



Wissahickon School District

Bleeding Blue with a Heart of Gold

2017-2018 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 extra-curricular offerings and a dedicated character education program.

Students	Enrollment 9-12	1,281
	Senior Class	343
	Minority Enrollment	35%
	Economically Disadvantaged	17%
Faculty	Number of Faculty	370
	% with Master's Degree	84%

Enrollment CEEB Code.....390065



Accolades | In 2016-2017, WHS was selected as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education, ranked 2nd in the state on the PA School Performance Profile and the 22nd top high school in Pennsylvania by

U.S. News & World Report.

Community | Wissahickon High School 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.

Graduation Requirements

English	4.00
Social Studies	4.00
Mathematics*	3.00
Science*	3.00
Wellness (9th grade)	1.00
Physical Education	1.00
Health	0.50
Graduation Project	0.80
Electives **	9.50
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*

Character Education | Our tagline, *Bleeding Blue with a Heart of Gold*, exemplifies our school spirit and focus on teaching students to be good citizens who help others and make our communities a better place to live. Students in all Wissahickon schools participate in character building activities and community service.

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

Wissahickon High School

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Most Rigorous Course Offerings

Honors Courses | WHS offers 56 Honors courses. For students interested in the performing or visual arts, the curriculum includes 15 Honors Arts/Music offerings.

Advanced Placement | Wissahickon offers 21 Advanced Placement® courses and exams. In the Class of 2017, 41% took at least one AP exam and received a score of 3 or better and 16% of the class took at least 3 AP courses by the end of junior year.

AP Courses Offered

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

2017 AP Exams

Number of exams administered	948
Percent of exams resulting in 3+	80%
Percent of Class taking at least one test AP test and passing	41%

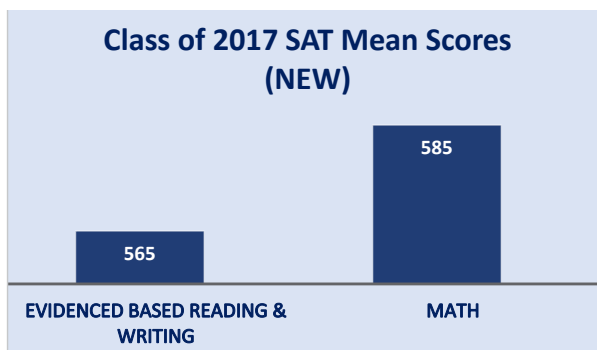
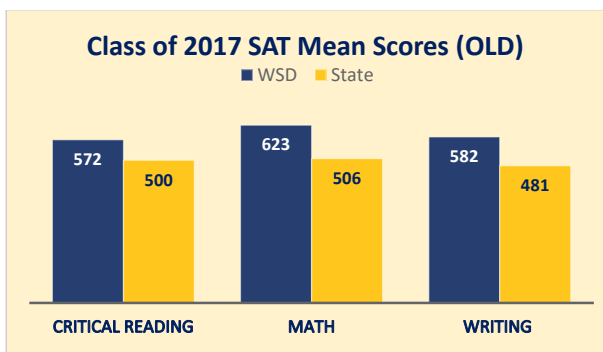
AP Awards

AP Scholar	53
AP Scholar with Honor	32
AP Scholar with Distinction	80
National AP Scholar	23

College Admission Testing - Class of 2017

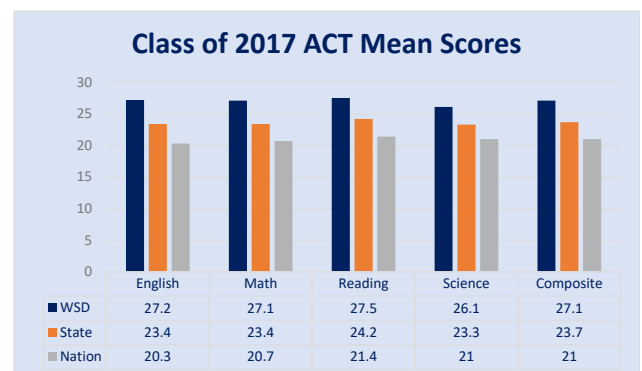
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Results

40% of the Class of 2017 (122) took the old SAT and 52% (161) took the new SAT. WSD scores were well above state averages.



ACT Results

50% of the Class of 2017 (154 students) participated in the ACT.



National Merit Recognition

Commended	16
Semifinalists	13
Finalists	13

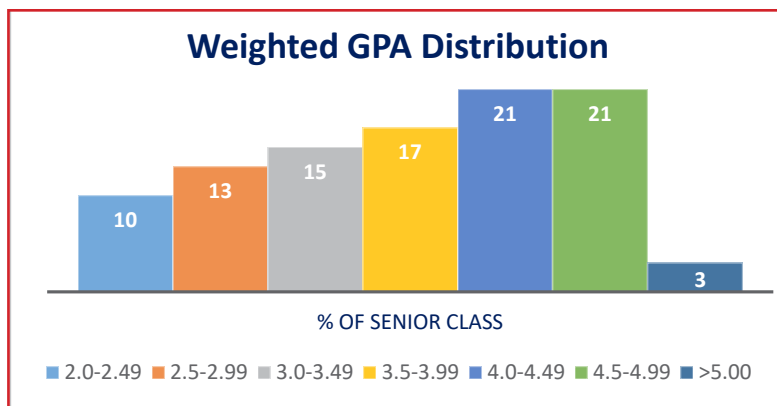
Grading System

NEW GRADING SCALE: The high school grading scale will change beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Students who have earned grades prior to 2017-2018 will have a GPA calculated using a combination of both grading scales on the right.

WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2017 - 343 students
Highest Weighted GPA - 5.35

GPA is calculated based on credits earned through Wissahickon, North Montco Technical High School, or Virtual High School 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 or .05 added to their unweighted GPA to calculate the weighted GPA.



Grading Scale Prior to 2017-2018		
Letter Grade	Percent Grade	Grade Points
A	90-100	4
B	80-89	3
C	70-79	2
D	65-69	1
F	Below 65	0

New Grading Scale as of 2017-2018		
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

P Passing
F Failing
M Medical Excuse

WHS Does Not Rank Students

Special Programs

Dual Enrollment | students earn college credit for enrolling in Web Design and Advanced Computer Programming at Montgomery County Community College. **25** students enrolled in 2016-2017.

Social Lab | a voluntary yearlong senior course allowing students to complete an internship in the community for elective credit. **36** students enrolled in 2016-2017.

Virtual High School (VHS) | provides students with online courses not offered at Wissahickon. A maximum of **10** students

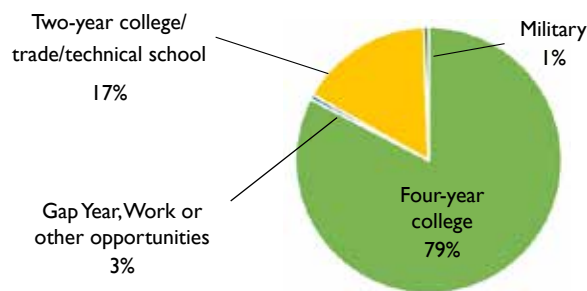
are selected to enroll in VHS courses based on GPA and ability to independently monitor progress.

Technical Career Center | **61** students enrolled in one of 22 programs at the North Montco Technical Career Center. Four enrolled in 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. Five students enrolled in the Biotechnology program - a laboratory intensive program which offers students eight college credits.

Class of 2017 College Matriculation

96% of 2017 Graduates
Elected to Attend
one of 111 Colleges/
Universities

Post Secondary Plans



American University
Arcadia University
Belmont University
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Broward College
Brown University
Cairn University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Cedar Crest College
Chatham University
Chestnut Hill College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Cornell University
Delaware Valley University
DeSales University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Florida Institute of Technology
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hamilton College - NY
Harford Community College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Howard University
Indiana University at Bloomington

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
La Salle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Loyola University Maryland
Lund University
Manor College
Michigan State University
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Monmouth University
Montgomery County Community College
Moore College of Art and Design
Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio Northern University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University, Abington
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona
Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer
Honors College
Philadelphia University
Pitzer College
Quinnipiac University
Randolph-Macon College
Rice University
Rollins College
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Joseph's University
Savannah College of Art and Design
St. John's University - Queens Campus

Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Tampa
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Merchant Marine Academy
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of South Florida, Tampa
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ursinus College
Valley Forge Military College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wellesley College
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Wilmington University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute