



Winchester Thurston School

School Profile 2020-2021

School Credo: "Think also of the comfort and the rights of others"

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Accreditation
Winchester Thurston School is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS).

City as Our Campus
City as Our Campus is an extension of Winchester Thurston's core academic curriculum and augments it by providing meaningful, real-world experiences. Through these courses, students connect with leaders from the academic, cultural, scientific, non-profit and business communities in Pittsburgh as they explore new ideas and conduct research.

Class of 2021: 72 students

Grades: Grades of A through F (including + and -) are given in all academic and arts courses. D- is the lowest passing grade.

A+ is not awarded.
All course grades are unweighted.

Rank and GPA: Winchester Thurston School does not report class rank.

GPA is reported on an unweighted 4.0 scale

School and Community: Established in 1887, Winchester Thurston School is a Pre-K-12, private, nationally recognized independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school in Pittsburgh. The WT campus includes a Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School and is located in the Shadyside neighborhood of Pittsburgh **less than one mile from Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. Nearly 100 percent of graduates attend four-year colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.**

Distinguished Curriculum: At WT, we define success not only by our academic standards, but also by our commitment to developing individuals of strong character who embrace our School Credo. WT is nationally recognized in educational innovation, rigorous academics, scholarly standards, and a learning environment that better prepares students for the challenges of a rapidly changing, complex world. Our learning environment is dynamic and engaging, and students are excited about achievement as they become intellectually confident critical thinkers, able researchers, knowledgeable problem solvers, and individuals of strong character.

WT's unique **City as Our Campus** initiative was recognized by the Edward E. Ford Foundation with a coveted Educational Leadership Grant. This accolade came on the heels of WT's designation as a Malone Scholars School by the Malone Family Foundation. WT is one of only five schools among the approximately 1,400 members of the National Association of Independent Schools to earn both of these distinctions.

Winchester Thurston School Fast Facts			
Number of Students (9-12)	261	Number of Seniors	72
Number of zip codes	69	Number of School Districts	29
City-as-Our-Campus Partners	100+	Percent of students receiving financial aid	41% receive more than \$2 million in financial aid
Percent students of color	36%	Average student financial aid award	\$18,888
Percent international students	3%	Student-Faculty Ratio	7:1
Percent of faculty who have been published / present regularly	20% / 35%	Gender	50% Male/50% Female
Faculty with advanced degrees	70%+	Average Class Size	15

Class of 2021 GPA Distribution Through Junior Year

Average GPA = 3.66
(Highest GPA is 4.00)

The Middle 50 percent of the Class of 2021 has a GPA between 3.44 and 3.92

39% of students in the Class of 2021 have a GPA of 3.85 or higher

WT does not weight grades – Only courses taken at WT are included in GPA

Class of 2021 SAT and ACT Testing Data as of September 30, 2020

	SAT (64 test takers)			ACT (20 test takers)	
	EBRW	Math	1600		Composite
25 percentile	620	570	1210	25 percentile	27
75 percentile	730	710	1440	75 percentile	33
Average	666	646	1312	Average	29



Winchester Thurston School actively engages each student in a challenging and inspiring learning process that develops the mind, motivates the passion to achieve, and cultivates the character to serve.

Winchester Thurston School Academic Program Notes for the Class of 2021

All Winchester Thurston courses are **considered rigorous and college preparatory**. Students are encouraged to select courses in junior and senior year that reflect their interests and our academic program includes numerous topic based and project based learning courses.

WT's Upper School educates future citizens of the world who are able to make decisions and provide leadership from a strong intellectual and ethical basis. We instill in all students a lifelong love of learning, particularly in a world of rapid change.

<p>Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 140 credits are required to graduate. (90 Credits in core courses + 30 credits through a mix of core courses and electives).</p> <p>A full course load is five core academic courses (6 credits each) plus 1 elective each trimester. Student also have the option to enroll in a sixth core subject.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that students continue to take 5 core courses all four years, and if they drop one core area they should double-up in another.</p> <p>Block Schedule: Each core academic class meets every other day for 80 minutes during a four-day cycle. Prior to the 2020-2021 school year, each core academic course met three times every other day during a six-day cycle.</p>	<p>Grades: Grades of A through F (including + and -) are given in all academic and arts courses. D- is the lowest passing grade. <u>The grade of A+ is not awarded.</u></p> <p>Rank: Winchester Thurston School does not calculate class rank.</p> <p>GPA: Winchester Thurston School only calculates a GPA on an unweighted, 4.0 scale. All courses that receive a letter grade and appear on the Winchester Thurston School transcript are calculated in the unweighted GPA.</p> <p>Trimester Calendar: First-term grades reported at the end of November, second-term grades in mid-March, and final grades in June.</p>
<p>English, 4 years, 24 credits -In eleventh and twelfth grade, students may take more than one English class per year. Eleventh and Twelfth grade topic courses are same level of rigor as AP English Literature</p>	<p>History & Social Studies, 3 years, 18 credits -One must be a U.S. History course</p>
<p>Mathematics, 3 years, 18 credits -Post AP curriculum courses: Advanced Topics in Mathematics; -Advanced Statistical Methods and Data Analysis</p>	<p>Science (Lab-based), 3 years, 18 credits -Students take lab-based science in the following order: Physics, Chemistry, Biology. -All AP science courses are scheduled in the same block</p>
<p>World Languages & Cultures -Level 3, 12 credits -Students entering ninth grade at Level 3 or higher must complete at least 2 years of a World Language in the Upper School. -Languages offered: Chinese, French, Latin and Spanish</p>	<p>Arts (Performing & Visual Arts) -3 Courses, 6 Credits (One course minimum in each department) – Performing Arts, Visual Arts & Student's Choice</p>
<p>Computer Science -2 courses, 4 credits with a number of advanced opportunities -Post AP curriculum course: Algorithm Design</p>	<p>Other Graduation Requirements -Speech: The Art of Public Speaking, 1 course, 2 credits -Physical Education: 3 Years, 6 Credits -Health: 1 Course, 2 Credits</p>
<p>Malone Schools Online Network (MSON) - MSON courses provide Winchester Thurston students with the opportunity to take special online topic courses offered by select independent schools around the country. Courses use a blended approach and cannot be used to meet departmental core requirements.</p>	<p>AP Exam Policy As of spring 2020, AP exams became optional for all students. Prior to this, they were optional for seniors only.</p>

Response to COVID-19

Winchester Thurston School ceased in-person instruction on March 13, 2020 and transitioned to a fully virtual learning environment on April 1, 2020.

The 2020-2021 school year began in a fully virtual learning environment and transitioned to a hybrid learning model beginning on September 16, 2020 where students rotate on a weekly basis between in-person and synchronous virtual learning. A small group of students opted to be fully online synchronously. In the virtual learning option, students will be attending in-person class via a web platform and are expected to be an active participant.

Our current grading policy remains a traditional A-F scale (the grade of A+ is not awarded) regardless of instruction, in-person or virtual learning.

The **58** students in the Winchester Thurston School Class of 2020 were offered admission at **166** and matriculated at **41** different colleges and universities

For a detailed listing of courses available to Winchester Thurston School students, course descriptions and more details about The City as Our Campus program, please visit www.winchesterthurston.org/lifeatwt/upper-school/uscurriculum

College Acceptances & Attendance 2018-2020

Bold indicates where students have enrolled; () indicates the number if more than one

Alfred University	Florida International University	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Delaware
Allegheny College (2)	Florida State University	Pace University	University of Denver
Alma College	Fordham University	The Pennsylvania State University (4)	University of Florida
American University	Franklin & Marshall College	Point Park University	University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
American University of Paris	George Mason University	Pomona College	University of Iowa
Arizona State University	The George Washington University (9)	Pratt Institute	University of Maine
Baldwin Wallace University	Georgetown University (3)	Princeton University	University of Maryland Washington
Bard College	Gettysburg College	Purdue University (2)	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Barnard College	Goucher College	Queen's University-Ontario	University of Maryland-College Park
Belmont University	Grambling State University	Reed College	University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
Beloit College	Grove City College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Berklee College of Music	Hamilton College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Miami
Bloomsburg University of PA	Hampton University	Rhodes College	University of Michigan
Bocconi University	Hartwick College	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Boston College (2)	Harvard University (2)	Robert Morris University	University of Mount Union
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Harvey Mudd College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New England
Boston University	Hillsdale College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire
Bowdoin College	Hofstra University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of New Haven
Brandeis University	Howard University (3)	Saint Vincent College	University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Brown University	Indiana University of PA	Santa Clara University	University of Oregon
Bryn Mawr College	Indiana University-Bloomington	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Pennsylvania
Bucknell University	Iowa Western Community College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Pittsburgh (18)
California University of PA	Ithaca College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Portland
Carleton College (2)	Johns Hopkins University	Seton Hall University	University of Redlands
Carnegie Mellon University (12)	Johnson C Smith University	Seton Hill University	University of Rhode Island
Carroll University	Juniata College	Skidmore College	University of Richmond
Case Western Reserve University (3)	Kalamazoo College	Slippery Rock University of PA	University of Rochester
Catholic University of America	Kenyon College	Smith College	University of San Francisco
Central State University	Knox College	Southern Methodist University	University of South Carolina
Centre College	Lafayette College	Spelman College	University of South Florida
Champlain College	Lehigh University	St John's College-Annapolis	University of Southern California
Chatham University	Lewis & Clark College	St John's University-New York	University of St. Andrews
Cheyney University of PA	Loyola University Chicago	St. Olaf College	University of Tampa
Clark Atlanta University	Loyola University New Orleans	Stanford University	University of Toledo
Clark University	Macalester College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Toronto
Colby College	Marquette University	Stony Brook University - SUNY	University of Vermont (2)
College of Charleston	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY College of Environmental	University of Virginia (4)
College of the Holy Cross	Marymount University	Science and Forestry	University of Washington
The College of Wooster (2)	Massachusetts Institute	Susquehanna University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Colorado College (2)	of Technology (3)	Syracuse University (2)	Vassar College
Colorado State University	McDaniel College	Temple University (2)	Villanova University
Columbia College (Chicago)	McGill University	Texas A&M University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Columbia University	Mercyhurst University	Texas Christian University	Virginia Tech University-VPI
Community College of	Miami University-Ohio	Towson University (2)	Wagner College
Allegheny County	Michigan State University	Tufts University (4)	Wake Forest University
Connecticut College	Middle Tennessee State University	Tulane University	Warren Wilson College
Cornell University (2)	Montclair State University	University at Albany - SUNY	Washington & Jefferson College (2)
Daemen College	Morehouse College (2)	University of Alabama	Washington College
Dalhousie University	Morgan State University	University of Arizona	Washington University in St Louis
Dartmouth College	Mount Holyoke College	University of British Columbia	Waynesburg University
Denison University	Muhlenberg College (2)	University of California-Berkeley	Wesleyan University
DePaul University (2)	Muskingum University	University of California-Davis	West Virginia University
DePauw University	New York University (7)	University of California-Irvine	Whittier College
Dickinson College	North Carolina A & T State University	University of California-Los Angeles	Wilberforce University
Drexel University (2)	North Carolina Central University	University of California-San Diego (3)	William and Mary
Duquesne University (3)	Northeastern University (5)	University of California-Santa Barbara	Wingate University
Earlham College	Northwestern University	University of California-Santa Cruz	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Eckerd College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Chicago	Xavier University (2)
Edinboro University of PA	Oberlin College (3)	University of Cincinnati	Yale University (2)
Elon University	The Ohio State University	University of Colorado-Boulder	Youngstown State University
Emerson College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Colorado-Denver	
Emory University	Oklahoma City University	University of Connecticut	
Fairfield University	Olivet College	University of Dayton	