



Winchester Thurston School

School Profile 2022-2023

School Credo: "Think also of the comfort and the rights of others."

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Accreditation

Accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) and a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling (PACAC), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

Class of 2023: 63 students

Grades: Grades of A through F, including + and - (except A+) 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. Junior Pre-K–12, nationally recognized independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school in Pittsburgh, PA. **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.**

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.

City as Our Campus: An extension of Winchester Thurston's core academic curriculum and City as Our Campus augments it by providing meaningful, real-world experiences. Through these courses, students connect with leaders from the academic, cultural, scientific, non-profit and business communities in Pittsburgh as they explore new ideas and conduct research. The initiative was recognized by the Edward E. Ford Foundation with a coveted Educational Leadership Grant.

Winchester Thurston School Fast Facts

Number of Students (9-12)	270	Number of Students (Jr. PK-12)	675
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	51.8% Female 47.4% Male 0.8% Non-binary
Percent international students	2%	Student-Faculty Ratio	7:1
Faculty with advanced degrees	65%+	Average Class Size	15

Class of 2023 GPA Distribution Through Junior Year

Average GPA = 3.76
(Highest GPA is 4.00)

The Middle 50 percent of the Class of 2023 has a GPA between 3.63 and 3.97

54% of students in the Class of 2023 have a GPA of 3.85 or higher

Class of 2023 SAT and ACT Testing Data as of September 20, 2022

	SAT (58 test takers)			ACT (20 test takers)	
	EBRW	Math	1600	Composite	
25 percentile	610	570	1210	25 percentile	28
75 percentile	730	730	1460	75 percentile	32
Average	669	637	1307	Average	29



Winchester Thurston School actively engages each student in a challenging and inspiring learning process that develops the mind, motivates the passion to achieve, and cultivates the character to serve.

Winchester Thurston School Academic Program Notes for the Class of 2023

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 topics 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: Students must earn a minimum of 140 credits to graduate and must enroll in a minimum of five, full-year, core subjects plus one elective each trimester (or a sixth core subject) each year. Seniors who have completed their elective requirements have the option to enroll in only five, full-year courses. 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 Winchester Thurston Upper School operates on a 5-day, A & B week schedule, with core courses held on alternating days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday of one week and Tuesday, Thursday of the other 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. The grade of A+ is not awarded.</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 are reported in late-November, second-term grades (if requested) in late-March, and final grades in mid-June.</p>
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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 (Environmental Literature, Literature and Power, Song, Stage & Screen)

History & Social Sciences, 3 years, 18 credits
-One must be a U.S. History course (9th grade Multicultural America)
Eleventh and Twelfth grade topic courses are same level of rigor as AP United States History (American Constitutional Law, Genocide -Global Perspectives on Crimes Against Humanity, Russian History, Machine Learning and the Social Implications of Artificial Intelligence, Urban Research and Design: Communities and Civic Engagement, Power and Protest: Social Reform Movements in America since 1945)

Mathematics, 3 years, 18 credits
-Post AP curriculum courses:
-Advanced Statistical Methods and Data Analysis
-Advanced Topics in Mathematics (offered on a three-year rotation):
-Differential Equations (offered in 2022-2023)
-Discrete Mathematics (offered in 2021-2022)
-Multivariable Calculus (offered in 2020-2021)

Science (Lab-based), 3 years, 18 credits
-Students take lab-based science in the following order:
-Physics (9th), Chemistry (10th), Biology (11th)

-Both 11th grade Biology courses are considered the same level of rigor
-All AP science courses are scheduled in the same block
-Biotechnology is considered the same level of rigor as AP Biology

World Languages & Cultures
-Through 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

Arts (Performing & Visual Arts)
-3 Courses, 6 Credits (One course minimum in each department) – Performing Arts, Visual Arts & Student's Choice

Computer Science
-2 courses, 4 credits with a number of advanced opportunities
-Post AP curriculum course:
-Algorithm Design

Other Graduation Requirements
-Speech: The Art of Public Speaking, 1 course, 2 credits
-Physical Education: 3 Years, 6 Credits
-Health: 1 Course, 2 Credits

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.

AP Course & Exam Policy
AP exams are **optional** for all students enrolled in an AP course.

Students must receive permission from the Upper School Director to enroll in more than two AP courses in a school year.

Response to COVID-19

Winchester Thurston School is committed to reuniting our community and has operated 100% in-person since September 2021. At the start of the pandemic, 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.

WT's grading policy remained a traditional A-F scale (the grade of A+ is not awarded) regardless of instruction method and our level of rigor did not change.

College Enrollment from the Classes of 2019-2022

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

Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Barnard College
Barry University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
California Institute of Technology
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University
The College of William and Mary
The College of Wooster
Colorado College
Columbia University
Community College of Allegheny County
Cornell University
Daemen University
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emory University
Florida State University
Franklin & Marshall College
Full Sail 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
Haverford College
Hillsdale College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Howard University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Iowa Western Community College
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Morehouse College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
The Ohio State University
Oklahoma City University
Otis College of Art and Design
Penn State University
Point Park University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
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
Stanford University
Temple University
Syracuse University
Towson University
Tufts University
Union College
University of British Columbia, Okanagan
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
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 Toronto, Scarborough
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of West Florida
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Washington & Jefferson College
Wellesley College
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Virginia University
Whittier College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

The **61** students in the Winchester Thurston School Class of 2022 were admitted at **131** and matriculated at **41** different colleges and universities

For a listing of current courses available to Winchester Thurston School students and current course descriptions visit www.winchesterthurston.org/lifeatwt/upper-school/

