



Winchester Thurston School

School Profile 2021-2022

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

Student Centered. Faculty Driven. Community Based, **City as Our Campus** is an extension of WT's core academic curriculum and augments it by providing meaningful, real-world experiences. By working with diverse members of the community-and with a range of resources, tools, and materials-students don't just gain understanding of the community's most pressing issues, they work to solve them.

Class of 2022: 61 students

Grades: Grades of A through F (including + and -) are given in all academic and arts courses.

All course grades are unweighted and the grade of A+ is not awarded

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

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

GPA is reported on an unweighted 4.0 scale

School Year: Trimesters/Block Schedule

School and Community: Established in 1887. Pre-K–12, nationally recognized independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school in Pittsburgh. **Nearly 100 percent of graduates attend four-year colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.**

Campus: 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.**

Joan Clark Davis Center for Interdisciplinary Learning: Slated to open in the 2022-2023 school year, this new facility is designed so the school can continue to adapt space for project-based and community-based learning, while creating collaboration among humanities, engineering, arts, and science programs. Additionally, the space will expand the impact of the school's renowned City as Our Campus program, which connects students in all grade levels with mentors from the academic, cultural, scientific, non-profit, and business communities in Pittsburgh.

Distinguished Curriculum: A Learning Environment Anchored in Real-World Connections: Since its founding, WT has led the way in educational innovation, rigorous academics, scholarly standards, and real-world connections. With rigorous, innovative courses, students are encouraged to think, grow, and give back to the community. They are prepared to master the skill sets required for college-level coursework, including exploration of complex, multifaceted ideas, acquisition and application of knowledge to solve complex problems, critical analysis and communication in multiple modes, creative and original thought, and independent research and learning.

Winchester Thurston School Fast Facts

Number of Students (9-12)	264	Number of Seniors	61
Number of zip codes	69	Number of School Districts	39
City-as-Our-Campus Partners	100+	Financial aid awarded annually.	41% receive more than \$3.8 million
Percent students of color	38%	Gender	50% Male/50% Female
Percent international students	2%	Student-Faculty Ratio	7:1
Faculty with advanced degrees	70%+	Average Class Size	15

Class of 2022 GPA Distribution Through Junior Year

Average GPA = 3.72
(Highest GPA is 4.00)

The Middle 50 percent of the Class of 2022 has a GPA between 3.57 and 3.91

41% of students in the Class of 2022 have a GPA of 3.85 or higher

Class of 2022 SAT and ACT Testing Data as of September 20, 2021

	SAT (55 test takers)			ACT (19 test takers)	
	EBRW	Math	1600		Composite
25 percentile	630	590	1200	25 percentile	26
75 percentile	720	740	1450	75 percentile	29
Average	669	648	1317	Average	27

Winchester Thurston School Academic Program Notes for the Class of 2022

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 equitable and inclusive learning experience is grounded in the credo to "Think also of the comfort and the rights of others." With academic offerings that continue to evolve, WT remains committed to this credo as it develops individuals of strong character who are prepared for the demands of a changing world.

<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: The Upper School operates on a two-week, rotating block schedule, with academic core courses held on alternating days (e.g., Monday, Wednesday & Friday one week, Tuesday and Thursday the following week).</p>	<p>Grades: Grades of A through F (including + and -) are given in all academic and arts courses. D- is the lowest passing grade.</p> <p><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 Statistical Methods and Data Analysis</p> <p>-Advanced Topics in Mathematics (offered on a three year rotation): -Discrete Mathematics (offered in 2021-2022) -Multivariable Calculus (offered in 2020-2021) -Differential Equations (offered in 2019-2020)</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 is committed to reuniting our community and is starting the 2021-2022 school year 100% in person.

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 rotated on a weekly basis between in-person and synchronous virtual learning. A small group of students opted to be fully online synchronously for the entire school year. In the virtual learning option, students attended in-person class via a web platform and were expected to be active participants.

Our grading policy did not change and remained a traditional A-F scale (the grade of A+ is not awarded) regardless of instruction method.

The **72** students in the Winchester Thurston School Class of 2021 were offered admission at **152** and matriculated at **50** different colleges and universities

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

College Enrollment from the Classes of 2017-2021

Institutions in **bold** are those at which three or more WT graduates have matriculated

Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Barry University
Bates College
Boston College
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Bucknell University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Clark Atlanta University
Colgate University
The College of Wooster
Colorado College
Columbia University
Community College of Allegheny County
Cornell University
Daemen College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Emory University
Fordham University
The George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Goucher College
Grove City College
Hampshire College

Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Hillsdale College
Hiram College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Howard University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa Western Community College
Ithaca College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University, Oxford
Morehouse College
Muhlenberg College
Muskingum University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
The Ohio State University
Oklahoma City University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Point Park University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rhode Island School of Design
Ringling College of Art and Design
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Sarah Lawrence College
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Spelman College
St. John's University
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University

Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Toledo
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of West Florida
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College
West Virginia University
Whittier College
William and Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

