WASHBURN HIGH SCHOOL
2026-2027 School Profile

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CEEB/ACT CODE # 241695

MISSION:
Through intercultural understanding and respect, Washburn High School's mission is to ensure students' academic and social growth in an environment that fosters active student involvement while nurturing compassionate life-long learners and global citizens.

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Built in 1925, Washburn is one of seven comprehensive urban public high schools in the Minneapolis School District. The district serves nearly 33,000 students of which 1594 of them are Washburn students. Washburn High School educates students in grades 9-12 and is located in the Tangletown neighborhood of southwest Minneapolis amidst the city's renowned parks and lakes system. The community of Washburn students, families, and staff is proud of its ethnic, racial, linguistic, and religious diversity as it draws from attendance boundaries that span across these multiple strata. Washburn is fully accredited by the State of Minnesota and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

CURRICULUM

Washburn High School provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme was authorized in 2012 and the program has seen exponential growth since its inception. Along with college-level coursework, students are engaged in independent research and creative, physical and community service activities all of which can lead to the awarding of the internationally recognized IB Diploma. Only the most dedicated and ambitious students attempt to earn the diploma, but many students take IB coursework for enrichment. Additionally, Washburn offers Advanced Placement (AP) coursework. Students can also take dual high school/college credit courses offered on campus through community college partners.

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS (Available to Class of 2027)

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SOCIAL STUDIES
AP English Literature (10) IB HL Lang. and Lit. (11/12)* *ALL Juniors enrolled in this course	AP Statistics (10/12) IB SL Math Apps/Interp (11/12) IB SL Math Analysis/Appr (11/12) IB HL Math Analysis (11/12) MCTC Algebra and Stats (12) AP Calculus (11/12)	AP Human Geography (9)* AP US History (10) IB SL/HL History (11/12) IB Theory of Knowledge (11/12) IB SL Global Politics *½ Year course
SCIENCE	**WORLD LANGUAGE**	**FINE ARTS**
IB SL/HL Biology (11/12) AP Physics AP Chemistry IB SL Environmental Systems (12) IB SL Sports Exercise & Health Science (12)	IB SL/HL Spanish IB SL/HL French IB SL Arabic	IB SL/HL Visual Art

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Minnesota offers a dual-credit post-secondary enrollment program (PSEO) which allows qualified students to take courses at local colleges and universities. Each program has its own unique set of qualifications and applications to allow students to access these opportunities.

UMTYUMP

Highly accelerated mathematics students can apply for the University of Minnesota Talented Youth Mathematics Program beginning in 7th grade and take most or all of their high school math coursework at the University. Credits are applied to the high school transcript.

CURRICULUM RATING

In accordance with the Common App School Report, Washburn counselors apply an internal and uniform 5-point rating system for each students' course selection that is reported in the Common App School Report.

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT

as of September 29, 2026

Total students: 1645	
Seniors	396
Juniors	418
Sophomores	426
Freshmen	405
Special Education	13.7%
ELL	17.5%
FRL/Reduced Lunch	37%

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- **White: 50.1%**
- **Hispanic: 21.6%**
- **Black: 16.9%**
- **Multi-Racial: 6.8%**
- **Asian: 3.1%**
- **Native American: .9%**

Languages Spoken at Home: 27

CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT

Core & Elective Areas

- Social Studies
- Science
- Mathematics
- English
- Physical Education and Health
- Career and Technical Education
- AVID

Fine Arts

- Theater, Music, Visual Arts

World Languages

- Arabic, French, Spanish

Specialized Instruction

- Special Education
- Collaborative Resource Instruction
- Social/Emotional Needs Program
- Autism Program (ASD)
- Developmental/Cognitive Disabilities Program (DCD)

COLLEGE ACCESS AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Project Success
- Upward Bound (TRIO)
- College Possible

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WASHBURN, VISIT:
http://washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Classes meet daily for six 55-minute periods. Students must earn a minimum of **21.5** credits and successfully complete the following core requirements to earn a Washburn diploma.

English	4	Social Studies	3.5	Electives	5.5
Mathematics	3	Physical Education	.5	Fine Arts	1
Science	3	Health Education	.5	Ethnic Studies	.5

GRADING SCALE

A	4.00	**B-**	2.67	**D+**	1.33
A-	3.67	**C+**	2.33	**D**	1.00
B+	3.33	**C**	2.00	**D-**	0.67
B	3.00	**C-**	1.67	**F**	0.00

CR	Pass in Pass/Fail Course
NC	Fail in a Pass/Fail Course

Highest unweighted GPA in Class of 2027: 4.00 (2)

Unless dictated by an IEP or extenuating circumstances, all courses are taken for a letter grade (except "Teacher Aide"). Students may opt to take one class on a CR/NC basis one per quarter. GPA's are re-calculated on a quarterly basis. Minneapolis Public Schools does not allow for weighted grades. Washburn uses decile ranking.

- **Courses taken through Minnesota's PSEO program** are applied to a Washburn are translated "as is" (un-weighted) from the University's or College's transcript.
- Transfer student grades are applied to a Washburn transcript as is from the sending domestic institution.
- **Transcripts from international schools** are typically interpreted to the scale provided by the international scale when available
- **All grades earned in summer schoo**l or in our credit recovery program are valued the same as those earned during the school year.
- **High School courses completed during middle school** (e.g., Intermediate Algebra and Geometry) may be listed on transcripts and are applied toward graduation requirements. Grades earned are not averaged into a student's cumulative GPA.

CLASS OF 2026 DECILE RANK DISTRIBUTION (n=351)

Decile	GPA Range	Decile	GPA Range
1- Top 10%	4.0-3.9191	**6- Top 60%**	3.3057-3.1362
2- Top 20%	3.9190-3.7998	**7- Top 70%**	3.1361-2.889
3- Top 30%	3.7997-3.6714	**8- Top 80%**	2.888-2.5717
4- Top 40%	3.6713-3.546	**9- Top 90%**	2.5716-2.1182
5- Top 50%	3.545-3.3058	**10- Top 100%**	2.1181-0.00

ACT TEST SCORES

	% Testing	WHS Mean (All)	WHS Mean (4yr college-bound)
Class of 2018	97.7	23.25	27.00 (50.6%)
Class of 2019	92.5	23.09	26.16 (58.9%)
Class of 2021	60.0	24.06	25.78(63.8%)
Class of 2022	80.3	23.98	25.56 (65.0%)
Class of 2024	68.8	23.03	24.79 (66.0%)
Class of 2025	79.6	22.40	24.50 (63.6%)
Class of 2026	82.9	22.42	24.51 (67.0%)

POST SECONDARY PLANS (2025)

4-Year College: 67%
2-Year College: 16%
Workforce: 11%
Other: Gap Year, Apprenticeship, Military: 6%