
WHS PROFILE

COMMUNITY: Wasilla High School (WHS) is located within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough which serves suburban and rural communities with a combined population of 92,000. The City of Wasilla is a first class city of 8,000 and is located 45 miles from Anchorage (population 295,000), the commercial and cultural center of Alaska.

EMPLOYMENT: Transportation, construction, petroleum production, tourism, and government services.

SCHOOL: Wasilla High School is one of eight four-year high schools in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District and is accredited by Northwest Accreditation Commission. WHS's average enrollment is 1,000 students.

CURRICULUM: A comprehensive curriculum including college preparatory, business, trade/technical, fine arts, and enrichment programs. 24.5 credits are required for graduation, including: 4 years of Language Arts, 3 years of Science, 3.5 years of Social Studies, 3 years of Math, 1 year of Physical Education, and .5 years of Health. Instruction is based on a seven-period day, and courses are offered on a rotating-block schedule.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES: Currently, WHS offers AP courses in Art, English, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, World History, US History, Physics. AP Environmental Science and Statistics are offered in alternating years. WHS has been nominated by the College Board as an AP Alaskan Outstanding School in Math and Science as a result of the high scores students received in AP exams.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: A continuum of services are available from fully inclusive to self-contained. Self-contained classrooms focus on daily living and life skills. Work study and study skill labs are additional options. These courses are limited to students with an Individual Education Plan.

SPECIAL COURSES: District-wide "Career Pathway" courses, Technical Prep courses, IEA, APEX online courses, World Languages, Digital Media, Teen Leadership and Air Force ROTC are available.

SCHOOL YEAR The school year is 180 days divided into two semesters. One-half credit per course is granted each semester.

GRADING SYSTEM: Four point system with the following range: A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, and F=0. Additional weight is given for AP courses. Student's class rank and cumulative GPA are based on courses attempted.

FACULTY: Faculty comes from colleges and universities throughout the United States. Over 50% of the faculty holds Masters degrees.

REQUIRED COURSES

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>Required Courses</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Language Arts	4 credits
Two semesters of English 1 Two semesters of English 2 Four semesters of Language Arts electives	
Mathematics	3 credits
Two semesters of Algebra Two semesters of Geometry Two semesters of Math Electives	
Science	3 credits
Two semesters of Physical Science Two semesters of Life Science-Biology Two semesters of Science Elective	
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Once semester of Civics Two semesters of World History Two semesters of US History One semester of Alaska History One semester of US Government	
Health	.5 credits
One semester of Health	
Physical Education	1 credit
Two semesters of Physical Education electives	
Electives	8.5 credits
Electives are additional courses in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, World Languages, JROTC Air Force and/or Physical Education.	
Total Credits	24.5 credits

A student may graduate with a diploma when he/she has earned a minimum of 24.5 credits after Grade 8 in required and elective subjects.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

ELIGIBILITY

In order to compete in any extra-curricular activity, a student must be a full time student (at least five classes [four for Seniors]), have passed five subjects the previous semester, and have earned a 2.0 GPA. GPA requirement will be determined at the end of each quarter. Incoming Freshman will be determined at Quarter 1.

SPORTS

Basketball/Softball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country Running
Esports
Football
Hockey
Native Youth Olympics
Soccer
Swimming/Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Girls Volleyball
Wrestling

ACTIVITIES

Air Force Drill Team and Rifery
Band/Choir
Battle of the Books
Business Professionals of America
Drama/Theatians
Drama/Debate/Forensics
Drum Line
G.S.A. (Gay Straight Alliance)
Honor Society
International Club
Marching Band
Ocean Bowl
Partners Club
Peer Helpers
Road Warriors Car Club
Skeet Club
Skills USA—VICA
Science Olympiad
Student Government
World Language Declamation
Yearbook

WHS COURSES

LANGUAGE ARTS:

English ~ 1, 2 & 3
IEA English ~ 1 & 2
AP Literature & Composition
Cinema as Art
College Composition
Debate & Forensics
Journalism ~ 1 & 2
Mythology
Science Fiction
Technical Writing
Yearbook

MATHEMATICS:

Intro to Algebra
Algebra 1
IEA Algebra 1
Intermediate Algebra
Algebra 2
Algebra for Finance
Geometry
Informal Geometry
IEA Geometry
Pre Calculus
AP Calculus ~AB & BC

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Civics
Alaska History
World History
US History
Government
Psychology
AP World History
AP US History

SCIENCE:

Physical Science
Earth Science
Biology
Anatomy & Physiology
Chemistry
Chemistry in the Community
Astronomy
Ecology
Genetics
Geology
Oceanography
Forensics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science
AP Physics 1

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health
Outdoor Recreation
Sports Activities
Swimming
Weight Training

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish ~ 1, 2 & 3
Russian ~ 1, 2, 3 & 4

TECHNOLOGY, TRADES & INDUSTRY

Personal Finance
Introduction to Career
Digital Communication
Audio/Visual Technology
Advanced Audio/Visual Tech.
Accounting ~ 1 & 2
Technical Applications ~ 1, 2 & 3
Entrepreneurship
Marketing
Automotive ~ Intro., 1, 2, 3 & 4
Technical Drafting ~ 1, 2, 3 & 4
Interior Design
Housing Concepts
Woods ~ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6
Introduction to Construction
Robotics ~ Intro, Advanced
& Competitive

FINE ARTS

2D & 3D Art Survey
2D Studio ~ 1, 2, 3 & 4
3D Studio ~ 1, 2, 3 & 4
Adaptive Art
Art Mentor
AP Studio Art
Drama ~ 1 & 2
Acting ~ 1 & 2
Piano
Concert Choir
Jazz Choir
Concert Band
Symphonic Band
Jazz Band
Orchestra
Percussion
Marching Band

JROTC

Air Force 1, 2, 3 & 4

OTHER ELECTIVES

Academic Strategies
Leadership
Human Relations
Freshman Transition

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Mission
To improve lives



We are a comprehensive high school where relationships, critical thinking, and hard work matter

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