

# Darien High School

## 2020-21 Profile

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### School

Description: Grades 9 - 12  
Enrollment: 1,387  
Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 2012

### Community

Description: Middle to high income residential  
Location: 36 miles northeast of New York City  
Population: 21,744

Faculty - 158 Certified Staff: 7 Doctorates, 145 Masters, 6 Baccalaureates

### Grade System and GPA Profile

Classes are indexed as to indicate levels as follows: 400 Honors and/or AP Placement (weighted .5)  
300/650/750/900 College Preparatory  
200 College Preparatory - Academic Skills

All grades are weighted according to grouping levels as follows: (P.E./Health is not included in GPA)

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	X
200/300/900/750	4	3.7	3.3	3	2.7	2.3	2	1.7	1.3	1	0.7	0	0
400 Series	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.2	0	0

**COVID STATEMENT:** Darien High School students learned remotely from mid-March through mid-June, 2020. Students were engaged in synchronous activities, which allowed students to continue to learn through a rich and rigorous curriculum. Because of the learning environment created by our teachers, semester letter grades were assigned and final semester grades were calculated into the GPA.

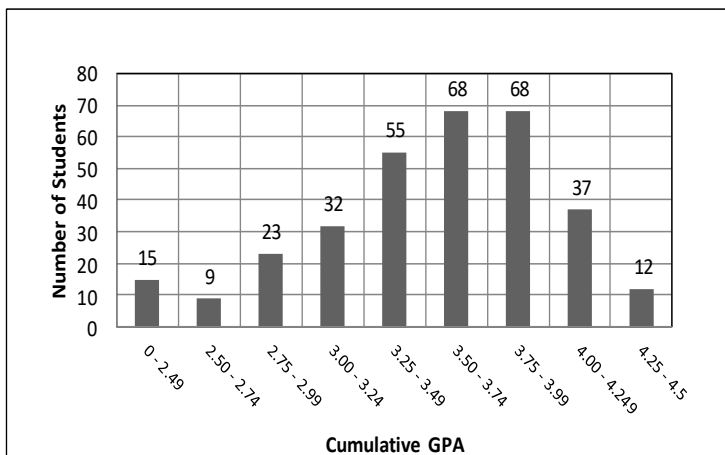
**Class of 2021 N=321**

**Sixth Semester: Highest GPA: 4.343**

**Mean GPA: 3.514**

**Darien High School does not rank.**

**GPA Distribution Class of 2021: 6th Semester**



### Abbreviations used on transcripts:

<i>Acc</i>	Accelerated Course at the 300 level.
<i>AP</i>	Advanced Placement
<i>BSCS</i>	Biological Science Curriculum Studies.
<i>I</i>	Incomplete
<i>IDEA</i>	Mentored, individual project based program for gifted students; graded as credit/no credit, offered to 9th graders.
<i>Independent Study</i>	A credit-bearing, structured, learning experience supervised by a member of the faculty.
<i>MED</i>	Medically Excused.
<i>P/NC</i>	Marks for courses taken on pass/no credit basis.
<i>Work Study</i>	Career exploration meetings and assignments are components of the Work Study Program.
<i>X</i>	Attendance Failure (counts as failure in computing GPA). No credit or partial credit given due to excessive absences. Notation is made if student receives less than normal credit in course.

For courses taken during the academic year, a passing grade with zero credit awarded reflects credit loss due to excessive absences, unless the course is being repeated.

**HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:** DHS does not have open enrollment. Participation in both Honors level and AP courses at DHS is extremely competitive. Placement is determined by qualifying grades and prerequisite courses.

Darien Public Schools is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons. Darien Public Schools does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws. The Darien Public Schools does not unlawfully discriminate in employment and licensing against qualified persons with a prior criminal conviction.

**CLASS OF 2020 SAT HIGHLIGHTS:  
SAT I SCORE DISTRIBUTIONS**

Scores	Students	Percentage	Scores	Students	Percentage
1400-1600	73	21%	400-590	0	0%
1200-1390	153	45%	600-790	3	<1%
1000-1190	94	27%	800-990	20	6%

There were 343 test takers of the 361 total students enrolled for 95% participation

**SAT I SCORES (MEAN)**

	DARIEN	CONNECTICUT	NATIONAL
ERW	624	N/A	N/A
Math	633	N/A	N/A

**CLASS OF 2019 ACT SCORES (Students participated: 195)**

	DARIEN	CONNECTICUT	NATIONAL
English	29.0	25.9	20.1
Math	27.7	24.7	20.4
Reading	29.2	26.1	21.2
Science	27.3	24.8	20.6
Composite	28.5	25.5	20.7

**NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM (NMSQT)**

Class of 2021 produced 5 Semi-Finalists and 21 Commended Students  
 Class of 2020 produced 9 Finalists and 28 Letters of Commendation  
 Class of 2019 produced 9 Finalists and 21 Letters of Commendation

**U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Class of 2020 produced 4 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates

**AP SCORES, MAY 2020**

TEST	5	4	3	2	1	3 or better
2-D Art & Design	3	3	2	0	0	100%
3-D Art & Design	1	3	14	9	0	67%
Biology	17	21	6	4	0	92%
Calculus AB	11	26	14	4	1	91%
Calculus BC	36	3	0	0	0	100%
Chemistry	10	14	18	1	0	98%
Computer Science A	5	5	3	1	4	72%
Computer Science Principles	0	3	1	8	1	31%
English Language & Composition	49	31	26	6	1	94%
English Literature & Composition	29	18	10	1	0	98%
Environmental Science	18	36	12	8	9	80%
European History	8	7	8	1	0	96%
French Language	2	4	2	0	0	100%
Human Geography	9	16	9	9	3	74%
Macroeconomics	2	3	4	0	0	100%
Microeconomics	28	34	10	4	5	89%
Music Theory	0	1	2	0	0	100%
Physics C: E & M	10	2	0	0	0	100%
Physics C: Mechanics	31	12	0	3	1	91%
Spanish Language	10	32	19	2	0	97%
Statistics	23	13	10	6	0	88%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	2	0	1	0	0	100%
U.S. Government & Politics	16	10	6	7	1	80%
U.S. History	38	16	9	1	1	97%

In May 2020, 465 students sat for 971 examinations; 89% of exams received a score 3 or higher.

**CLASS OF 2020 FUTURE PLANS**

**96.4% to Higher Education**  
**93.6% To Four Year Colleges**  
**2.8% to Two Year Colleges/College Prep**  
**3.6% Other (Career Ed, Travel, Armed Services, Employment,**

**HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:**

**ART**

- 400 Honors Art
- 400 AP 2-D Art & Design
- 400 AP 3-D Art & Design
- 400 Drawing & Painting 3 Honors

**COMPUTER STUDIES**

- 400 Advanced Computer Programming
- 400 AP Computer Science
- 400 AP Computer Science Principles

**ENGLISH**

- 400 English 10 Honors
- 400 AP English Literature & Composition
- 400 AP English Language & Composition

**WORLD LANGUAGE**

- 400 French 3 Honors
- 400 French 4 Honors
- 400 AP French Language & Culture
- 400 Spanish 3 Honors
- 400 Spanish 4 Honors
- 400 AP Spanish Language & Culture
- 400 Mandarin Chinese Honors 3
- 400 Mandarin Chinese Honors 4

**HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- 400 World Studies Honors
- 400 AP Macroeconomics
- 400 AP Microeconomics
- 400 AP European History
- 400 AP Human Geography
- 400 AP U.S. Government & Politics
- 400 AP U.S. History

**MATHEMATICS**

- 400 Algebra 2 Honors
- 400 Pre Calculus Honors
- 400 AP Calculus AB
- 400 AP Calculus BC
- 400 AP Statistics
- 400 Multivariable Calculus

**MUSIC**

- 400 AP Music Theory
- 400 Chamber Choir Honors
- 400 Orchestra Honors
- 400 Wind Ensemble Honors

**SCIENCE**

- 400 Biology Honors
- 400 Chemistry Honors
- 400 AP Biology
- 400 AP Chemistry
- 400 Physics Honors\*
- 400 AP Physics C: E & M\*
- 400 AP Physics C: M \*
- 400 AP Environmental Science

\* Denotes courses in which students are eligible to earn UCONN credit.