Sehome High School

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Community
Bellingham, Washington is a coastal city located in the northwest corner of the state, approximately halfway between Seattle and Vancouver, BC. It is the unceded traditional, ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack Indian Tribe, as well as neighboring tribes such as the Samish and Semiahmoo. Bellingham is bordered on the west by the Puget Sound and on the east by the foothills of Mt. Baker and the Snoqualmie National Forest. Once a congregate of three small communities drawing sustenance from forestry, fishing, and food processing, Bellingham has a population of about 99,000.

Bellingham has four schools of higher education: Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham Technical College and Northwest Indian College.

Bellingham Public Schools
The Bellingham School District includes four high schools, including one alternative high school, serving grades 9-12, four middle schools serving grades 6-8 and fourteen elementary schools with grades PK-5 with a total student population of over 11,000.

School
Sehome High School is a four-year comprehensive high school enrolling over 1150 students in grades 9-12. The school opened in 1966 and has maintained and encouraged a rich tradition of academic excellence. Over half of the faculty holds master's degrees; many are leaders in their field and have received local, state, and national honors. 26+ teachers are National Board Certified.

Accreditation
Sehome is accredited through the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and holds membership in the Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC).

Athletics/Activities
Sehome offers a full range of extracurricular activities. Athletic competition is within the Northwest 2A League. Sehome has been awarded the WIAA 2A Scholastic Cup for over 10 years.

Academics:
Prior to the 2026-27 school year, Sehome' schedule was organized around an 8-period block schedule. Students took 4 classes per day (80 minutes each), plus a 40-minute Advisory class twice per week. Each block class met every other day. In the 2026-27 school year, we transitioned to a 7-period modified block schedule with an Advisory once/week.

Grading Scale:
A = 4.0 points
B = 3.0 points
C = 2.0 points
D = 1.0 points
NC= No Credit

Grades not calculated in GPA
P=Pass I=Incomplete
NC=No Credit
W= Withdrew without penalty
Sehome uses a 4.0 unweighted system. Each semester course with a passing grade (A through D, & P) earns 0.5 credit. Grades for courses taken at college level (i.e., Running Start) receive equivalent high school credit according to the following formula:
3 college quarter credits = .6 credit
4 college quarter credits = .8 credit
5 college quarter credits =1.0 credit.

Rank
Bellingham School District policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2021.

2026-2027 graduation requirements:
(30 credits total)
4.0 credits English
3.0 credits Mathematics
3.0 credits Lab Science
3.0 credits Social Studies
2.0 credits Visual/Performing Arts
2.0 credits World Language
1.5 credits Career and Technical Education
1.5 credits Physical Education
0.5 credit Health
9.5 credits of Electives

Additional requirements include the completion of a **High School and Beyond Plan, WA State History** and a **Graduation Pathway**. Students choose and complete a graduation pathway that aligns with their High School and Beyond Plan and post-high school goals. Passing state tests is one of multiple options to meet their graduation pathway.

The Curriculum
Sehome provides four rigorous dual credit opportunities for students to earn college credit while in high school.
Advanced Placement (AP)
College in the High School
Running Start
CTE Dual Credit

AP Courses Offered
English Language
English Literature
Pre-Calculus (NEW 2024-2025)
Calculus AB
Calculus BC (Not offered this year)
Statistics
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1 and 2
American/Comparative Govt
Human Geography
US History
Euro History (Not offered this year)
World History
Economics
Psychology
French
Spanish
Computer Science (Not offered this year)
Business and Personal Finance (NEW 2026-2027)

Running Start
This program allows junior/senior students to enroll in college classes and earn both high school and college credit.

College in the High School
AP World History
Neuroscience of Addiction
French 3
Spanish 3
Pre-Calculus
Leadership

CTE Dual Credit
This WA State program provides opportunities to enroll in high school courses that are articulated with community or technical college programs.

BVL
Through Bellingham Virtual Learning (BVL), students learn independently through an online curriculum with support from Bellingham Public Schools teachers and other staff.

Class of 2026
244 Graduating Seniors of 251.

Percentage to Attend
21% 2-year institution

63% 4-year institution

16% Military/Undecided/Gap year/Workforce

Colleges Attended by SHS students:

In State
Bellevue College
Bellingham Technical College
Central Washington University
Edmonds College
Evergreen College
Gonzaga University
Pacific Lutheran University
Saint Martin's University
Seattle Pacific University
Skagit Valley Community College
Spokane Valley Community College
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington
University of Washington Bothell
University of Washington Tacoma
Washington State University
Western Washington University
Whatcom Community College
Whitman College

Out of State
Arizona State University
Baylor University
Boise State University
Brigham Young University-Idaho
Brown University
Cal-Poly State Pomona
Cal-Poly State San Luis Obispo
California State University; Fullerton
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
College of the Atlantic
College of Kalamazoo
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Cornell College
Cornish College of the Arts
Dartmouth College
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida College
George Fox University
George Washington University
Grand Canyon University
Harvard University
Haverford College
Howard University
Kilgore College
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Middlebury College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Montana State University
Northern Arizona University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Peabody Institute: JHU
Pepperdine University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Mary's College
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Scripps College
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Texas Tech University
University of Arizona
University of Denver
University of Hawaii-Manoa
University of Montana
University of Notre Dame
University of North Carolina
University of Oregon
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Utah
University of Vermont
Wheaton College

Out of Country
Royal College of Surgeons—IRELAND
University of British Columbia-CANAD
University of Victoria- CANADA
University of York- ENGLAND
Vancouver Film School-CANADA
Victoria University of Wellington- NEW ZEALAND