



# Staples High School | Profile 2018-2019

Staples High School, founded in 1884, is a comprehensive public high school grades 9–12 with an enrollment of 1,900 students and 208 faculty members. The single public high school serving Westport, Staples is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and consistently ranked as one of the top high schools in Connecticut. Thirty-five varsity athletic teams compete in the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC). There is active participation in vibrant art, music, theater, and media programs and over 100 co-curricular activities. While the majority of graduates ultimately attend a four-year college, Staples honors all pathways to success and offers a range of programs to meet the academic and personal needs of students.

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## COMMUNITY

Westport is a shoreline town in Fairfield County one hour from New York City with a population of 27,000 and median family income of \$162,907. The community is 91% white, 5% Asian, 4% Hispanic, and 1% African-American. Families and the community demonstrate strong support for the school system, which also includes two 6–8 middle schools, five K-5 elementary schools, and one pre-school. Per pupil expenditure for 2016–17 was \$20,387.

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Colleen Palmer, Ph.D., *Superintendent of Schools*  
 James D'Amico, *Principal*  
 James Farnen, *Assistant Principal*  
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## TRANSCRIPT + GRADING

**Staples High School does not rank students.** There are five course levels to meet student abilities, needs, and interests: Advanced Placement, Honors, A (advanced college prep), B (college prep), and C. GPA is calculated based only on courses taken at Staples. Accelerated Math and World Language courses taken at the middle schools are listed on the transcript, but not eligible for credit or included in the GPA. Transfer transcripts are attached to the Staples transcript as separate documents; previous school grades are not included in the Staples GPA. For the classes of 2019–2021, two GPAs are reported on the Staples transcript, as described in the charts below.

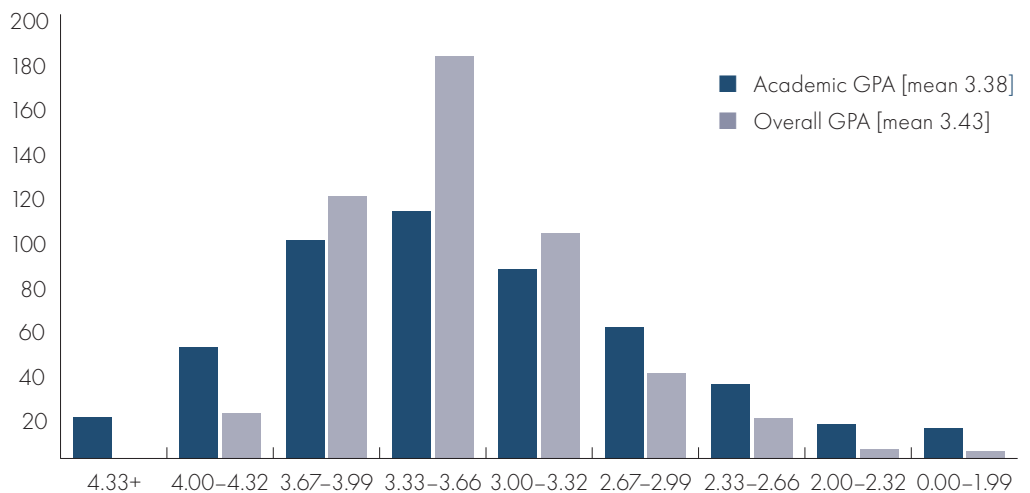
**Academic GPA** is weighted and includes grades in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language, and Honors/AP courses in Art and Music.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F WF
<b>AP</b>	5.00	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	0.00
<b>Honors</b>	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.00
<b>A level</b>	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00
<b>B level</b>	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.33	0.00
<b>C level</b>	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.33	0.16	0.00

**Overall GPA** is unweighted and includes grades in all courses taken at Staples.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F WF
<b>All Courses</b>	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

## CLASS OF 2019 6<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER GPA DISTRIBUTION [480 STUDENTS]



**Highest Final Academic GPA / Class of 2018** 4.7168

**Highest Final Overall GPA / Class of 2018** 4.1615

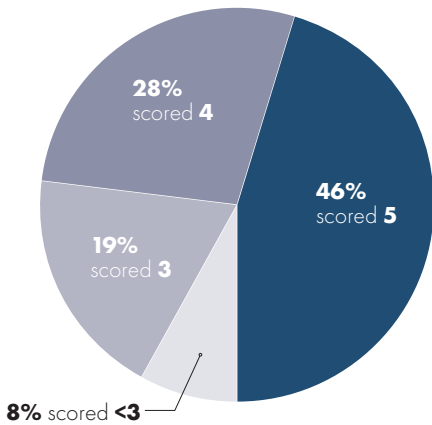
## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	2.0
Social Studies	3.5
World Language	2.0
Fine + Practical Arts	1.5
Health + Physical Education	3.0
Additional Credits	6.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>25.0</b>

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

### Advanced Placement Exam Results

In the spring of 2018, 580 students took a total of 1,300 AP exams. The **mean score** was **4.1**.



### ACT Results (Class of 2018)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	25-32	28.6
English	26-35	30.2
Math	25-33	28.2
Reading	24-34	29.4
Science	24-33	28.2

### SAT Results (Class of 2018)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Total	1145-1400	1280
EBRW	580-695	640
Math	550-710	630

### Class of 2018 Recognitions

National Merit Scholars	2
National Merit Semifinalists	4
National Merit Commended Students	23
National Hispanic Scholars	4
AP Scholars	142
National AP Scholars	27

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

### Advanced Courses (25 AP, 36 Honors)

#### English

- English 1 Honors
- English 2 Honors
- Mythology & Bible Honors
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature

#### Math

- Geometry Honors
- Algebra 2 Honors
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Calculus Honors
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Calculus BC Plus\*
- Multivariable Calculus\*
- Differential Equations\*

#### Science

- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors

#### Physics Honors

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C

#### Social Studies

- Global Themes Honors
- U.S. History Honors
- AP European History
- AP Macro/Micro-Economics
- AP U.S. Government & Politics
- AP U.S. History
- AP World History

#### Visual + Performing Arts

- Digital Foundations Honors
- Studio Art Honors
- AP Studio Art: Drawing

- AP Studio Art: 3-D
- AP Music Theory

#### World Language

- French 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
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- German 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
- AP German Language
- Italian 2, 3, 4 Honors
- Latin 2, 3, 4 Honors
- AP Latin
- Mandarin Chinese 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
- AP Chinese Language & Culture
- Spanish 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

\*AP weight in Academic GPA

- Refer to the Course Catalog for detailed course descriptions: [shs.westportps.org/general/course-catalog](https://shs.westportps.org/general/course-catalog).
- Staples offers several courses where students are eligible for college credit through the University of Connecticut Early College Experience (ECE) concurrent enrollment program: Contemporary World Studies, AP French Language, AP German Language, Italian 4 Honors, and Digital Foundations Honors.
- Students may choose to focus on an area of interest beyond the traditional curriculum through an Independent Learning Experience (ILE). A significant personal investment and level of independence are expected from the student. ILEs are graded as Pass/Fail and noted on the student's transcript.
- Through the Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy, students are recognized who have attained an Intermediate Mid or higher level of proficiency in speaking, writing, listening, and reading comprehension in two or more languages (including studying four years of English).

## CLASS OF 2018 FUTURE PLANS

465 graduates attending 170 different post-secondary institutions

94.3% Four-year Colleges

2.2% Two-year Colleges

1.9% Gap Year

0.9% Employment

0.7% PG / Vocational / Other Higher Education

**The mission of the Westport Public Schools is to prepare all students to reach their full potential as lifelong learners and socially responsible contributors to our global community.**