

Darien High School

2021-22 Profile

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School

Description: Grades 9 - 12
Enrollment: 1,442
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 - 160 Certified Staff: 9 Doctorates, 144 Masters, 7 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

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
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

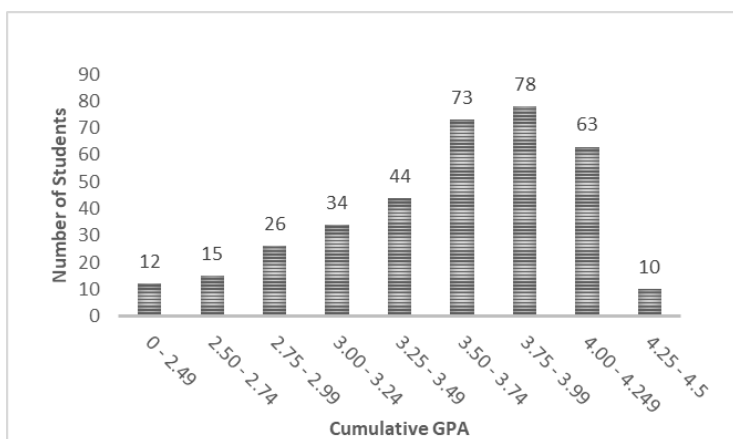
COVID STATEMENT: Darien High School students learned remotely from mid-March through mid-June, 2020. Students were engaged in synchronous activities which allowed students to continue to learn through rich and rigorous curriculum. While there were short periods of remote and/or hybrid learning models during the 2020-21 school year, Darien High School students experienced full, in-person learning for the majority of the year. Due to the learning environment created by our teachers in both Spring, 2020 and the duration of the 2020-21 school year, semester letter grades were assigned and were calculated into the GPA for all semesters.

Class of 2022 N=356

Sixth Semester: Highest GPA: 4.387
Mean GPA: 3.561

Darien High School does not rank.

GPA Distribution Class of 2022: 6th Semester



Abbreviations used on transcripts:

<i>Acc</i>	Accelerated Course at the 300 level.
<i>AP</i>	Advanced Placement
<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 2021 SAT HIGHLIGHTS:
SAT I SCORE DISTRIBUTIONS**

Scores	Students	Percentage	Scores	Students	Percentage
1400-1600	43	23%	800-990	22	12%
1200-1390	64	34%	600-790	0	0%
1000-1190	60	32%	400-590	0	0%

There were 189 test takers of the 361 total students enrolled for 52.4% participation
* This cohort of students did not take the Connecticut SAT school day due to covid.

SAT I SCORES (MEAN)

	DARIEN	CONNECTICUT	NATIONAL
ERW	611	545	533
Math	672	527	528

CLASS OF 2020 ACT SCORES (Students participated: 201)

	DARIEN	CONNECTICUT	NATIONAL
English	28.8	26.3	19.9
Math	27.4	25.1	20.2
Reading	28.7	26.5	21.2
Science	27.6	25.3	20.6
Composite	28.2	25.9	20.6

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM (NMSQT)

Class of 2022 produced 7 Semi-Finalists and 25 Commended Students
Class of 2021 produced 2 Scholars, 5 Finalists and 21 Commended Students
Class of 2020 produced 9 Finalists and 28 Commended Students

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Class of 2021 produced 7 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates

AP SCORES, MAY 2021

TEST	5	4	3	2	1	3 or better
2-D Art & Design	7	9	8	1	0	96%
3-D Art & Design	0	5	8	1	0	93%
Biology	19	20	26	6	0	92%
Calculus AB	12	16	22	12	0	81%
Calculus BC	41	3	2	1	0	98%
Chemistry	9	16	13	7	1	83%
Computer Science A	6	6	4	2	1	84%
Computer Science Principles	1	2	7	1	0	91%
English Language & Composition	30	63	22	6	0	95%
English Literature & Composition	5	10	10	5	0	83%
Environmental Science	6	32	15	14	2	77%
European History	6	2	3	0	0	100%
French Language	0	5	3	1	0	89%
Human Geography	7	9	16	2	2	89%
Macroeconomics	3	2	5	1	1	83%
Microeconomics	15	13	10	4	7	78%
Music Theory	4	1	2	2	0	78%
Physics C: E & M	12	3	0	2	0	88%
Physics C: Mechanics	18	12	8	3	0	93%
Spanish Language	12	21	26	8	0	88%
Statistics	15	15	11	7	1	84%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	1	0	0	0	0	100%
U.S. Government & Politics	13	10	9	2	1	91%
U.S. History	36	32	25	4	0	96%

In May 2021, 445 students sat for 943 examinations; 89% of exams received a score 3 or higher.

CLASS OF 2021 FUTURE PLANS
92.5% to Higher Education
89.6% To Four Year Colleges
2.9% to Two Year Colleges/College Prep
7.5% 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.