



Staples High School | 2024-25 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-nine 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 27,000 and median household income of \$242,868. The community is 80% white, 5% Asian, 9% Hispanic, 2% Black, and 5% Other, including American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and two or more races. 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 2022-23 was \$24,763.

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 2025, 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

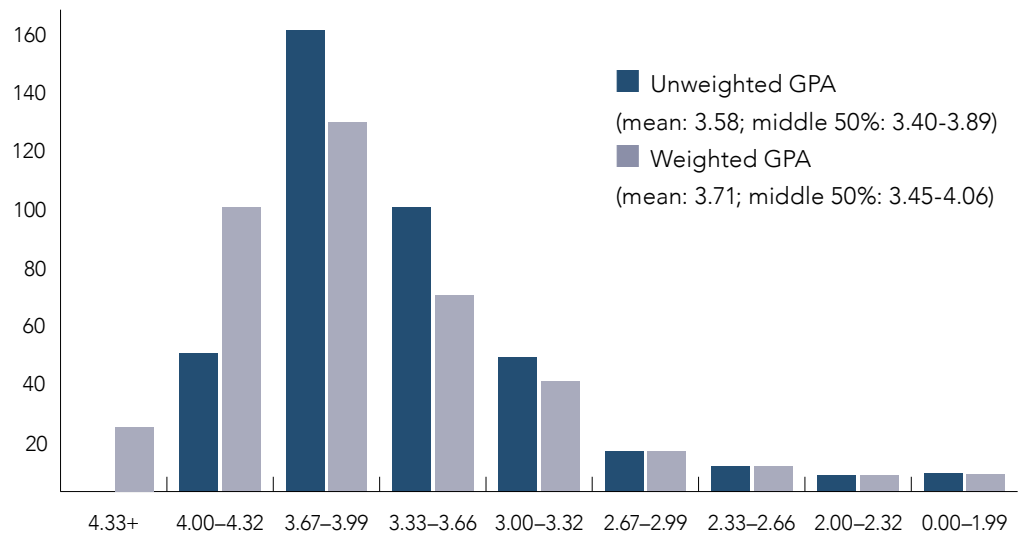
	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	FIWF
College Level	5.00	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	0.00
Honors	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.00
College & Career Prep	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

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 2025 6TH SEMESTER GPA DISTRIBUTION [411 STUDENTS]



Highest Final Unweighted) GPA / Class of 2024 4.19

Highest Final Weighted) GPA / Class of 2024 4.61

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities

English	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
Visual + Performing Arts	1.0
Open Humanities	1.0

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

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**

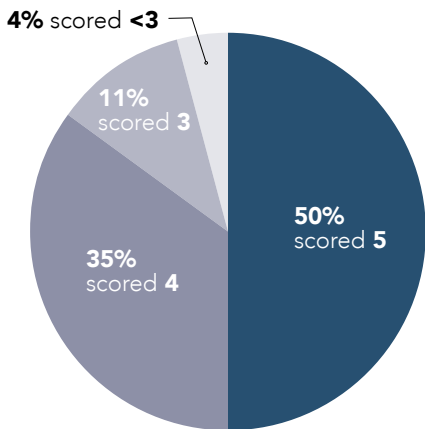
Total Credits **26.0**

*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 2024, 577 students took a total of 1,338 AP exams. The **mean score** was **4.3**.



ACT Results (2023-24 school year)

Middle 50% Mean

Composite	27–33	29.8
English	26–35	30.3
Math	27–33	29.2
Reading	28–35	30.5
Science	25–32	28.7

SAT Results (Class of 2024)

Middle 50% Mean

Total	1080–1370	1229
ERW	550–680	612
Math	550–700	617

Class of 2024 Recognitions

National Merit Scholars	4
National Merit Finalists	7
National Merit Commended Students	22
National African-American Recognition	1
National Hispanic Recognition	7
AP Scholars	31
AP Scholars with Honor	25
AP Scholars with Distinction	110

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Advanced Courses (26 AP, 41 Honors, 7 UConn ECE)

English

English 9 Honors
 English 10 Honors
 AP English Language
 AP English Literature
 Mythology & Bible Honors
 Seminar in Academic Writing and Multimodal Composition (formerly Literacy, Identity, & Community - UConn ECE)
 Shakespeare Honors

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
 AP Computer Science Principles
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Physics 1
 AP Physics C
 Scientific Research Honors

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
 Anthropology (option for UConn ECE)
 Contemporary World Studies (option for UConn ECE)

Visual + Performing Arts

Digital Design Honors (Motion)
 Digital Design Honors (Print)
 Photography Honors
 Studio Portfolio Honors
 AP Art & Design

AP Music Theory

Honors Option For All Music Ensembles
 Pop Music and Diversity in American Society (option for UConn ECE)

World Languages

French 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
 AP French Language (option for UConn ECE)
 German 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
 AP German Language (option for UConn ECE)
 Italian 2, 3 Honors
 Italian 4 Honors (option for UConn ECE)
 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. 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 2024 FUTURE PLANS

426 graduates attending 176 different post-secondary institutions

93.1% Four-year Colleges

2.1% Two-year Colleges

0.5% PG / Vocational / Other Higher Education

1.7% Gap Year

0.9% Military

1.6% 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.