

# Staples High School | 2022-23 School Profile



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## 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, 4% Hispanic, 1% Black, and 2% Other, including American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander. 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 2020-21 was \$23,348.

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Thomas Scarice, *Superintendent of Schools*  
 Stafford W. Thomas, Jr., *Principal*  
 Christine Cincotta, *Assistant Principal*  
 James Farnen, *Assistant Principal*  
 Patrick Micinilio, *Assistant Principal*  
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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 extracurricular 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. For the Class of 2023, accelerated Math and World Languages 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-	FWF
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-	FWF
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

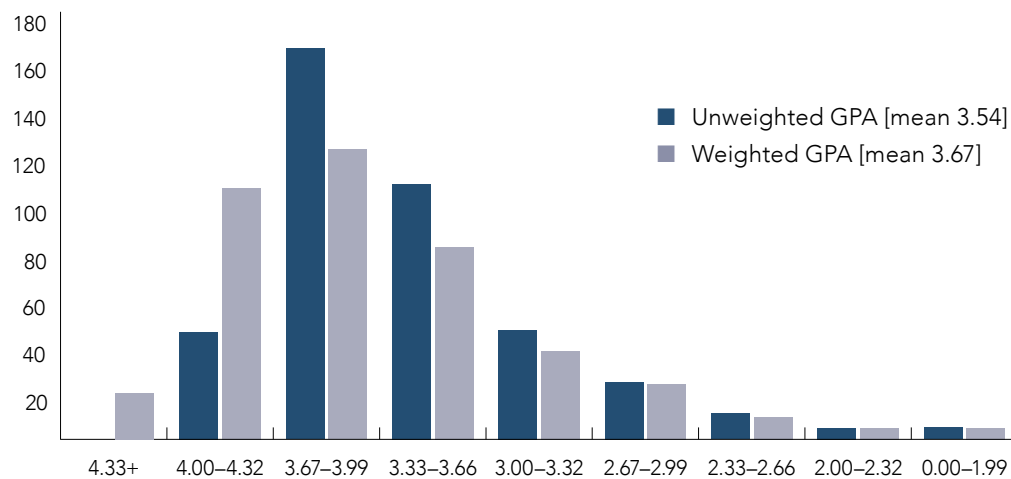
College Level Weight: Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment courses, Calculus BC Plus, Multivariable Calculus, and Differential Equations

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 2023 6<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER GPA DISTRIBUTION [439 STUDENTS]



**Highest Final Overall (Unweighted) GPA / Class of 2022** 4.21

**Highest Final Academic (Weighted) GPA / Class of 2022** 4.54

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

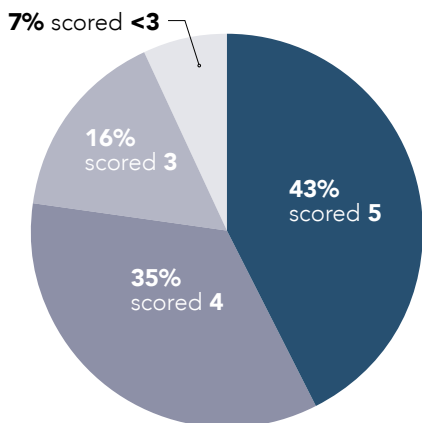
<i>Humanities</i>		
English		<b>4.0</b>
Social Studies		<b>3.0</b>
Visual + Performing Arts		<b>1.0</b>
Open Humanities		<b>1.0</b>
<i>Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math</i>		
Math		<b>3.0</b>
Science		<b>3.0</b>
Open STEAM		<b>3.0</b>
World Languages		<b>2.0</b>
Health + Physical Education		<b>2.5</b>
Mastery-Based Diploma Assessment (MBDA)*		<b>1.0</b>
Additional Credits		<b>2.5</b>
Total Credits		<b>26.0</b>

\*Students create a portfolio to demonstrate skill mastery and reflection in four domain areas (Collaborators, Communicators, Critical Thinkers, and Creators) through learning experiences embedded in their courses.

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

### Advanced Placement Exam Results

In spring 2022, 524 students took a total of 1,168 AP exams. The **mean score** was **4.1**.



### ACT Results (Class of 2022)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	26–32	29.0
English	26–34	29.9
Math	26–31	28.3
Reading	25–33	29.3
Science	25–31	28.0

### SAT Results (Class of 2022)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Total	1090–1370	1224
ERW	550–680	615
Math	530–700	609

### Class of 2022 Recognitions

National Merit Scholars	<b>2</b>
National Merit Finalists	<b>7</b>
National Merit Commended Students	<b>31</b>
National Hispanic Scholars	<b>5</b>
AP Scholars	<b>31</b>
AP Scholars with Honor	<b>30</b>
AP Scholars with Distinction	<b>92</b>

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

### Advanced Courses (25 AP, 38 Honors)

#### English

English 9 Honors  
English 10 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  
Chemistry Honors  
Physics Honors

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Computer Science A  
(starting 2022-23)  
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 Design Honors (Motion)  
Digital Design Honors (Print)  
Honors Option For All Music  
Ensembles (starting 2022-23)

Photography Honors  
(starting 2022-23)  
Studio Portfolio Honors  
AP Art & 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

- 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.
- College credit is available through the University of Connecticut Early College Experience (ECE) program for students taking AP French Language, AP German Language, Contemporary World Studies, Italian 4 Honors, and Popular Music and Diversity in American Society. These 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 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.
- Advanced art and media courses may be taken multiple times for credit with teacher approval.
- 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).

## CLASS OF 2022 FUTURE PLANS

**443 graduates attending 162 different post-secondary institutions**

**93.0%** Four-year Colleges

**1.8%** Two-year Colleges

**1.4%** PG / Vocational / Other Higher Education

**2.0%** Gap Year

**1.8%** 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.**