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**SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

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**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY** Winnacunnet is a four year, comprehensive high school located in the seacoast region of New Hampshire serving the towns of Hampton, Seabrook, Hampton Falls, South Hampton and North Hampton through a cooperative agreement established in 1958. The high school serves students in grades 9-12, and enrollment is 1100. These communities are largely residential, made up of a wide range of socio-economic groups, and local industry comprises light manufacturing and tourism. Boston, Massachusetts; Portland, Maine and Manchester, New Hampshire are within commuting distance.

**WHS CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS** The Winnacunnet High School community believes in educating the whole student by providing a flexible, engaging, and supportive atmosphere where learning is relevant and lifelong. Students are encouraged to work both collaboratively and independently to foster effective communication. We are committed to providing an education that promotes creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving skills, and responsible decision making. We believe this will enable our students to become active, contributing citizens of their communities. Our commitment to these beliefs will help prepare all students to achieve their full potential.

**FACULTY** The WHS faculty consists of 106 teachers, 88% of whom have a master's degree or higher. Tenure of the faculty ranges from 1 to 42 years.

**CURRICULUM** Winnacunnet integrates traditional academic content, career and technical education, and a generous offering of electives. Curriculum options include leveled courses, Dual Enrollment courses, for which the student can earn dual credit through colleges, College Board Advanced Placement courses, and access to programs at our regional community technical school- Seacoast School of Technology. Our AP courses include: Art & Design, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Physics I & II, Statistics, and U.S. History I & II. Freshman English is not leveled, however we do offer honor classes in all other grades and core subjects. Anatomy & Physiology, Honors English Comp and Calculus are additional high level courses.

**SCHEDULE** Winnacunnet uses a trimester schedule in which traditional courses meet for one, two or three trimesters, daily. **A single trimester course earns 2 credits and is the equivalent of a semester course. Many core courses meet the full requirement of a yearlong class in 2 Trimesters (4 credits).** Due to the flexibility in our trimester schedule, we are able to add additional curriculum where it is beneficial to students with classes that meet 3 trimesters. Our Freshman English is 3 Trimesters and earns 6 credits because we have multiple sending middle schools and this allows us to ensure all students have the skills to be successful in reading, writing as incoming high school students. AP courses meet for three trimesters. Students in grades 9-11 are expected to carry six courses each trimester. Seniors are permitted to have five courses per trimester.

English	16 credits	Health/Wellness	4 credits
Mathematics	14 credits	Information Technology	2 credits
Science	14 credits	Art/Music/Theater	2 credits
Social Studies	16 credits	Additional Electives	34 credits
Physical Ed	6 credits	Total Minimum Credits	110 credits

\*Standard diploma is 120 credits. Minimum credit diploma is 92 credits.

**LEVELS OF STUDY**

There are multiple levels of study leading to post secondary education: Honors (H)/AP, College Prep (CP), Accelerated and Essential Skills (ES).

**CLASS RANK**

Winnacunnet computes and reports two ranks:  
Simple GPA Rank is based on all courses evaluated equally, using a 4.0 scale. The Weighted Rank is based on core courses only using the weighted scale below. The highest weighted GPA is 8.3.

**GRADING**

The simple GPA is based on a 4.0 scale; All grades are included.

A+ 4.0 97-100%	B- 2.67 80-82%	D 1.0 63-66%
A 4.0 93-96%	C+ 2.33 77-79%	D- .67 60-62%
A- 3.67 90-92%	C 2.0 73-76%	E 0.0 0-59%
B+ 3.33 87-89%	C- 1.67 70-72%	
B 3.0 83-86%	D+ 1.33 67-69%	

**WEIGHTED SCALE**

The weighted rank is based upon grades in the core areas of English, Social Studies, Math, Science and World Language. Courses designated as CP, H, Acc and AP are weighted. Calculus is also an honors weighted course.

**AP Honors (1)**

**College Prep/  
Accelerated (2)**

**Preparatory (3)**

**Essential Studies (4)**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
8.3	8.0	7.6	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.6	0
7.3	7.0	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.6	0
6.3	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.6	0
5.3	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.6	0

**COLLEGE ATTENDANCE**  
Class of 2023

58% at Four Year College  
13% at Two Year College  
12% Other Academic Programs

237 Students in the class

**SAT SUMMARY**  
All Juniors in  
April 2023

**Winnacunnet**  
R 508  
Math 505

**N.H. Public/Private High Schools**  
R 506  
Math 488

**RECOGNITION**

- WHS was ranked as the 20th high school in the state of New Hampshire and top 20% in the nation (US News & World Report)
- WHS listed in the top 100 high schools in the nation (The Best Schools)
- WHS received a Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for extraordinary volunteer efforts of staff and students
- WHS received a Gold Circle Award in recognition of the partnerships Winnacunnet has with local businesses
- The 2017 High School of Excellence Award was given to Winnacunnet High School by The Excellence in Education Initiative

