



Staples High School | 2023-24 School Profile

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.

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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 \$236,892. 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 2021-22 was \$24,869.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Thomas Scarice, *Superintendent of Schools*
 Stafford W. Thomas, Jr., *Principal*
 Christine Cincotta, *Assistant Principal*
 James Farnen, *Assistant Principal*
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Aerial photo courtesy of Brandon Malin, Class of 2021

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 2024, Algebra 1, Geometry, and World Languages courses taken at the middle schools are listed on the transcript, but are not eligible for credit or included in the GPAs. For the Class of 2024, 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

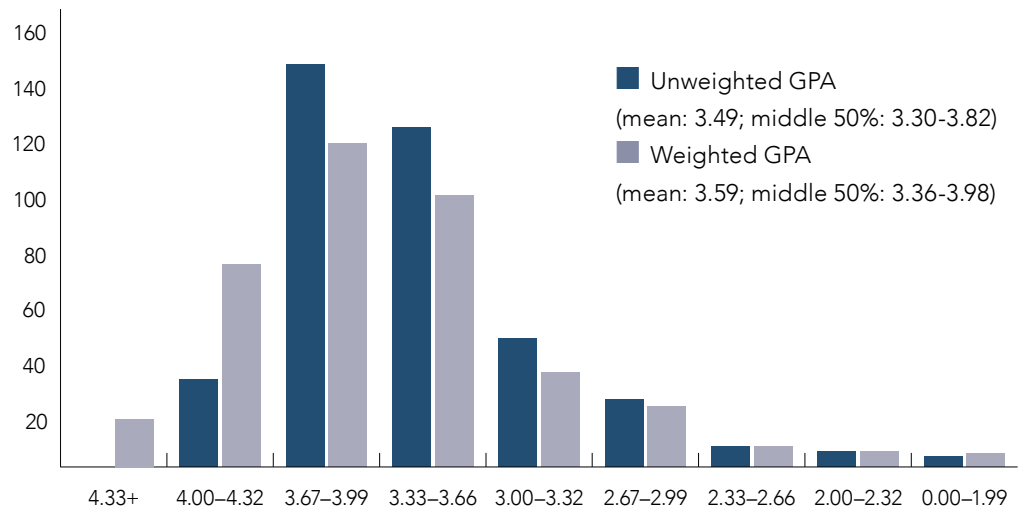
	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	FIWF
College Level	5.00	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	0.00
Honors	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.00
College & Career Prep	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

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

CLASS OF 2024 6TH SEMESTER GPA DISTRIBUTION [418 STUDENTS]



Highest Final Unweighted) GPA / Class of 2023 4.22

Highest Final Weighted) GPA / Class of 2023 4.61

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

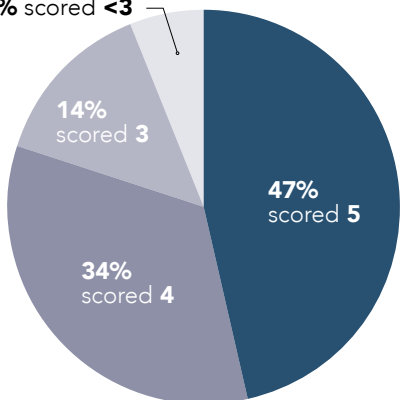
*Students create a portfolio to demonstrate skill mastery and reflection in four domain areas (Collaborators, Communicators, Critical Thinkers, and Creators) through learning experiences embedded in their courses.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Advanced Placement Exam Results

In spring 2023, 574 students took a total of 1,273 AP exams. The **mean score** was **4.2**.

6% scored <3



ACT Results (Class of 2023)

Middle 50% **Mean**

Composite	26–32	28.9
English	26–35	30.0
Math	25–32	28.3
Reading	25–34	29.1
Science	24–32	27.6

SAT Results (Class of 2023)

Middle 50% **Mean**

Total	1120–1380	1244
ERW	560–690	620
Math	550–710	624

Class of 2023 Recognitions

National Merit Scholars	4
National Merit Finalists	11
National Merit Commended Students	49
National African-American Recognition	3
National Hispanic Recognition	4
AP Scholars	37
AP Scholars with Honor	30
AP Scholars with Distinction	113

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Advanced Courses (26 AP, 41 Honors)

English

English 9 Honors
English 10 Honors
Literacy, Identity, & Community
Mythology & Bible Honors
Shakespeare 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
Scientific Research Honors
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science A
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 Psychology
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
Photography Honors
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.
- Accelerated Science is a two-year college preparatory course utilizing a multidisciplinary perspective and including physics, chemistry, biology, and Earth and space science.
- 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, Literacy, Identity, & Community, 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 Connecticut State Community College through the High School Partnership (HSP) program. 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 2023 FUTURE PLANS

433 graduates attending 173 different post-secondary institutions

93.1% Four-year Colleges

2.3% Two-year Colleges

1.6% PG / Vocational / Other Higher Education

1.2% 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.