

# Darien High School

## 2024-25 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 - 161 Certified Staff: 10 Doctorates, 146 Masters, 5 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)

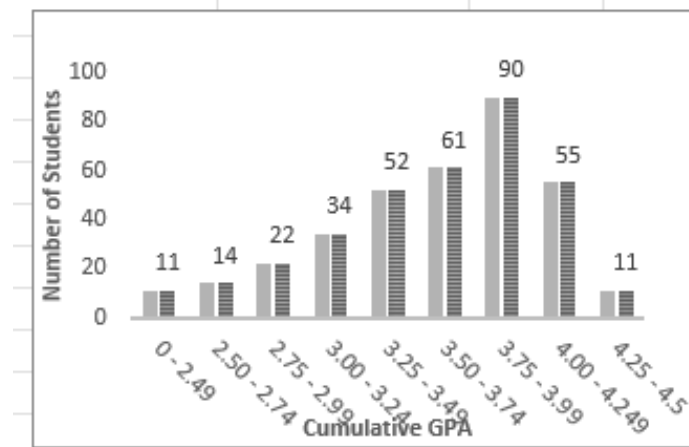
	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	X
300/900/750	4	3.7	3.3	3	2.7	2.3	2	1.7	1.3	1	0.7	0	0
400 Series	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.2	0	0

**Class of 2025 N=350**

**Sixth Semester: Highest GPA: 4.4211**  
**Mean GPA: 3.5816**

**Darien High School does not rank.**

**GPA Distribution Class of 2025: 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.

**SAT I SCORES (MEAN) 2024 Cohort: 299**

	DARIEN	CONNECTICUT	NATIONAL
ERW	611	512	520
Math	612	495	508

**CLASS OF 2024 FUTURE PLANS**

**94.6% to Higher Education**  
**92.7% To Four Year Colleges**  
**1.9% to Two Year Colleges/College Prep**  
**4.8% Other (Career Ed, Travel, Armed Services, Employment, etc.)**

**CLASS OF 2024 ACT SCORES (Student participated: 237)**

	DARIEN	CONNECTICUT	NATIONAL
English	28.3		18.6
Math	27.5		19.0
Reading	29.2		20.1
Science	27.6		19.6
Composite	28.3	26.4	19.5

**NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM (NMSQT)**

Class of 2025 produced 9 Semi-Finalists  
 Class of 2024 produced 3 Finalists, 1 Semi-Finalists and 21 Commended Students  
 Class of 2023 produced 3 Finalists, 1 Semi-Finalists and 24 Commended Students

**U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Class of 2024 produced 1 Scholar and 6 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates

**AP SCORES, MAY 2024**

Subject	1	2	3	4	5	% 3+
2-D Art and Design		6	9	9	4	79%
3-D Art and Design		2	17	6	1	92%
Art History					1	100%
Biology		5	34	36	26	95%
Calculus AB			9	26	31	100%
Calculus BC			1	9	29	100%
Chemistry		1	7	23	22	98%
Chinese Language & Culture					4	100%
Comparative Government & Politics				1		100%
Computer Science A	2	2	4	6	6	80%
Computer Science Principles	4	5	10	1	1	57%
Drawing				1	2	100%
English Language & Composition	5	19	38	62	45	86%
English Literature & Composition			7	29	31	100%
Environmental Science	2	7	13	16	9	81%
European History			2	8	8	100%
French Language & Culture			5	5	1	100%
Human Geography	4	7	10	14	18	79%
Italian Language & Culture				1		100%
Macroeconomics		1	3	15	4	96%
Microeconomics	1	1	13	24	29	97%
Music Theory			1	3	2	100%
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism				2	11	100%
Physics C: Mechanics		2	10	20	9	95%
Psychology		2	6	2	1	82%
Spanish Language and Culture	1	5	57	39	16	95%
Spanish Literature and Culture		5	10	5		75%
Statistics		5	18	29	42	95%
US Government and Politics		2	4	15	27	96%
United States History				34	29	100%

In May 2024, 507 students sat for 1234 examinations; 92% of exams received a score 3 or higher.

**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 Psychology
- 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