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# WHS PROFILE

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**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.

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# REQUIRED COURSES

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| <u>Required Courses</u>  | <u>Credit</u>       |
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| <b>Language Arts</b>   | <b>4 credits</b>    |
| Two semesters of English 1<br>Two semesters of English 2<br>Four semesters of Language Arts electives  |                     |
| <b>Mathematics</b>   | <b>3 credits</b>    |
| Two semesters of Algebra<br>Two semesters of Geometry<br>Two semesters of Math Electives   |                     |
| <b>Science</b>   | <b>3 credits</b>    |
| Two semesters of Physical Science<br>Two semesters of Life Science-Biology<br>Two semesters of Science Elective  |                     |
| <b>Social Studies</b>  | <b>3.5 credits</b>  |
| Once semester of Civics<br>Two semesters of World History<br>Two semesters of US History<br>One semester of Alaska History<br>One semester of US Government                              |                     |
| <b>Health</b>  | <b>.5 credits</b>   |
| One semester of Health   |                     |
| <b>Physical Education</b>  | <b>1 credit</b>     |
| Two semesters of Physical Education electives  |                     |
| <b>Electives</b>   | <b>8.5 credits</b>  |
| 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. |                     |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   | <b>24.5 credits</b> |

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.

\*class of 2021 requires 6.5 credits of electives and 22.5 total credits to graduate

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# EXTRA CURRICULAR

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## 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

Baseball/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  
Brain Bee  
Drama/Thespians  
Drum Line  
Honor Society  
Marching Band  
Peer Helpers  
Road Warriors Car Club  
Skeet Club  
Skills USA—VICA  
Science Olympiad  
Student Government  
World Language Declaration  
World Quest  
Yearbook

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# WHS COURSES

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## LANGUAGE ARTS:

English ~ 1, 2 & 3  
IEA English ~ 1 & 2  
AP Literature & Composition  
Contemporary Alaskan Lit  
Debate & Forensics  
Journalism ~ 1 & 2  
Mythology  
Creative Writing  
Science Fiction  
World Literature  
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  
Astronomy  
Ecology  
Genetics  
Geology  
Oceanography  
Forensics  
Genetics  
Alaska Wildlife  
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

## 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  
Architectural Drafting ~ 1, 2, 3 & 4  
Interior Design  
Housing Concepts  
Woods ~ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6  
Introduction to Construction  
Construction A  
Robotics ~ Intro, Advanced  
& Competitive  
Wilderness First Responder

## FINE ARTS

2D & 3D Art Survey  
2D Studio ~ 1, 2, 3 & 4  
Adaptive Art  
Art Mentor  
AP Studio Art  
Drama ~ 1 & 2  
Acting ~ 1 & 2  
Piano  
Guitar 1 & 2  
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  
Freshman Transition

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# WHS ADMINISTRATION

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# Wasilla High School

*Mission*  
To improve lives



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

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