

Staples High School | 2020-21 School Profile



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COMMUNITY

Westport is a shoreline town in Fairfield County one hour from New York City with a population of 27,800 and median household income of \$181,360. The community is 85% white, 6% Asian, 5% Hispanic, and 1% African-American. Families and the community demonstrate strong support for the school system, which also includes two middle schools grades 6-8, five elementary schools grades K-5, and one pre-school. Per pupil expenditure for 2018-19 was \$22,774.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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Staples High School, founded in 1884, is a comprehensive public high school grades 9-12 with an enrollment of 1,800 students and 203 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-seven 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.

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. Grade point averages are calculated based only on courses taken at Staples High School. 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 GPAs. Transfer transcripts are attached to the Staples transcript as separate documents; previous school grades are not included in the Staples GPAs. For the class of 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.

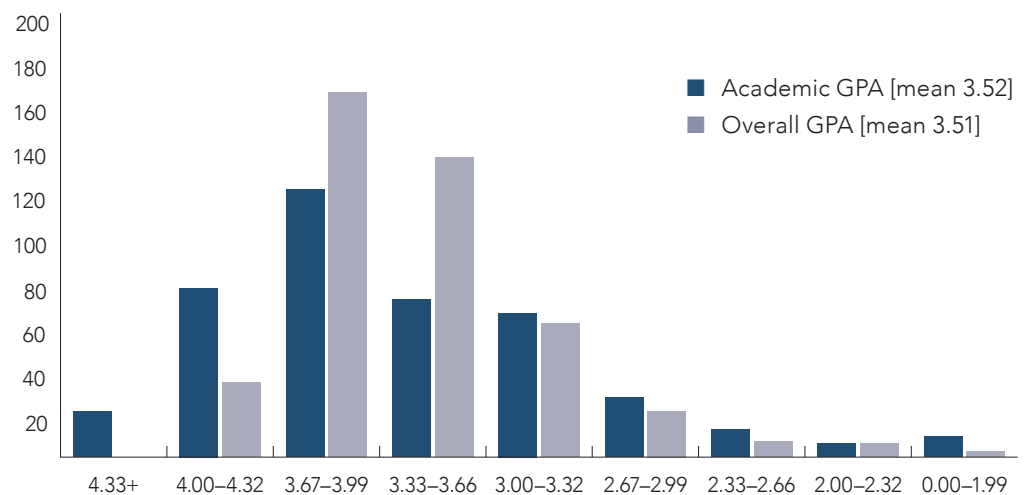
	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	FWF
AP	5.00	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	0.00
Honors	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.00
A level	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00
B level	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.33	0.00
C level	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
All Courses	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

2019-20 Grading: All Staples students had the option of pass/fail grading in any or all of their courses for the fourth quarter of the 2019-20 school year. Students who elected pass/fail for fourth quarter received a traditional letter grade as a final grade on the transcript based on performance in prior terms. Traditional letter grading will resume for 2020-21.

CLASS OF 2021 6TH SEMESTER GPA DISTRIBUTION [466 STUDENTS]



Highest Final Academic GPA / Class of 2020 4.6064

Highest Final Overall GPA / Class of 2020 4.2088

CLASS OF 2021

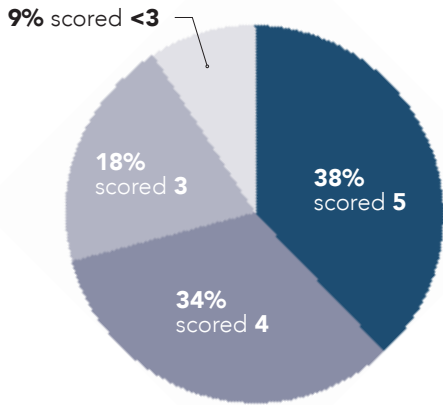
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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
Total Credits	25.0

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Advanced Placement Exam Results

In spring 2020, 562 students took a total of 1,266 AP exams. The **mean score** was **4.0**.



ACT Results (Class of 2020)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	25-32	27.9
English	25-34	29.2
Math	24-31	27.0
Reading	23-33	28.1
Science	24-30	26.9

SAT Results (Class of 2020)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Total	1120-1380	1241
EBRW	570-680	621
Math	560-710	620

Class of 2020 Recognitions

National Merit Scholars	5
National Merit Semifinalists	8
National Merit Commended Students	26
National Hispanic Scholars	1
AP Scholars	140
National AP Scholars	16

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/Microeconomics

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

AP French Language

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 *Program of Studies* for course descriptions: shs.westportps.org/general/program-of-studies.
- Accelerated Science is a rigorous two-year college preparatory course that approaches science from a multidisciplinary perspective. Aligned with Next Generation Science Standards, students learn fundamental principles of physics, chemistry, biology, and Earth and space science through phenomena-based experiences.
- Staples offers several courses where students are eligible for college credit through the University of Connecticut Early College Experience (ECE) concurrent enrollment program: AP French Language, AP German Language, Contemporary World Studies, and Italian 4 Honors (note: AP Environmental Science and Digital Foundations Honors were offered as ECE in 2019-20).
- 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 independence are expected from the student. ILEs are graded 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 2020 FUTURE PLANS

431 graduates attending 163 different post-secondary institutions

93.7% Four-year Colleges

2.8% Two-year Colleges

1.4% PG / Vocational / Other Higher Education

1.6% Employment / Other

0.5% Gap Year

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.