

# Wenatchee High School Profile



## General Description

Wenatchee High School is a four-year comprehensive public school with a population of 2,000 students. Ethnically, we serve a mix of students: 64% are Caucasian, 31% are Latino, and 5% are Asian, Native American or African-American.

The high school is located in Wenatchee, a rural central Washington community with a population of approximately 31,000. It is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and certified by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in Washington state.

## School Organization

The scholastic year is divided into two 18-week semesters, each containing two 9-week grading periods. Students are required to enroll in six classes each day, except seniors, who may register for five classes. Some students may take seven classes with special permission. Classes average 55 minutes in length and meet five times per week. The average class size is 27, and the average teacher load is 145 students per day, when computed on a full-time equivalency basis.

## Curriculum

Over 200 class offerings are presently available for students. These offerings include a range of college preparatory, vocational and remedial classes. Special features include: Advanced Placement classes in English Literature, U.S. History, calculus, statistics, chemistry, physics and biology; advanced foreign language classes; microcomputer and business classes; a variety of literature offerings; math through AP Statistics; advanced music including instrumental, choral, mariachi, and orchestra; student leadership classes; and a variety of science courses.

Vocational programs exist in business education, marketing, graphic arts, agriculture, horticulture, power mechanics, drafting (AUTOCAD), home and family living, sports medicine, health occupations, and work experience programs. In addition, students have the opportunity to attend the Wenatchee Valley Skills Center for half the day. The Skills Center offers training programs in a variety of areas including culinary arts, automotive technology, collision repair technology, computer technology, construction trades, digital media, fire fighting training, medical careers, recreation administration, and cosmetology. Also, junior and senior students can access Running Start and take classes at Wenatchee Valley College for high school and college credit.

Remedial offerings include a comprehensive reading program, literacy seminar, applied and segmented math, and a full range of special education courses, including adaptive PE and job training for disabled students. Numerous bilingual and sheltered classes are offered in addition to transitional and three levels of English as a Second Language.

## **Grading**

A = 4.0	C+ = 2.3
A- = 3.7	C = 2.0
B+ = 3.3	C- = 1.7
B = 3.0	D+ = 1.3
B- = 2.7	D = 1.0

## **Grade Distribution**

Average GPA for senior class is 2.823

## **Graduation Requirements**

1. One half credit is granted for satisfactory completion of a subject over a semester. Students must earn 22 credits to graduate, including the following required courses:

3.5 credits – English (includes literature, composition, speech)  
3.0 credits – Social Studies  
2.5 credits – Science  
2.0 credits – Math  
1.5 credits – Physical Education  
1.5 credits – Occupational Ed  
1.0 credits – Fine/Performing Arts  
0.5 credits – Health

Total = 15.5 required credits; 6.5 elective credits

2. Pass the WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning) in Reading, Writing and Math.
3. Complete a culminating project consisting of:
  - Senior presentation
  - Portfolio
  - Fifth year plan

## **Future Student Plans**

Percentage of seniors attending a 4-year college directly after high school is 25%. Percentage of seniors attending community college or vocational-technical schools directly after high school is 35%.