

Darien High School

2025-26 Profile

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School

Description: Grades 9 - 12
Enrollment: 1,344
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

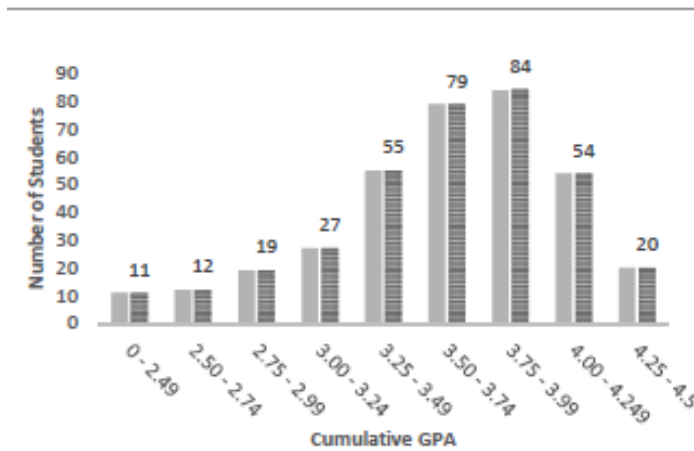
Darien High School computes one cumulative GPA which includes: all courses, except PE/Health, using the scale below. Summer enrichment, transfer credit and after school enrichment courses are not included in the GPA. DHS does not report class rank. Classes are indexed as to indicate levels as follows: 400 Honors and/or AP Placement (weighted .5)
300/650/750/900 College Preparatory

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
	93-100	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	-60
300/900/750	4	3.7	3.3	3	2.7	2.3	2	1.7	1.3	1	0.7	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

Class of 2026 N=361

Sixth Semester: Highest GPA: 4.4054
Mean GPA: 3.5816

GPA Distribution Class of 2026: 6th Semester



Abbreviations used on transcripts:

<i>I</i>	Incomplete
<i>MED</i>	Medically Excused
<i>P/N/C</i>	Marks for courses taken on pass/no credit basis.
<i>W</i>	Withdrew from class
<i>MBDA</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 2025 ACT SCORES
(Student participated: 271)

English	29.0
Math	28.2
Reading	29.7
Science	28.4
Composite	28.9

SAT I SCORES (MEAN) 2025
Cohort: 337

ERW	614
Math	602

CLASS OF 2025 FUTURE PLANS
94.9% to Higher Education
89.7% To Four Year Colleges
5.2% to Two Year Colleges/College Prep
5.2% Other (Career Ed, Travel, Armed Services, Employment, etc.)

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM (NMSQT)

Class of 2026 produced 8 Semi-Finalists (Commended scholars not announced yet)
 Class of 2025 produced 1 Finalist, 8 Semi-Finalists and 17 Commended Scholars
 Class of 2024 produced 3 Finalists, 1 Semi-Finalists and 21 Commended Students

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Class of 2025 produced 2 US Presidential Scholars

AP SCORES, MAY 2025

Subject	1	2	3	4	5	% 3+
2-D Art and Design			5	6	3	100%
3-D Art and Design		8	15	4		70%
African American Studies					1	100%
Biology	1	2	29	35	30	100%
Calculus AB		3	5	42	19	96%
Calculus BC			2	12	38	100%
Chemistry			7	23	12	100%
Chinese Language & Culture				1	4	100%
Computer Science A	1	3	1	5	9	79%
Computer Science Principles		6	7	5	1	68%
Drawing			2	2	2	100%
English Language & Composition		5	29	74	60	97%
English Literature & Composition			8	23	41	100%
Environmental Science		3	13	26	33	96%
European History				2	8	100%
French Language & Culture	1	1	4	3	2	82%
German Language and Culture			1			100%
Human Geography			6	16	16	100%
Italian Language & Culture				1		100%
Macroeconomics	1	2	5	8	10	88%
Microeconomics		1	7	15	19	98%
Music Theory			2	1	4	100%
Physics 1					1	100%
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism			3	2	6	100%
Physics C: Mechanics		5	21	21	13	92%
Precalculus					3	100%
Psychology	1	6	16	40	11	91%
Spanish Language and Culture		12	55	27	17	89%
Spanish Literature and Culture		1	10	5		94%
Statistics	1	4	8	19	29	92%
US Government and Politics		3	12	17	26	95%
United States History			2	23	37	100%
World History: Modern					1	100%

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

In May 2025, 527 students sat for 1264 examinations; 94% of exams received a score 3 or higher.