Wissahickon School District

True Blue with a Heart of Gold

2021-2022 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	1,421
	Senior Class	**350**
	Minority Enrollment	38%
	Economically Disadvantaged	21%
Faculty	Number of Faculty	377
	% with Master's Degree	85%

Enrollment CEEB Code……..390065

Accolades | *U.S. News and World Report 2021* ranked WHS 2nd Best High School in Montgomery County and 7th 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
521 Houston Road Ambler, PA 19002 www.wsdweb.org
Phone: (215) 619-8112 Fax: (215) 619-8174

Administration

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

Counseling Staff

Ms. Antoinette Perrotta (A-Dh)	aperrotta@wsdweb.org
Mrs. Cailin Diebolt (Di-Ho)	cdiebolt@wsdweb.org
Mrs. Marissa Samit (Hp-Mc)	msamit@wsdweb.org
Mr. Vince Yasenchak (Md-Sb)	vyasenchak@wsdweb.org
Mrs. Felicia Glover (Sc-Z)	fglover@wsdweb.org
Ms. Stacy Anderson (College)	sanderson@wsdweb.org
Ms. Cindy Moyer (Resource)	cmoyer@wsdweb.org

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 2021, 47% of students took at least one AP exam and received a score of 3 of better. In the Class of 2022, 49% 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.

AP Courses Offered

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

2021 AP Exams

Number of exams administered	788
Percent of exams resulting in 3+	76%
Percent of Class of 2021 taking at least one test in high school	52%
Percent of testers in Class of 2021 scoring 3+ on at least one exam	91%

AP Awards

AP Scholar	47
AP Scholar with Honor	30
AP Scholar with Distinction	60
AP Capstone Diploma	6

College Admission Testing - Class of 2021

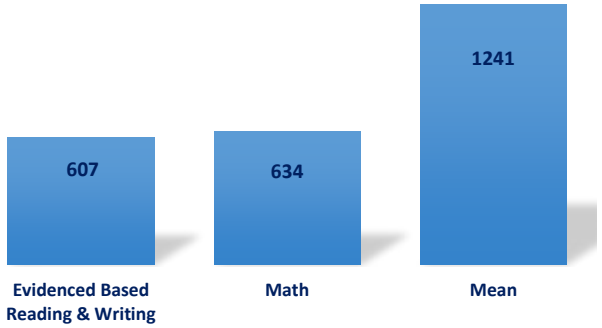
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, limited testing opportunities were available to students in the Class of 2021 during the Spring and Fall of 2020. Most colleges offered students test optional admissions. As a result, there was a significant decrease in the number of WHS Class of 2021 students who participated in standardized testing.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Results | 47% of the Class of 2021 (164 students) took an SAT

ACT Results | 19% of the Class of 2021 (65 students) participated in the ACT

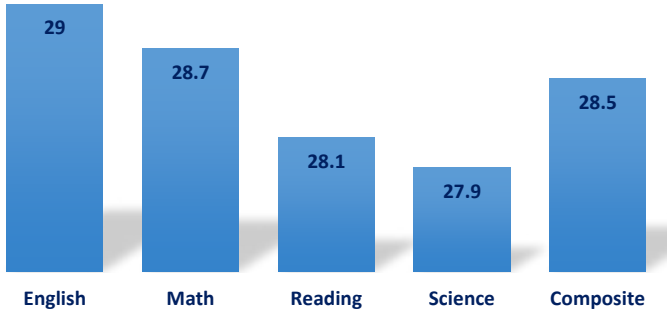
Class of 2021 SAT Mean Scores

Highest Possible Score = 1600



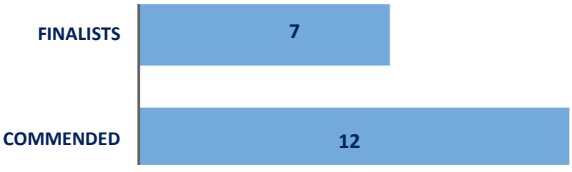
Class of 2021 ACT Mean Scores

Highest Possible Score = 36



National Merit Scholar Recognition
Class of 2021

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.

Fall 2021 | WHS will be returning to 5 days per week, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Students who wish to remain virtual will have the option to participate in 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 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.

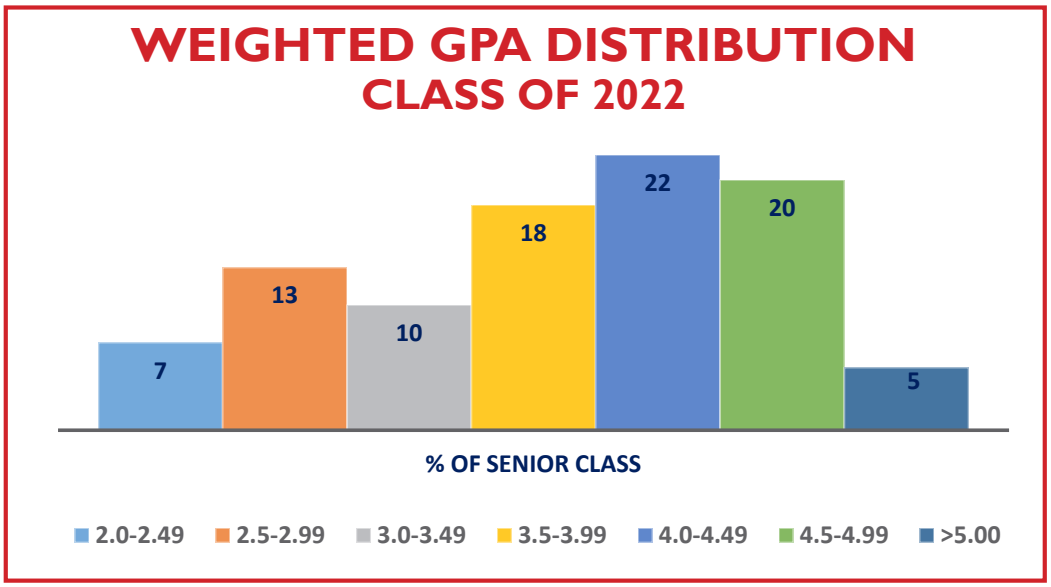
Virtual High School (VHS) | Provides students with online courses not offered at Wissahickon. A maximum of 10 students are selected to enroll in VHS courses based on GPA and ability to independently monitor progress.

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 2022 - 350 students
Highest Weighted GPA - 5.29

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.



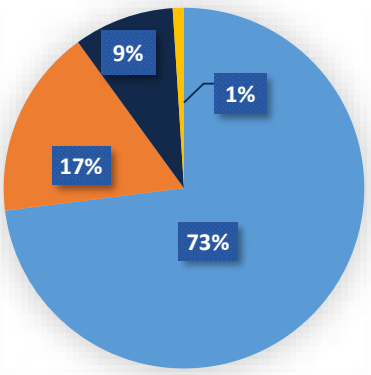
Grading Scale		
Letter Grade	Percent Grade	Grade Points
A	93-100	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1
F	Below 65	0

WHS Does Not Rank Students

P	Passing
F	Failing
M	Medical Excuse

Class of 2021 College Matriculation

90% of 2021 Graduates Elected to Attend one of 101 Colleges/ Universities



352 Graduates

Post Secondary Plans

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

American University
Arcadia University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Bergen Community College
Bloomsburg University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Cedar Crest College
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of William & Mary
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware Valley University
Drexel University
Emory University
Fayetteville State University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
Holy Family University
Howard University
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
Juniata College
Kenyon College
King's College
Kutztown University
La Salle University
Lehigh University
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
Loyola University Maryland
Millersville University
Monmouth University
Montgomery County Community College
Moore College of Art & Design
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Orleans Technical Institute
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University, Abington
Providence College
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rider University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Joseph's University
Shippensburg University
Spelman College
Stevenson University
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas State University
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Tufts University
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of the Arts
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ursinus College
Valencia College
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Chester University
Widener University