

Darien High School

2023-24 Profile

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School

Description: Grades 9 - 12
Enrollment: 1,405
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 - 158 Certified Staff: 11 Doctorates, 141 Masters, 6 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.

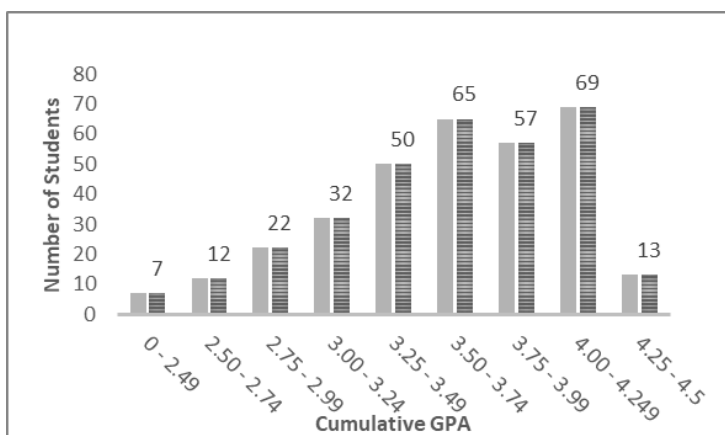
Class of 2024 N=332

Sixth Semester: Highest GPA: 4.368

Mean GPA: 3.59

Darien High School does not rank.

GPA Distribution Class of 2024: 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>Mastery Based Diploma Assessment</i>	The Mastery Based Diploma Assessment is a CT State requirement. To fulfill this requirement at Darien High School, students are required to complete specific coursework, compose written reflections on our Vision of the Graduate, and successfully complete a Senior Internship or Project. Students are awarded 1.0 credits for this requirement in the Spring semester of Senior year.

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 2023 SAT HIGHLIGHTS:**SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTIONS**

Scores	Students	Percentage	Scores	Students	Percentage
1400-1600	73	23%	800-990	43	13%
1200-1390	113	35%	600-790	3	1%
1000-1190	92	28%	400-590	0	0%

There were 324 test takers of the 340 total students enrolled for 95% participation

SAT SCORES (MEAN)

	DARIEN	CONNECTICUT	NATIONAL
ERW	602	493	490
Math	608	482	470

CLASS OF 2023 ACT SCORES (Students participated: 233)

	DARIEN
English	28.9
Math	27.1
Reading	29.7
Science	28.0
Composite	28.6

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM (NMSQT)

Class of 2024 produced 4 Semi-Finalists (Letters of Commendation not yet announced)
 Class of 2023 produced 3 Finalists, 1 Semi-Finalists and 24 Commended Students
 Class of 2022 produced 7 Finalists and 25 Commended Students

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Class of 2023 produced 1 Semi-Finalist and 2 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates

AP SCORES, MAY 2023

TEST	5	4	3	2	1	3 or better
2-D Art & Design	9	8	8	1	0	96%
3-D Art & Design	3	17	10	2	0	94%
Biology	22	17	15	6	0	90%
Calculus AB	36	19	17	1	0	99%
Calculus BC	24	5	2	0	0	100%
Chemistry	20	19	7	0	0	100%
Computer Science A	7	4	3	2	1	82%
Computer Science Principles	0	0	14	6	1	67%
English Language & Composition	40	48	34	16	2	87%
English Literature & Composition	28	28	2	0	0	100%
Environmental Science	10	41	17	16	5	76%
European History	15	9	7	1	0	97%
French Language	2	0	3	2	0	71%
Human Geography	5	16	9	4	1	86%
Macroeconomics	6	10	4	2	0	91%
Microeconomics	19	29	13	0	0	100%
Music Theory	5	5	1	1	0	92%
Physics C: E & M	8	1	1	1	0	91%
Physics C: Mechanics	20	12	7	4	0	91%
Spanish Language	21	58	89	15	0	92%
Spanish Literature	1	1	1	0	0	100%
Statistics	29	26	15	6	1	91%
U.S. Government & Politics	11	5	27	8	0	84%
U.S. History	21	23	14	2	0	97%

In May 2023, 502 students sat for 1200 examinations; 92% of exams received a score 3 or higher.

CLASS OF 2023 FUTURE PLANS

96.5% to Higher Education

93.9% To Four Year Colleges

2.6% to Two Year Colleges/College Prep

3.6% Other (Career Ed, Travel, Armed Services, Employment, etc.)

HONORS AND ADVANCED**PLACEMENT COURSES:****ART**

400 Honors Art
 400 AP 2-D Art & Design
 400 AP 3-D Art & Design
 400 AP Drawing 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 AP Spanish Literature
 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