

# Billings West High School

## BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Graduation Requirements

English . . . . .	4 Credits
Math . . . . .	2 Credits
World History . . . . .	1 Credit
American History . . . . .	1 Credit
US Government . . . . .	5 Credit
Senior Social Studies . . . . .	.5 Credit
Physical Science . . . . .	1 Credit
Biological Science . . . . .	1 Credit
PE/Health Enhancement . . . . .	1 Credit
Visual/Performing Arts . . . . .	1 Credit
Career Technical Education(CTE) . . . . .	1 Credit
Electives . . . . .	7 Credits

**TOTAL 21 CREDITS**

### HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES


#### ENGLISH

- English 1 Honors
- English 2 Honors
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition

#### MATHEMATICS

- Geometry Honors
- Algebra 2 Honors
- AP Pre Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

#### SCIENCE

- Earth Science Honors
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
-  SOCIAL STUDIES
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP U.S. Government & Politics
- AP Psychology

#### OTHER

- AP French
- AP German Language
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Art and Design
- AP Seminar
- AP Research

#### DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

- College Writing
- College Algebra
- College Statistics
- College Intro to Public Speaking
- College American Government
- College American History
- College Intro to Business
- College Sociology

## BWHS PLATINUM PROGRAM

The Platinum Program is designed for students who wish to sign on for 4 years of challenging courses with a culminating capstone project to demonstrate their academic growth. Students who are able to complete all requirements of the Platinum Program will be honored during graduation ceremonies, letters of recommendation will refer to the students' completion of the program and will reflect the rigor involved. West High transcripts will include specific mention of the Platinum Program and students who are undertaking it.

### Platinum Program Requirements

- 15 Added Value Credits\*
- A minimum of a "C" grade in all courses
- Adhere to policies outlined in the West High Student Handbook
- Enrichment Project-Students will be required to plan, submit, and complete an enrichment project that demonstrates personal or intellectual growth.

### GRADING SYSTEM

Billings West High School's Official Transcript includes both a weighted and an unweighted grade point average. Weighted grades are given in those courses designated as either Honors or Advanced Placement (AP or H). The difference between weighted and unweighted in terms of grade point value is as follows. GPA and Class Rank are calculated using the weighted formula.

GRADING SCALE	UNWEIGHTED	WEIGHTED
A 90 – 100% (4 pts)	A = 4 grade points	A = 5 grade points
B 80 – 89% (3 pts)	B = 3 grade points	B = 4 grade points
C 70 – 79% (2 pts)	C = 2 grade points	C = 3 grade points
D 60 – 69% (1 pt)	D = 1 grade point	D = 1 grade point
F Below 60% (0 pts)	F = 0 grade points	F = 0 grade points

I - Incomplete      P - Passing

### TEST RESULTS

#### SAT

Results for Class of 2024-2025  
Tested Seniors: 9

Evidence Based RW	Mathematics	Composite
620	600	1220

#### ACT

Results for School Year of 2024-25\*  
Tested Students: 492

Reading	English	Mathematics	Science	Composite
20.3	19.2	20.1	20.2	20.1

### Advanced Placement Achievement

In 2024-2025, 347 students sat for 704 examinations.

The overall distribution of scores is:  
5-14%    4 - 32%    3 - 37%    2 - 16%    1 - 2%

\*ACT serves as the required Montana State assessment tool for all high school juniors

### GPA RANGES CLASS OF 2025

Highest Weighted GPA: 4.75                      Highest Unweighted GPA: 4.00  
Average Weighted GPA: 3.06  
Graduating Seniors of Class of 2025: 490

4 Year College or University: 47.9%                      United States Military: 2.8%  
2 Year College: 8.5%    Employment: 20.5%  
Apprenticeship: 8.7%    Other: 11.6%

Members of the past three graduating classes at Billings West High have attended over 150 unique Post-Secondary Institutions including, Stanford University, Brigham Young University, University of Southern California, and Yale University.

As well, graduates have received appointments to the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Naval Academy.