HOLLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

2024-2025

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Community & School Characteristics

Holliston is a suburban, residential community in Middlesex County, west of Boston, with a population of 14,996.

Enrollment: 802   *Class of 2025*: 201   *Faculty*: 82
- 4-day rotating block schedule - 4 x 77 min. periods/day
- 4 academic courses required each term
- Core courses: daily - 1 semester, earns 1 credit
- Some AP courses: daily - 3 terms, earns 1.5 credits
- Other courses: daily - 1 term, earns 0.5 credit

Holliston Public Schools' Vision of a Graduate

The Holliston Public Schools, in partnership with our community, are committed to supporting students on their journeys to live healthy, meaningful, and productive lives. Through our Pre-K-12+ curriculum and experiences, our students become engaged global citizens, innovative thinkers, effective communicators, and lifelong learners who exemplify character and live balanced lives.

Special Programs & Grading Notes

French Immersion Program

The French Immersion Program spans grades K – 12. Students enter kindergarten in an immersive French-speaking environment. They gradually transition to a traditional schedule in the middle school.

Global Citizens Program (GCP) & Endorsement

Through a variety of interdisciplinary globally- centered courses and real-world extracurricular experiences, GCP students will become active participants, creative problem solvers, and authentic change-makers in our ever-changing and diverse world. Those who successfully complete the program will earn the GCP Endorsement upon graduation.

Computer Science Endorsement (CSE)

The CSE program is a way for HHS students to focus their electives on computer science-related courses and projects. Through a combination of coursework and independent projects, students participate in curriculum covering coding and programming, hardware systems, complex applications, and societal issues. Students will earn the CSE upon successful completion of the program.

Proficiency-Based Classroom Models

Holliston High School has embraced the practice of proficiency-based classrooms, which provide qualitative feedback to students throughout the course. This shift in focus has resulted in students taking greater ownership of their education and engaging in research related to topics they are passionate about. This model of education has been fully adopted by our Fine and Performing Arts Department, World Language Department, and some members of our English Department. Numerical grades are given to students at the end of the term/semester.

Grading & GPA

Holliston High School does not calculate rank. An unweighted GPA is calculated. GPA is based on a 4.33 (A+) scale. GPA is calculated at the end of each semester. The highest GPA for the Class of 2024 was 4.25.

Grading System

A+ 100-97	A 96-93	A- 92-90
B+ 89-87	B 86-83	B- 82-80
C+ 79-77	C 76-73	C- 72-70
D+ 69-67	D 66-63	D- 62-60 F < 60

WP – Withdraw Pass
WF – Withdraw Fail
WE – Withdraw Excused

Graduation Requirements

- English - 4.5 credits
- Mathematics - 4 credits
- Social Studies - 4 credits
- Science - 4 credits
- World Language - 2 credits
- Fine & Performing Arts - 1 credit
- Wellness - 2 credits
  Total: 26 credits

Post-Secondary Outcomes

Class of 2023	Class of 2022
4-year college - 90%	4-year college - 82%
2-year college - 1%	2-year college - 4%
Employment - 4%	Employment - 2%
Military - 0%	Military - 1%
Other - 5%	Other - 11%

Advanced Placement Program

- AP courses are offered to students beginning in 10th grade.
- 22 AP courses are offered.
- Spring of 2024 AP score data:
    - 254 students took 451 AP exams
    - 80% of exams received a score of 3, 4, or 5
    - 55% of exams received a score of 4 or 5

Standardized Testing

SAT - 2023-2024 School Year
- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing - 614
- Math - 605
- Total - 1219

ACT - 2023-2024 School Year
- Average Composite Score - 28

Important Notes for 2024-2025

- AP Calculus AB/BC – these are 3-term APs, running terms 2, 3, and 4.
- Term 1 grades for college applications will be available by November 30.
- Semester 1 grades for college applications will be available by February 10.