Yelm High School
'26 - '27 School Profile

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Yelm High School is a public secondary institution serving students in grades 9-12. We are dedicated to the continued support of our students in their career and college readiness journeys despite multiple levy failures that have resulted in declining enrollment, fewer class offerings and program loss. Current enrollment stands at 1450, down from 1650 the previous year. Despite our challenges, we strive to deliver as many opportunities to our students as possible, including in our Career and Technical Education program which is one of the largest in Washington and boasts many of the state's finest co-curricular programs. We also continue to offer a range of Dual Enrollment and AP classes, but offerings have been reduced and our Performing Arts program was eliminated. We are a member of the 4A South Sound Conference for athletics. However, sports fees greatly increased and students must self-transport, which reduced the number of participants over the past few years.

88.9%
Class of '26 on-time Graduation Rate

63
Industry Certifications offered and 33 courses offer CTE Dual College Credits

400
Students enrolled in at least 1 Dual Credit class

300
Community Partners committed to supporting YHS students

Grades 9 - 12

Enrollment: 1450

Senior Class: 360

School Year: 2 Semesters

CEEB Code: 481630

150+
Students are dually enrolled at one of our local community colleges

46%
'26 Filed the FAFSA/ WASFA

$3M
Scholarships earned by the YHS Class of 2026

Class of 2026

400 Students Graduated

30% Enrolled in a 4-yr College
25% Enrolled in a 2-yr College
10% Entered Trades
10% Joined the Workforce
5% Entered the Military
20% Didn't Report Plans
15 Students Signed Athletic Commitments

Graduation Requirements, Grading Scale, AP & Honors

Yelm High School (YHS) offers a variety of educational offerings and options. Students can earn a variety of certifications and technical college credits through Career & Technical Education courses. Students can also earn college credits through our College in the High School partners and AP courses. Lastly, students can enroll in Running Start - our Dual Enrollment program in which students can attend a community college or technical school and earn high school and college credits at the same time. Many earn their AA-DTA upon graduation. See the final page of our profile for more information regarding our 'in-house' AA-DTA program.

Graduation Requirements	24 Total Credits Required for a Diploma
English	4 Credits
Math	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Arts	1 Credit
Health	0.5 Credits
Fitness	1.5 Credits
Career & Tech Ed	1 Credit
Electives	4 Credits
Personalized Pathway	3 Credits

Grading	System
A = 93-100 A- = 90-92.99	B+ 87 - 89.99 B = 83 - 86.99 B- = 80 - 82.99
C+ = 77 - 79.99 C = 73 - 76.99 C- = 70 - 72.99	D+ = 67 - 69.99 D = 60 - 66.99 F = 0 - 59.99
P = Pass, no effect on GPA NC = No Credit, no effect on GPA	W = Withdrawal, no effect on GPA
All courses are weighted equally & included in class rank.	We use unweighted grades.

Advanced Placement Options

Students can choose from 7 AP classes. (Offerings changed almost yearly over the course of the class of 2027's time at YHS). *Indicates DE also offered

- AP American Government/Political Science*
- AP Biology*
- AP Economics
- AP Environmental Science*
- AP European History* 1 & 2
- AP US History*
- AP World History*
- Note: Calculus and Pre-Calc are now strictly Dual Enrollment courses

Honors Options

Pre-AP English

College in the High School/Dual Enrollment, 'In House' AA-DTA

We have a variety of College in the High School offerings in both core and elective courses. College credits can be earned through South Puget Sound Community College, Central Washington University, Clover Park Technical College, Bates Technical College, Pierce College, Spokane Community College and Walla Walla Community College. Current Dual Enrollment classes can be found on our website under Course Catalog.

On-Site AA-DTA Program

Yelm High School was an innovator in bringing Dual Enrollment opportunities to our students. We instituted an 'in-house' AA-DTA program that meant students enrolled in this program had the opportunity to earn their AA-DTAs at YHS without ever having to leave our campus. The program accommodated approximately 90 students in each grade; however, the program will end with the class of 2028 due to lack of funding which has reduced class availability. Many class of 2027 & 2028 students will still graduate with their AA-DTAs, but the program will sunset with the class of 2028.

One unintended result of this program was limiting access to many AP/Dual Enrollment classes for non AA-DTA students. The AA-DTA students were given priority for seats in these classes, thus limiting availability for others. If a student's transcript reflect honors or AP classes for multiple years, then reflects 'regular' courses for the following year(s), limited class availability could be the reason why.

Foreign Language

Spanish and American Sign Language are the only languages currently offered at YHS. The highest year currently available for both languages is 2. Spanish 3 has been offered in the past as well as French 1 & 2.

Theater Arts Update

Due to multiple levy failures, our Drama & Stagecraft classes were cut in 24/25. In October of 2025, our Drama Club was cut as well.

A Note About Our Levy Failures

Due to multiple levy failures, our district is operating with a $15 million gap. This gap has reduced Dual Enrollment & AP offerings, some programs were cut, others lost funding for events outside of the normal school day such as band & choir concerts. The reductions also resulted in athletic fees doubling as well as a loss of athletics transportation. This has reduced the number of students able to participate in high school athletics.