

# Staples High School | 2021-22 School Profile



70 North Avenue

Westport, Connecticut 06880

shs.westportps.org

203.341.1225 office | 203.341.1235 fax

CEEB / ACT Code 070-920

## COMMUNITY

Westport is a shoreline town in Fairfield County one hour from New York City with a population of 28,000 and median household income of \$206,466. The community is 86% white, 6% Asian, 5% Hispanic, and 1% African-American. Families and the community demonstrate strong support for the school system, which also includes two middle schools grades 6-8, five elementary schools grades K-5, and one pre-school. Per pupil expenditure for 2019-20 was \$22,379.

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Thomas Scarice, *Superintendent of Schools*  
 Stafford W. Thomas, Jr., *Principal*  
 Chase Dunlap, *Assistant Principal*  
 James Farnen, *Assistant Principal*  
 Patrick Micinilio, *Assistant Principal*  
 Parthena Proskinitopoulos, *Assistant Principal*  
 Rosemarie Ampha, *Assistant Principal for Special Education*

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

William Plunkett, *Director of Guidance*  
 wplunkett@westportps.org

### School Counselors

Cristina Banks.....cbanks@westportps.org  
 Thomas Brown.....tbrown@westportps.org  
 Victoria Capozzi...vcapozzi@westportps.org  
 Roy Colson.....rcolson@westportps.org  
 Kimberly Curran...kcurran@westportps.org  
 Patricia Howells....phowells@westportps.org  
 Sarah Magilnick....smagilnick@westportps.org  
 Deborah Slocum...dslocum@westportps.org  
 Christine Talerico..ctalerico@westportps.org  
 P.J. Washenko.....pwashenko@westportps.org

Fran Geraci, *Guidance Secretary*  
 fgeraci@westportps.org

Susan Fugitt, *Registrar*  
 sfugitt@westportps.org

Joanne Clericuzio, *Guidance Paraprofessional*  
 jclericuzio@westportps.org

Sandra Zeigler, *College & Career Center Coordinator*  
 szeigler@westportps.org

Aerial photo courtesy of Brandon Malin, Class of 2021

Staples High School, founded in 1884, is a comprehensive public high school grades 9–12 with an enrollment of 1,700 students and 200 faculty members. The single public high school serving the town of Westport, Staples is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and consistently ranked as one of the top high schools in Connecticut. Thirty-eight varsity athletic teams compete in the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC). There is active participation in vibrant art, music, theater, and media programs and over 100 co-curricular activities. While the majority of graduates ultimately attend a four-year college, Staples honors all pathways to success and offers a range of programs to meet the academic and personal needs of students.

## TRANSCRIPT + GRADING

**Staples High School does not rank students.** Two grade point averages are calculated: Unweighted GPA and Weighted GPA, as detailed below. Both include grades in all courses taken, including academic, elective, and Health & Physical Education courses. GPAs are calculated based only on courses taken at Staples High School. Accelerated Math and World Language courses taken at the middle schools are listed on the transcript, but not eligible for credit or included in the GPAs. Transfer transcripts are attached to the Staples transcript as separate documents; previous school grades are not included in the Staples GPAs.

### Unweighted GPA

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	FIWF
All Courses	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

### Weighted GPA

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	FIWF
College Level	5.00	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	0.00
Honors	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.00
College & Career Prep	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

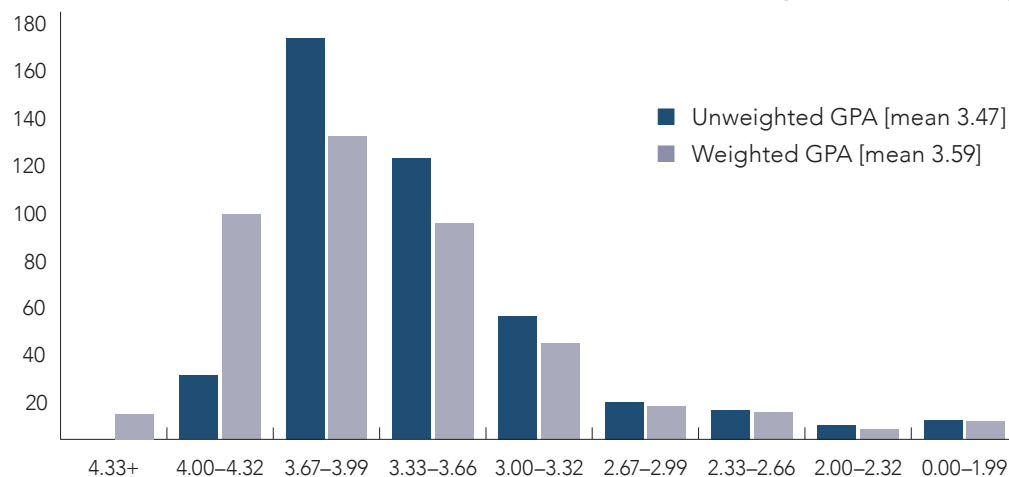
*College Level Weight: Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment courses, Calculus BC Plus, Multivariable Calculus, and Differential Equations*

*Honors Weight: Honors courses*

*College & Career Prep Weight: All other courses from all subject areas, including A (advanced college prep), B (college prep), and C level academic, non-leveled elective, and Health & Physical Education courses*

**2019-20 Grading:** Staples students had the option of pass/fail grading in any or all of their courses for the fourth quarter of the 2019-20 school year. Students who elected pass/fail for fourth quarter received a traditional letter grade as a final grade on the transcript based on performance in prior terms. Traditional letter grading resumed for 2020-21.

## CLASS OF 2022 6<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER GPA DISTRIBUTION [453 STUDENTS]



**Highest Final Overall (Unweighted) GPA / Class of 2021** 4.1894

**Highest Final Academic (Weighted) GPA / Class of 2021** 4.6131

## CLASS OF 2022

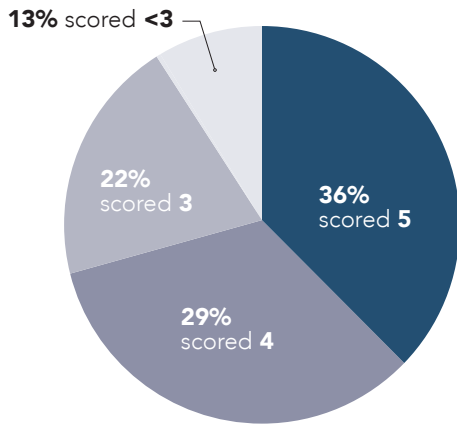
### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	2.0
Social Studies	3.5
World Languages	2.0
Fine + Practical Arts	1.5
Health + Physical Education	3.0
Additional Credits	6.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>25.0</b>

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

### Advanced Placement Exam Results

In spring 2021, 491 students took a total of 1,011 AP exams. The **mean score** was **3.9**.



## ACT Results (Class of 2021)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	26–32	28.9
English	26–34	29.8
Math	26–31	28.2
Reading	25–34	29.1
Science	24–31	27.8

## SAT Results (Class of 2021)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Total	1140–1400	1263
ERW	570–700	634
Math	560–710	629

## Class of 2021 Recognitions

National Merit Scholars	6
National Merit Finalists	8
National Merit Commended Students	29
National Hispanic Scholars	1
AP Scholars	25
AP Scholars with Honor	18
AP Scholars with Distinction	62

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

### Advanced Courses (25 AP, 36 Honors)

#### English

English 1 Honors  
English 2 Honors  
Mythology & Bible Honors  
AP English Language  
AP English Literature

#### Math

Geometry Honors  
Algebra 2 Honors  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
Calculus Honors  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
Calculus BC Plus\*  
Multivariable Calculus\*  
Differential Equations\*

#### Science

Biology Honors

- For course descriptions, refer to: [shs.westportps.org/teaching-and-learning/program-of-studies](https://shs.westportps.org/teaching-and-learning/program-of-studies).
- Accelerated Science is a rigorous two-year college preparatory course that approaches science from a multidisciplinary perspective. Aligned with Next Generation Science Standards, students learn fundamental principles of physics, chemistry, biology, and Earth and space science through phenomena-based experiences.
- Staples offers several courses where students are eligible for college credit through the University of Connecticut Early College Experience (ECE) concurrent enrollment program: AP French Language, AP German Language, Contemporary World Studies, and Italian 4 Honors. UConn ECE courses are weighted at the college level in the Weighted GPA.
- Students may take courses at Norwalk Community College through the High School Partnership (HSP) program. NCC HSP courses are weighted at the college level in the Weighted GPA.
- Students may choose to focus on an area of interest beyond the traditional curriculum through an Independent Learning Experience (ILE). A significant personal investment and independence are expected from the student. ILEs are graded pass/fail and noted on the student's transcript.
- Through the Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy, students are recognized who have attained an Intermediate Mid or higher level of proficiency in speaking, writing, listening, and reading comprehension in two or more languages (including studying four years of English).

Chemistry Honors

Physics Honors

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Environmental Science

AP Physics 1

AP Physics C

#### Social Studies

Global Themes Honors

U.S. History Honors

AP European History

AP Macro/Microeconomics

AP U.S. Government & Politics

AP U.S. History

AP World History: Modern

#### Visual + Performing Arts

Digital Foundations Honors

Studio Art Honors

AP Drawing

AP 3-D Art and Design

AP Music Theory

#### World Languages

French 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors

AP French Language

German 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors

AP German Language

Italian 2, 3, 4 Honors

Latin 2, 3, 4 Honors

AP Latin

Mandarin Chinese 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors

AP Chinese Language & Culture

Spanish 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors

AP Spanish Language

AP Spanish Literature

\*college level weight in Weighted GPA

## CLASS OF 2021 FUTURE PLANS

459 graduates attending 151 different post-secondary institutions

92.4% Four-year Colleges

1.3% Two-year Colleges

2.8% PG / Vocational / Other Higher Education

2.8% Gap Year

0.6% Employment / Other

**The mission of the Westport Public Schools is to prepare all students to reach their full potential as lifelong learners and socially responsible contributors to our global community.**