



Staples High School | 2026-27 School Profile

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WESTPORT COMMUNITY

Westport is a shoreline town in Fairfield County, approximately one hour from New York City with a population of 27,528 and a median household income of \$250,001. A large percentage of residents are college graduates employed in professional and business occupations. The community is 78% White, 9% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 2% Black, and 6% Other, including American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and two or more races. Four percent of students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Families and the community demonstrate strong support for the public school system, which also includes five elementary schools (K-5), two middle schools (6-8), and one preschool. Per pupil expenditure was \$28,971.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Thomas Scarice, *Superintendent of Schools*
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Aerial photo courtesy of Brandon Malin, Class of 2021

Staples High School, founded in 1884, is a comprehensive public high school grades 9–12 with an enrollment of 1,600 students and 200 faculty members. The single public high school serving the town of Westport, Staples is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and consistently ranked as one of the top high schools in Connecticut. Forty varsity athletic teams compete in the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC). There is active participation in vibrant art, music, theater, and media programs and over 100 extracurricular activities. While the majority of graduates ultimately attend a four-year college, Staples honors all pathways to success and offers a range of programs to meet the academic and personal needs of students.

TRANSCRIPT + GRADING

Staples High School does not rank students. Two grade point averages are calculated on a 4.0 scale: Unweighted GPA and Weighted GPA, as detailed below. Both include grades in all courses taken at Staples, including academic, elective, and Health & Physical Education courses. For transfer students, the previous school courses, credits, and pass/fail grades are listed on the Staples transcript. Transfer transcripts are attached to the Staples transcript as separate documents. Previous school letter grades are not included in the Staples GPAs.

Unweighted GPA

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	FWF
All Courses	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

Weighted GPA

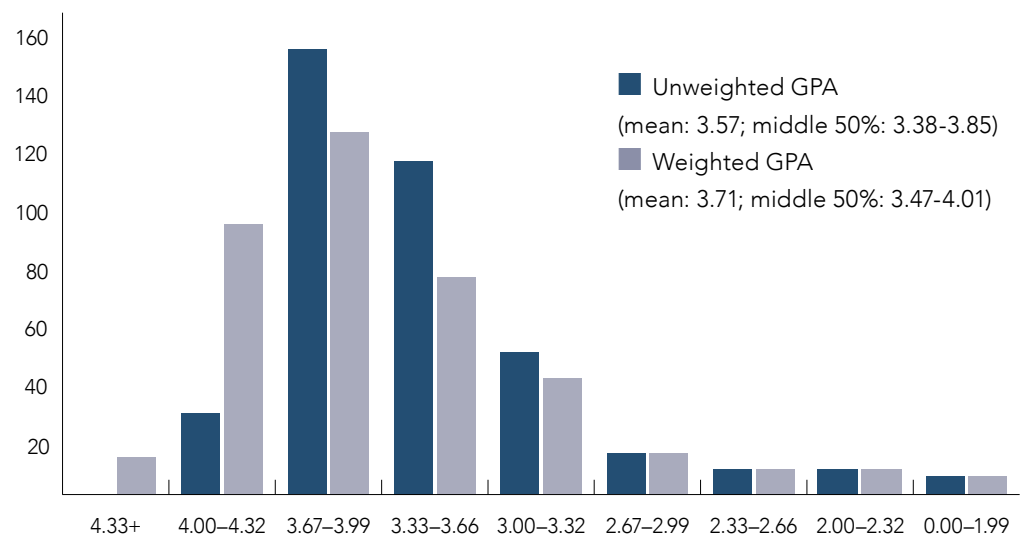
	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	FWF
College Level	5.00	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	0.00
Honors	4.67	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.00
College & Career Prep	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

College Level Weight: Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment courses, Calculus BC Plus, Multivariable Calculus, and Differential Equations

Honors Weight: Honors courses

College & Career Prep Weight: All other courses from all subject areas, including A (advanced college preparatory), B (college preparatory), and C (supported college preparatory) level academic, non-leveled elective, and Health & Physical Education courses

CLASS OF 2027 6TH SEMESTER GPA DISTRIBUTION [390 STUDENTS]



Highest Final Unweighted GPA / Class of 2026 4.18

Highest Final Weighted GPA / Class of 2026 4.63

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities

English	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
World Languages	2.0
Visual + Performing Arts	1.0
Open Humanities	1.0

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, + Math

Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Open STEAM	3.0

Health + Physical Education	2.5
Personal Financial Management + Financial Literacy	0.5

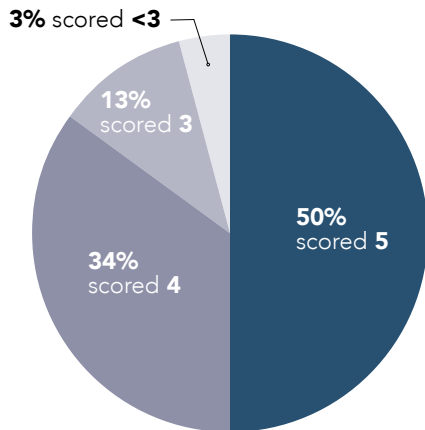
Mastery-Based Diploma Assessment*	1.0
Additional Credits	2.0
Total Credits	26.0

*Students create a portfolio to demonstrate skill mastery and reflection in four domain areas (Collaborators, Communicators, Critical Thinkers, and Creators) through learning experiences embedded in their courses.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Advanced Placement Exam Results

In spring 2026, 588 students took a total of 1,380 AP exams. The **mean score** was **4.3**.



ACT Results (2025-26 school year)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	28-33	30.0
English	27-35	30.4
Math	26-33	29.2
Reading	27-34	30.3
Science	27-33	29.6

SAT Results (Class of 2026)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Total	1090-1360	1223
ERW	550-680	615
Math	540-690	608

Class of 2026 Recognitions

National Merit Scholars	2
National Merit Finalists	4
National Merit Commended Students	19
AP Scholars	25
AP Scholars with Honor	27
AP Scholars with Distinction	119

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Advanced Courses (26 AP, 43 Honors, 7 UConn ECE, 2 SCSU Early College)

English

English 9 Honors
English 10 Honors
AP English Language
AP English Literature
Mythology & Bible Honors Seminar and Studio in Writing and Multimodal Composition (UConn ECE)
Shakespeare Honors

Math

Geometry Honors
Algebra 2 Honors
Pre-Calculus Honors
Calculus Honors
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Calculus BC Plus*
Multivariable Calculus*
Differential Equations*

*college level GPA weight

Science

Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
Physics Honors
AP Biology
AP Chemistry

AP Computer Science A

AP Computer Science Principles
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C: Mechanics & E&M
Advanced Forensics (SCSU Early College)
Scientific Research Honors (option for SCSU Early College)

Social Studies

Global Themes Honors
U.S. History Honors
AP European History
AP Macro/Microeconomics
AP Psychology
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP U.S. History
AP World History: Modern
Anthropology (UConn ECE)
Introduction to Human Rights (UConn ECE)

Visual + Performing Arts

Conceptual Artmaking Honors
Digital Design Honors (Motion)
Digital Design Honors (Print)
Photography Honors
Studio Portfolio Honors
AP Art & Design

AP Music Theory

Honors Option For All Music Ensembles
Pop Music and Diversity in American Society (UConn ECE)

World Languages

French 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
AP French Language (UConn ECE)
German 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
AP German Language (UConn ECE)
Italian 2, 3 Honors
Italian 4 (UConn ECE)
Latin 2, 3, 4 Honors
AP Latin
Mandarin Chinese 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors
AP Chinese Language & Culture
Spanish 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Honors
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature



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DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

- **Dual enrollment courses** are offered through University of Connecticut Early College Experience (ECE), Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Early College, and Connecticut State Community College High School Partnership. Courses are weighted at the college level.
- **Accelerated Science** is a two-year, two-credit college preparatory course utilizing a multidisciplinary perspective and including physics, chemistry, biology, and Earth and space science.
- **Scientific Research** students design and conduct original, independent, college-level STEM research. Students develop projects from proposal through data analysis and present work at local, state, and international science fairs. Enrollment is by teacher recommendation only.
- **AP U.S. Government & Politics: We the People (WTP)** immerses students in U.S. constitutional history and law, culminating in simulated congressional hearings and state and national competitions. Enrollment is by teacher recommendation only.
- **Connecticut State Seal of Bilingualism:** 191 students in the class of 2026 were recognized for attaining an Intermediate Mid or higher level of proficiency in speaking, writing, listening, and reading comprehension in two or more languages (including studying four years of English).
- **Independent Learning Experience (ILE):** students focus on an area of interest beyond the traditional curriculum. A significant personal investment and independence are expected from the student. ILEs are graded pass/fail and noted on the student's transcript.
- **Edmentum online elective courses** may be taken for additional credits. Courses are noted on the transcript with the designation (online), and a letter grade is factored into the GPA as an elective course (no level weight).

CLASS OF 2026 FUTURE PLANS

404 graduates attending 155 different post-secondary institutions

96.1% Four-year Colleges

1.0% Two-year Colleges

1.2% PG / Vocational / Other Higher Education

1.0% Military

0.7% Employment / Other



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The mission of the Westport Public Schools is to prepare all students to reach their full potential as lifelong learners and socially responsible contributors to our global community.