



WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2020-2021 High School Profile

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Mission Statement

The mission of Whitinsville Christian School is to nurture the academic, spiritual, personal, social, creative and physical development of students, in cooperation with their parents, for Christ-like service in God's world.

School Characteristics

Founded in 1928, WCS is a premier college preparatory institution of innovative learning that prepares students for further education, life experiences, and servant leadership. Our students and teachers strive every day to grow in character, faith, and knowledge, giving glory to God through our fellowship, our excellence, and our responsible leadership and service in the world. Our founding heritage and diversity of students offer a world-view that sets WCS apart from other Christian schools. Located on a beautiful 40-acre campus, WCS offers a state-of-the-art performing arts center and athletic complex, library media center, cross country trail, two soccer fields, a softball field, six tennis courts, and an outdoor track.

Accreditations & Affiliations

- Association of Independent School Admission Professionals
- Christian Schools International
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
- Massachusetts STEM Hub
- National Association for College Admissions Counseling
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- New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- Project Lead the Way

Curriculum

- Curriculum levels: AP, Honors, and College Prep
- 120 courses across 10 core curriculum departments
- Three levels of math: AP, College Prep 1 (Advanced), and College Prep 2
- Advanced Placement courses: Art (2-D, 3-D, and Drawing), Calculus AB, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Music Theory, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, and World History: Modern
- Honors courses/components at multiple grade levels
- Midterms/final exams given at the end of each semester

Academic Program Highlights

Project-based learning is embedded throughout the K-12 curriculum. A signature course, Principles of Engineering (in partnership with Project Lead the Way and the Mass STEM Hub), is a project-based course requirement for graduation, taken during the freshman year.

Technology offerings are robust. Students are required to take two semesters of computer science. Additionally, several technology electives are rotated into the schedule including Robots and Drones, Computer Programming, Web Design, and Digital Media.

The Arts Program includes eight music courses such as Band, Choir, Orchestra, Music Composition, and Sound Tech, as well as nine art classes including Design Fundamentals, Photography, Ceramics, and Sculpture.

Online learning is a requirement. Every student takes at least one Virtual High School or Dual-Enrollment Course.

All students are required to complete a junior research seminar and a senior research seminar or capstone project.

Speech is a required course to build and deliver both informative and persuasive speeches.

Small Groups meet twice per week in 35 minute blocks. Students engage in social emotional learning activities, build soft skills, practice leadership, plan and implement service projects, work on team-building activities, participate in student-led chapel, and meet with Guidance to complete college and career readiness modules.

**Student/Faculty
Ratio: 9:1**

**8-period modified
block schedule**

**Avg. of 7 classes
taken per semester**

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for a diploma from WCS, a student must complete the course of studies prescribed by the WCS Board of Trustees and successfully complete 129 credits. Full-year courses are worth 5 credits and semester courses are worth 2.5 credits.

Required course of studies:

English & Speech	22.5	credits
Mathematics	20	credits
History & Government	15	credits
Science	15	credits
Bible	10	credits
Spanish	10	credits
Physical Ed.	5	credits
Technology	5	credits
Fine Arts	2.5	credits
Health	2.5	credits
Online Learning	2.5	credits
*Senior Capstone	2	credits
*Senior Paper	1	credit
Junior Paper	0.5	credits

* seniors choose to complete either a capstone project or senior paper

Students are required to complete service work each year. Total hours earned are indicated on the transcript.

Grading Scale

Letter	Numeric	GPA	Honors	AP
A+	98-100	4.3	4.6	4.8
A	95-97	4.0	4.3	4.5
A-	90-94	3.7	4.0	4.3
B+	87-89	3.3	3.6	3.8
B	84-86	3.0	3.3	3.5
B-	80-83	2.7	3.0	3.2
C+	77-79	2.3	2.6	2.8
C	74-76	2.0	2.3	2.5
C-	70-73	1.7	2.0	2.2
D+	67-69	1.3	1.6	1.8
D	64-66	1.0	1.3	1.5
D-	60-63	0.7	1.0	1.2
F	0-59	0	0	0

The highest cumulative GPA a six semester student has earned at WCHS is 4.25.

* During Spring 2020, due to COVID-19, students moved to an online 8-period day with mandatory attendance. As of printing this document, WCS has returned to full day in-person instruction for all students for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Honor Roll

Students achieving a GPA of 3.85 or above are awarded High Honors. Students earning a GPA of 3.40-3.84 are awarded Honors. GPA is computed twice yearly. All students and all of their course work are included. WCHS does NOT rank students.

College Board

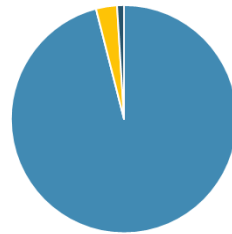
All WCHS students are expected to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The mean of the highest scores achieved by our students for the past three years are as follows:

ERW - 597

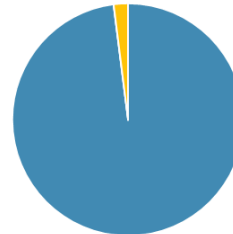
Math - 605

Total - 1202

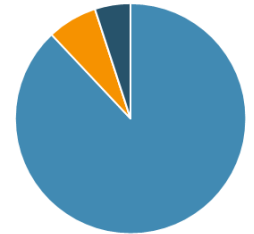
Post Secondary



2018



2019



2020

4-yr college

2-yr college

Other

Military

Recent College and University Acceptances

American University | Assumption University | Baylor University | Becker College | Berklee College of Music | Boston College | Boston University | Brandeis University | Bridgewater State University | Brown University | Bryant University | Bryn Mawr College | Catholic University of America | Calvin University | Cedarville University | Clark University | Clarkson University | Colby College | Colgate University | College of the Holy Cross | College of William & Mary | Cornell University | Drexel University | Duke University | Elon University | Eastern Connecticut State University | Emmanuel College | Framingham State University | George Washington University | Georgia Institute of Technology | Gordon College | High Point University | Hofstra University | École hôtelière de Lausanne | Indiana University | Ithaca College | Johnson & Wales University | Lasell University | Lesley University | Liberty University | Lipscomb University | Loyola University | Massachusetts Maritime Academy | McNally Smith College of Music | Messiah University | Michigan State University | Nichols College | Northeastern University | Pace University | Palm Beach Atlantic University | Pennsylvania State University | Pepperdine University | Princeton University | Providence College | Purdue University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Rhode Island College | Rochester Institute of Technology | Roger Williams University | Rutgers University | Sacred Heart University | Salem State University | Salve Regina University | Seattle Pacific University | Skidmore College | State University of New York | Stonehill College | Suffolk University | Taylor University | Tufts University | Trinity Christian College | University of California | University of Colorado | University of Connecticut | University of Hartford | University of Illinois | University of Massachusetts | University of Pennsylvania | University of Rhode Island | University of Miami | University of Michigan | University of Tampa | University of Washington | Vassar College | Vanderbilt University | Villanova University | Virginia Military Institute | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University | Wentworth Institute of Technology | Wheaton College | Winthrop University | Worcester Polytechnic Institute | Worcester State University

Activities

Book Club | Chapel Band & Crew | Creative Writing Club | DECA | Drama | The HUB | Internships | Jazz Band | Job Shadow | Mentor Groups | National Honor Society | New Student Mentors | New Student Orientation Staff | PEP Band | Robotics | R.S.V.P | Student Government | Student Academic Services | Suzuki Strings Program | Teacher Aide Program | Tech Team | Virtual High School | Vocal Ensemble | Yearbook Committee

Athletics

Baseball | Basketball | Co-op Football | Co-op Golf | Co-op Hockey | Co-op Lacrosse | Cross Country | Indoor Track | Soccer | Softball | Tennis | Track & Field | Volleyball

Inspiring Minds | Igniting Hearts