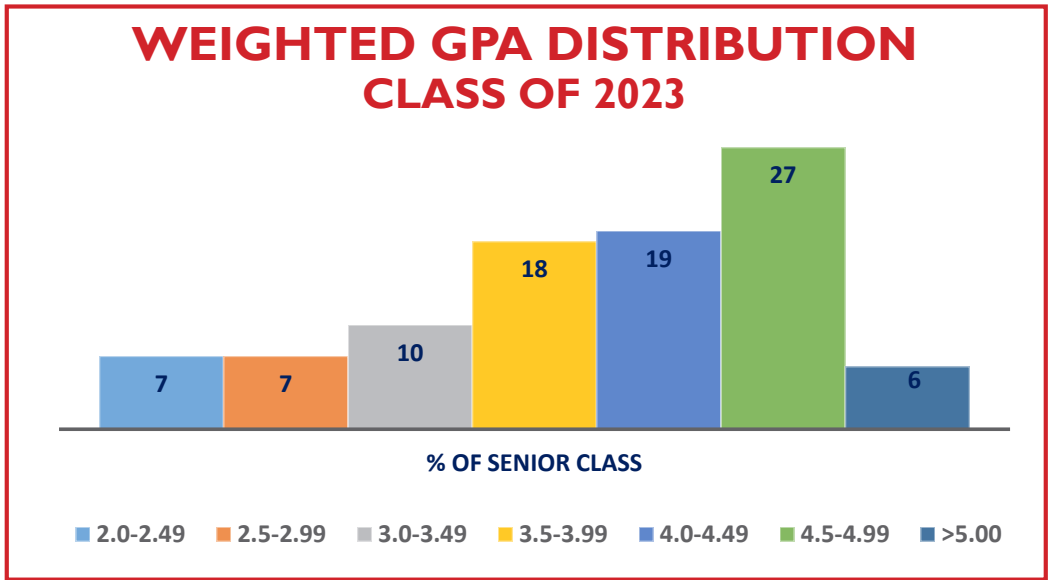
Social Lab | A voluntary yearlong senior course allowing students to complete an internship in the community for elective credit.

Technical Career Center | North Montco Technical Career Center (NMTCC) offers 22 programs including the highly competitive, honors-level 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 Biomedical Technology program, a laboratory intensive program which offers students eight college credits. NMTCC students have the opportunity to apply to enroll in the 12th grade Honors level course of their CTE program. The Honors course is for 12th grade 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 2023 - 341 students
 Highest Weighted GPA - 5.50

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.



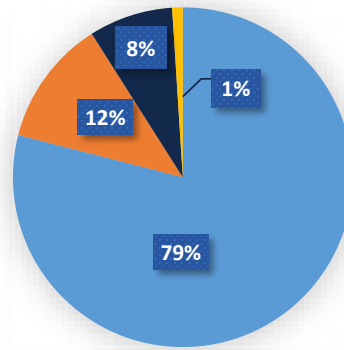
Grading Scale		
Letter Grade	Percent Grade	Grade Points
A	93-100	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1
F	Below 65	0

WHS Does Not Rank Students

P Passing
 F Failing
 M Medical Excuse

Class of 2022 College Matriculation

91% of 2022 Graduates Elected to Attend one of 120 Colleges/Universities



343 Graduates

Post Secondary Plans

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

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| Alvernia University | Indiana University of Pennsylvania | Temple University |
| American Musical and Dramatic Academy | Ithaca College | The College of New Jersey |
| American University | James Madison University | The New School |
| Arcadia University | Johnson & Wales University | Thomas Jefferson University |
| Art Center College of Design | King's College | Towson University |
| Baldwin Wallace University | Kutztown University of Pennsylvania | Tufts University |
| Berklee College of Music | La Salle University | Tulane University |
| Binghamton University | Lehigh University | University of Alabama |
| Bloomsburg University | Lincoln University of Pennsylvania | University of California, Berkeley |
| Boston College | Lipscomb University | University of Cincinnati |
| Boston University | Lynn University | University of Connecticut |
| Bowie State University | Michigan State University | University of Delaware |
| Bucks County Community College | Millersville University of Pennsylvania | University of Florida |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Misericordia University | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign |
| Case Western Reserve University | Monmouth University | University of Maine |
| Chestnut Hill College | Montgomery County Community College | University of Maryland, College Park |
| Clark University | Moravian University | University of Massachusetts, Amherst |
| Coastal Carolina University | Morehouse College | University of Massachusetts, Lowell |
| College of William & Mary | Morgan State University | University of New Haven |
| Colorado School of Mines | Muhlenberg College | University of Oklahoma |
| Delaware Valley University | Neumont College of Computer Science | University of Pennsylvania |
| DeSales University | New York University | University of Pittsburgh |
| Dickinson College | Northeastern University | University of Rochester |
| Drexel University | Ohio University | University of South Carolina |
| East Stroudsburg University | Penn State University | University of Southern California |
| Elizabethtown College | Penn State University, Abington | University of the Sciences |
| Elon University | Penn State University, Altoona | University of Tampa |
| Emerson College | Pepperdine University | University of Tennessee, Knoxville |
| Emory University | Rhode Island School of Design | University of Texas, Austin |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University | Rider University | University of Vermont |
| Ferris State University | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Virginia |
| Florida State University | Rutgers University | University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| Fordham University | Sacred Heart University | Ursinus College |
| Franklin & Marshall College | Saint Joseph's University | Villanova University |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | Salisbury University | Virginia Tech |
| Gwynedd Mercy University | School of the Art Institute of Chicago | Wake Forest University |
| Harvard University | Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania | West Chester University |
| Haverford College | Stevens Institute of Technology | West Virginia University |
| Indiana University | Susquehanna University | Widener University |
| | Syracuse University | Wilkes University |