2026-2027 School Profile

Renaissance High School

RENAISSANCE COMMUNITY

Williamson County Schools (WCS) has approximately 41,000 students enrolled in Pre-K -12 for the 2026-276 school year. There are 11 high schools, 11 middle schools, and 29 elementary schools. The district's graduating class of 2025 posted an ACT composite score of 24.6

Renaissance High is an open-zoned Williamson County public choice school that serves approximately 170 9th - 12th grade creative students from across the district who believe they would thrive in a smaller, relationship-centered environment with creative peers. Renaissance is intentional in fostering the 21st century skills of creativity/innovation, critical thinking, communication and collaboration and embeds project-based learning and standards-based grading. Students apply and are accepted into one of our three CTE, four-year, elective academies: Film Production, Digital Art & Animation, and Music Industry Audio Production. All three academies culminate in a senior Applied Arts Practicum intended to launch them on a successful trajectory into 21st century creative industries. For a small school, Renaissance offers a multitude of extra-curricular activities and service opportunities including Student Council, eSports, Beta Club, and student-led clubs.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS*

Subject	# of credits
English	4
Math	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Lifetime Wellness & PE	1.5
Personal Finance	.5
Fine Art	1
World Language	2
Elective Focus	3

*All students must take the ACT or SAT, earn a computer science credit, and pass a Civics Test

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Admissions & Curriculum

- Students must apply and interview to be admitted. Class size is limited.
- For the past four years, Renaissance has been in the top five non-academic magnet schools in TN based on ACT scores
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses Offered: AP Precalculus, AP Human Geography, AP US History, AP Chemistry, & AP Studio Art
- Honors Courses Offered: Spanish III, Government, Economics
- Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to take dual enrollment courses
- Students choose from three creative elective focus academies:
  * Film Academy: Film I, II, III, Applied Arts Practicum
  * Arts Academy: Digital Art I, II, III, Applied Arts Practicum
  * Audio Academy: Audio Production I, II, III, Applied Arts Practicum
- The Applied Arts Practicum is a senior capstone course that provides students with the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge learned in the previous three years of their academy within a professional, working environment. All students complete and showcase a culminating project/portfolio to an industry panel and the public.
- Schoolwide Project-Based Learning (PBL) allows students to apply knowledge and skills through complex real-world questions, problems or challenges while integrating their academy skills.
- In addition to six credit-bearing courses a semester, students are scheduled into an Advisory period that explicitly fosters academic and social-emotional growth, community, and opportunities for service.

WCS Transcript Information

- WCS does not rank students numerically. For the purpose of honors recognition in WCS high schools, we only use the following Latin system:
  - Summa Cum Laude 4.25 and above GPA
  - Magna Cum Laude 4.0-4.24 GPA
  - Cum Laude 3.75-3.99 GPA
- Transcript Legend: CR = Credit Recovery, DE = Dual Enrollment, EC = Online Course, CrEx= Credit by Exam, P=Pass, OLP = Online Learning Program, W = Waiver
- The WCS averaging policy allows students to receive a full credit if they failed the first semester. This is only possible if the average of both semesters is 60 or higher. The averaging policy only applies to the following courses: Math, World Language, and Chemistry.

Grading Scale

Letter	Numerical	Standard	Honors	AP
A	90 - 100	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	80 - 89	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	70 - 79	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	60 - 69	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0 - 59	0.0	0.0	0.0

The Hope Scholarship GPA is calculated using the TN Uniform Grading Scale. It is used for Hope Scholarship eligibility only

Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, WCS began recalculating GPAs of transfer students using the WCS weighted scale to create a uniform Weighted Cumulative GPA for all WCS students. Prior to the 2025-26 school year, GPAs of transfer students were taken "as is" from their prior school, whether weighted or unweighted.

2026-2027 Renaissance Stats

- 175 students enrolled
- 40 seniors (Class of 2027)
- 15:1 student teacher ratio
- 6 credits earned per year, 24 credits total
- Renaissance High graduates attend 4 yr. colleges & universities, technical schools, and art & design colleges/ universities.