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17-18 Windham High School
- Drawing I: A, 0.50
- First Aid and CPR: A, 0.50
- Jewelry & Light Metals: A-, 0.50
- Mythology: B-, 0.50
- Poetry and Fiction: C, 0.50

16-17 Windham High School
- Ceramics and Pottery II: A, 0.50
- Chemistry: B, 1.00
- CP Algebra II: B, 1.00
- Economics: C+, 0.50
- Forensics: B+, 0.50
- Graphic Design II: A+, 0.50
- Intro to Political Science: A-, 0.50
- Modern World Literature: B+, 0.50
- Pasty Arts: A-, 0.50
- Propaganda and Persuasion: B, 0.50
- Recreational Sports: A-, 0.50
- World Cuisine: B, 0.50

15-16 Windham High School
- American Studies: B, 2.00
- Biology: B+, 1.00
- Ceramics and Pottery I: A-, 0.50
- CP Geometry: A-, 1.00
- Foods and Nutrition: B, 0.50
- Graphic Design I: A+, 0.50
- Human Performance II: A-, 0.50
- Spanish II: C, 1.00

14-15 Windham High School
- Algebra I Skills Support: P, 0.50
- CP Algebra I: B+, 1.00
- Cultural Foundations: C, 2.00
- Human Performance I: B, 0.50
- Integrated Science: C, 1.00
- Spanish I: B, 1.00
- Wellness: A-, 0.50
- Writing: C+, 0.50

Current Year
- 17-18
  - AP Studio Art: S1, A+
  - Precalculus: C+

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WHS Graduation Requirements

• **English** - 4 years: Cultural Foundations; American Studies; World Literature and Composition
• **Writing** - .5 credit
• **Social Studies** – 3 credits: Cultural; Amer. Studies, Economics, Government
• **Math** – 4 credits: Algebra I
• **Science** – 3 credits: Integrated Science; Biology
• **ICT** – 0.5 credits: Comp App, Digital Media, Graphic Design
• **Arts** – 1 credit: Music, Theater or Visual Arts, Fashion Design
• **Wellness** – 0.5 credit: Wellness
• **Physical Education** – 1.5 credits: Human Performance I & II
• **Open Electives** – 6.0 credits
• **Service Learning** – 40 hours
New Hampshire Scholars
CORE CURRICULUM

- **English**: 4 credits
- **Math**: 4 credits
- **Science**: 3 credits [*lab based* (i.e. Bio, Chem, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, AP’s)]
- **Social Studies**: 3.5 credits
- **Languages**: 2 credits
- **Minimum GPA**: 3.0
## New Hampshire State Scholars

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<th>STEM Emphasis</th>
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<td>• 1 year or more chosen Technology, Engineering, Computer Science, Math, CTE</td>
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<td>• Minimum of 3.2 GPA</td>
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Global Leadership Certificate

Provides WHS students with the opportunities to immerse themselves into cultural diversity, global citizenship and responsibility, while gaining the skills necessary to become emerging leaders in a global community.

In addition to WHS graduation requirements:

- Global Economics
- AP Government or AP Environmental Science
- Global Perspectives
- 3 years of a World Language
- 15 hours of community service in a multi-cultural environment
- International travel with school or pre-approved family travel
NAVIANCE

• Make sure you save your Login and bookmark
• Update “Colleges I’m thinking about” and “Colleges I’m applying to”
• All school related materials (letters of recommendation, transcript, school report) are sent to colleges via Naviance
• Sign up for College Visits in the fall
Click Sign in
- Students and Families
- Enter Zip Code
- Click on Windham High School
NAVIANCE
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- Add Colleges that you are applying to
Factors in Selecting a College

• Type: Two or Four year; Technical, Specialized, etc
• Majors or Degree Programs that are offered
• Environment: Size, Location, Setting, Region
• Facilities
• Student Body make-up
• Cost
• Public or Private
• Athletics
• Extra Curricular Programs/offerings

*You can use this information in the College Search or Super Match
Applying to College

• On average, WHS Students applied to 5-10 colleges

• **Reach Schools:** You would like to attend, but admissions standards make your chances of acceptance uncertain. This is your “Dream School.”

• **Target Schools:** You have a realistic chance of being accepted. You meet all of their admissions standards.

• **Safety Schools:** Your admission is almost certain, as you easily meet or exceed their admissions standards.
Applying to College

College Application Options:

- **Early Decision**: Binding; Can only apply to one school
- **Early Action**: Non-Binding; deadlines are typically November 1\textsuperscript{st} or November 15\textsuperscript{th} (depending on the school); learn decision earlier; no downside.
- **Regular Decision**: Traditional admissions program with dates spanning from December 1\textsuperscript{st} to April 1\textsuperscript{st}
- **Rolling Admission**: Colleges begin reviewing and making decisions on applications as they are received
Letters of Recommendation

Your recommendation needs to be:
• Personal
• Positive
• Persuasive

Your recommender needs to be:
• asked before you leave this summer
• asked in person and then formally requested through Naviance
• reminded how you were in their class (“Teacher Recommendation Form”) to help them write your letter
• told where you are applying and if you have decided on a major if you wanted it personalized
• Thanked
Letters of Recommendation

- Letters of recommendation
- Add new request
- Your Requests
- Recommendation For
- Deadline
- Recommender(s)
- Status
- Cancel Request
- Your recommendation requests will show up here.
Senior Information Sheet

- Counselors refer to this as a way to write a better letter of recommendation for you.
- Elaborate, brag, go above & beyond when answering.
- Add any and all activities that you have participated in (sports, clubs, school activities, outside activities, paid work, community service, etc.).
- Include sports/clubs/activities you will be part of next year.
- If anything changes, let your Counselor know!
Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

• Designed to protect the privacy of a student’s education records.
• By checking the first box, you allow WHS to send out your transcripts and recommendations to the colleges listed in Naviance.
• The second and third boxes ask whether you waive your right to read your letters of recommendation:
  o Choose one and only one
  o Colleges view letters that have been “waived” to be more honest
  o Choosing to “waive” your right means you cannot read your letters of recommendation
• Please fill out the blue FERPA form:
  o Sign and Date
The Common Application
http://www.commonapp.org

• It is a comprehensive tool that students are able to use to apply to more than 600 colleges around the world.
• Connect to More – over 600 colleges and universities around the world
• Work Smarter – Saves time in the application process, as you only enter your information once
• Stay on Track – Manage deadlines and view your progress in the Dashboard
• Streamline Recommendations – Through Naviance and the Common App Teachers and Counselors will have a seamless way to connect letters to your account
Go to www.commonapp.org

Click: Create an Account
Create an account

- Select: I am a Student
- Then click Continue
Create an account

- Use your school email address
- Easiest password to use is your school password plus a symbol
- Write email address & password on index card provided
Create an account

- Use your legal name
- Click Enter Address
- Enter Home phone number
- Enter Date of Birth
- Click Applying as First Year Student
  - Click 2019

Application and financial aid deadline reminders can be helpful.
Welcome to your account
The College Essay

- Be Honest!
- Balance content and composition
- Focus on the message
- Make it interesting
- Think outside the box
- Proofread! Proofread! Proofread!
- Avoid the “laundry list” of accomplishments! That information is already available elsewhere
- Questions are located in your packet
How Colleges Measure Your Application

- High School Courses – level of difficulty compared to level available
- Grades – GPA – Class Rank
- College Entrance Tests (SAT I, SAT II, ACT, AP Exams)
- Application and Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extracurricular Activities
- Interview
- Other factors which indicate talent & leadership
- Internships & Independent Studies
# Standardized Testing

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<th>SAT Test</th>
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<td>3 Hours 55 Minutes (w/Essay)</td>
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<td>3 Sections: Reading, Writing/Language, and Math (Essay is optional)</td>
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<td>Reading- Multiple choice based on passages</td>
<td>Trigonometry questions</td>
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<td>Writing/Languages- Multiple choice based on passages</td>
<td>Vocabulary less important</td>
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<td>Math- Covers mainly Algebra and Geometry. One section with Calculator and one without. Multiple choice and Fill-in. Essay</td>
<td>Science reasoning section</td>
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<td>No penalty for guessing</td>
<td>English grammar</td>
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<td>Each section is scored on a scale of 200-800 Total score is between 400-1600</td>
<td>Entirely multiple choice questions No penalty for guessing Easy and difficult questions are mixed Each section is scored on a scale of 1-36</td>
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www.collegeboard.org www.actstudent.org

Student typically take Standardized Tests in the Spring of Junior year and Fall of Senior
Division I or Division II College Athletes must complete the NCAA Initial Eligibility Form

VISIT: www.eligibilitycenter.org

It is very important that you talk to your Counselor and let them know you are interested in playing!!
Where to get information

● Visits From College Representatives
  ➢ at WHS in the fall
  ➢ Sign up in Naviance

● College Fairs
  ➢ WHS – April 12\textsuperscript{th} - 11:30am – 1:00pm
  ➢ Pinkerton Academy – April 12\textsuperscript{th} - 6pm

● Destination College
  ➢ April 7\textsuperscript{th}
  ➢ Southern New Hampshire University - 8:30-2:30

● Campus Visits with family
Visit the Campus

• Go on a Tour
• Talk to students
• Visit a class
• Visit a dorm
• Have a meal on campus
• Read the newspaper
• Schedule an Interview
• Ask Questions!!!
So, it’s time to....

- Schedule a Junior meeting with your School Counselor
- Research Colleges
- Visit colleges this spring & summer
- Develop SAT/ACT test schedule and SAT II (if needed)
- Finish this year strong
  Your junior year Cumulative GPA will be what colleges see
- Hand your counselor:
  - Blue FERPA form
  - Index Card with Common Application Information