

Winnacunnet High School
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SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

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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, Advanced Placement courses, and access to programs at our regional community technical school- Seacoast School of Technology.

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.

Please note: The STARS self reported transcript does not allow for accurate trimester reporting for our schedule. Students will indicate semesters and years instead of trimesters to mimic the correct credits earned.

**GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS**

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

Core Academic courses levels are Advanced Placement (AP) College Prep (CP), Honors and Accelerated, and Essential Skills (ES).

Courses only taught at the College Prep level

Freshman English
Spanish 1, 2
French 1, 2
Latin 1, 2

AP Courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Environmental Science, English Literature and Composition, Physics 1, Physics 2, Statistics, US History, Studio Art

Dual Enrollment Courses: Calculus, Topics in College Math, College Comp (H), Spanish 4 (H), Anatomy and Physiology (H).

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. E is Failing.

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 2025

60% at Four Year College
11% at Two Year College
10% Other Academic Programs

217 Students in the class

SAT SCORES All juniors in April 2025

Winnacunnet
R 503
Math 490

N.H. Public/Private High Schools
R 515
Math 480

RECOGNITION

- WHS is ranked as a top 20 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**