Darien High School
2026-27 Profile

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School

Description: Grades 9 - 12
Enrollment: 1,283
Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 2024

Community

Description: Middle to high income residential
Location: 36 miles northeast of New York City
Population: 21,744

Faculty - 168 Certified Staff: 10 Doctorates, 57 - 6th Year Certificate, 98 Masters, 3 Baccalaureates

Grade System and GPA Profile

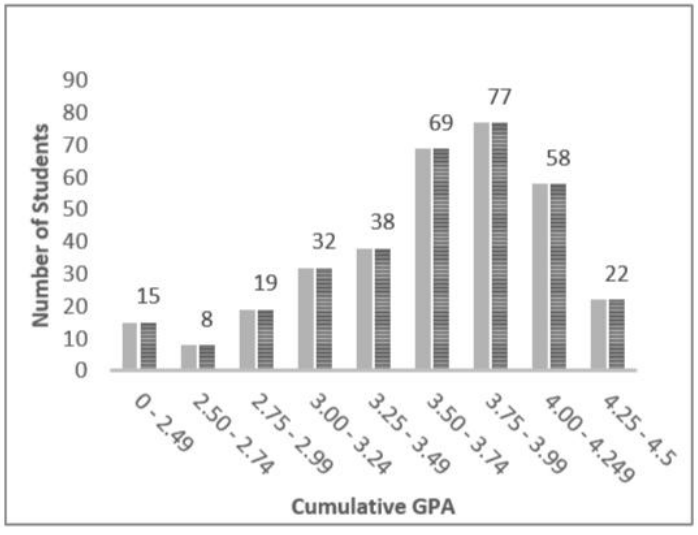
Darien High School computes one cumulative GPA which includes: all courses, except PE/Health, using the scale below. Summer enrichment, transfer credit and after school enrichment courses are not included in the GPA. DHS does not report class rank.
Classes are indexed as to indicate levels as follows: 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 2027 N=332

Sixth Semester: Highest GPA: 4.4154
Mean GPA: 3.6035

GPA Distribution Class of 2027: 6th Semester



Abbreviations used on transcripts:

I	Incomplete
MED	Medically Excused
P/NC	Marks for courses taken on pass/no credit basis.
W	Withdrew from class
MBDA	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.

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.

2025-26 ACT SCORES
(Student participated: 266)

English …….. 28.4
Math …….. 28.6
Reading …… 29.7
Science …….. 29.4
Composite ……. 28.9

SAT I SCORES (MEAN) 2026
Cohort: 300

ERW ……..606
Math ……. 593

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Class of 2026 produced 2 US Presidential Scholar Candidates

CLASS OF 2026 FUTURE PLANS
96.7% to Higher Education
94.4% To Four Year Colleges
2.3% to Two Year Colleges/College Prep
3.3% Other (Career Ed, Travel, Armed Services, Employment, etc.)

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM (NMSQT)

Class of 2026 produced 8 Finalists and 22 Commended Scholars
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

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES: Students are recommended for enrollment in these extremely rigorous courses by their teachers. Students without teachers' recommendations must have parental support and waive into a course by petitioning the department chair.

AP SCORES, MAY 2026

Subject	1	2	3	4	5	% 3+
2-D Art and Design			8	6	3	100%
3-D Art and Design			8	6		70%
Biology		4	26	41	37	100%
Calculus AB		2	3	33	31	96%
Calculus BC			1	5	41	100%
Chemistry		1	2	14	19	100%
Chinese Language & Culture			3	1	1	100%
Computer Science A		2		14	13	79%
Computer Science Principles	2	4	17	5	6	68%
Drawing			3		5	100%
English Language & Composition	1	1	32	78	72	97%
English Literature & Composition		1	13	39	46	100%
Environmental Science	1	4	19	42	35	96%
European History			2	4	`16	100%
French Language & Culture			1	2	1	82%
Human Geography		1	2	15	11	100%
Macroeconomics	1	2	6	8	5	88%
Microeconomics		8	24	51	42	98%
Music Theory		1	1	3	1	100%
Physics 1			2	1		100%
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism		1		3	11	100%
Physics C: Mechanics	1	2	9	15	13	92%
Precalculus					2	100%
Psychology	2	3	10	27	15	91%
Spanish Language and Culture	1	20	54	39	13	89%
Spanish Literature and Culture		2	6	6	8	94%
Statistics	1	2	12	31	41	92%
US Government and Politics	1	1	8	27	40	95%
United States History			2	25	41	100%

In May 2026, 569 students sat for 1,438 examinations; 95% of exams received a score 3 or higher.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

HUMANITIES	***9 Credits***
English	4
History	3.5
Fine Arts/Practical Arts	1
Elective Credit in Humanities	.50
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS	***9 Credits***
Laboratory Science	3
Mathematics	3
Elective Credits in STEM	3
WORLD LANGUAGES	**1 Credit**
P.E. AND WELLNESS	**1 Credit**
HEALTH & SAFETY EDUCATION	**1 Credit**
MASTERY BASED DIPLOMA ASSESSMENT	**1 Credit**
OPEN ELECTIVE CREDITS	**3 Credits**

TOTAL CEDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE: 25 CREDITS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

ART
400 AP 2-D Art & Design
400 AP 3-D Art & Design
400 AP Drawing Art & Design

COMPUTER STUDIES
400 AP Computer Science
400 AP Computer Science Principles

ENGLISH
400 AP English Literature & Composition
400 AP English Language & Composition

WORLD LANGUAGE
400 AP French Language & Culture
400 AP Spanish Language & Culture
400 AP Spanish Literature

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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 AP Calculus AB
400 AP Calculus BC
400 AP Statistics

MUSIC
400 AP Music Theory

SCIENCE
400 AP Biology
400 AP Chemistry
400 AP Physics C: E & M
400 AP Physics C: M
400 AP Environmental Science