

# 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)

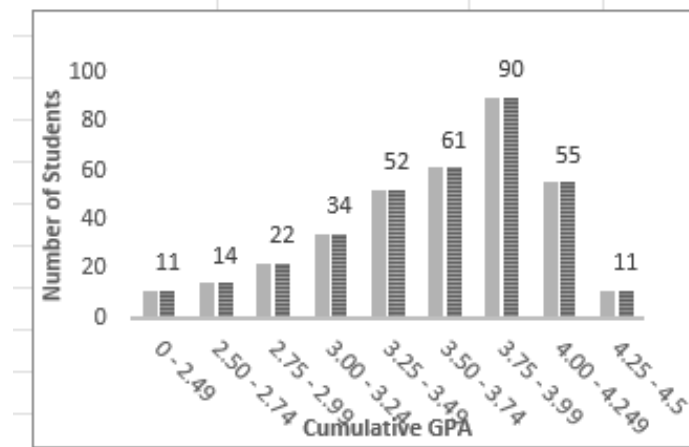
	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	X
300/900/750	4	3.7	3.3	3	2.7	2.3	2	1.7	1.3	1	0.7	0	0
400 Series	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.2	0	0

**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 and 17 Commended Scholars  
 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 1241 examinations; 93% 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