

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT

The Waunakee Community School District is located in Waunakee, WI in the County of Dane. Waunakee is a suburban community contiguous with Madison to the south. Based on the latest data from the US census, the population of Waunakee is 16,363 with an area of 7.1 sq. miles. It is one of the most rapidly growing communities in Dane County.

Waunakee Community High School is a public school educating students in grades 9 through 12. The district is a collaborative learning community that works with students, staff, families, and the community to ensure that every student is ready for college and career.

OUR DISTRICT MISSION

Committed to Children...Committed to Community...Committed to Excellence

OUR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION

Preparing all learners* today to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

* Learners are defined as students, staff and parents.

OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

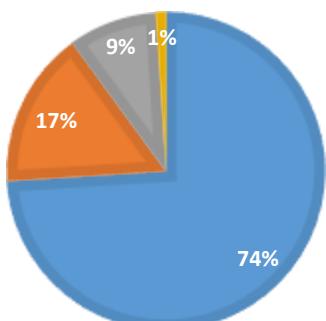
Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown, Superintendent
 Brian Borowski, Principal
 Nick Conrad, Activities Director
 Chad Gauerke, Associate Principal
 Steve Hernandez, Associate Principal
 Deanne Lensert, Associate Principal

OUR REPUTATION

- Ranked #1 overall among all Dane County school districts by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Recognized as a Top High School in Madison area by US News and World Report
- and Niche
- Recognized as a Top United States High School by US News and World Report
- Earned 2025 AP School Gold Honor Roll – 72% of seniors took at least one AP exam during high school, 64% of seniors scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 23% of seniors who took five or more AP exams
- Ranks as the eighth nationally and holds the No. 1 ranking in Wisconsin as the best school district for athletes according to Niche's 2025 Best School Districts in America

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENTS FOR 2025 WCHS GRADUATES

- 4 year College/University
- 2 or 1 year College/Tech School
- Other
- Military



HISTORIC POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

2024 Graduates

68%	4 Year College/Univ.
17%	2 or 1 Year College/
	Tech School
15%	Other
0%	Military

2023 Graduates

64%	4 Year College/Univ.
15%	2 or 1 Year College/
	Tech School
19%	Other
2%	Military

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FACULTY STATISTICS

111 Full Time

2 Part Time

Highest Degree

Earned and Distinctions
 67 Bachelor's Degree
 46 Master's Degree
 4 Nat'l Board Cert.
 3 Kohl Fellowships
 1 Presidential Award for Excellence-Math & Sci

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4.0	English
3.0	Mathematics
3.0	Social Studies
3.0	Science
0.25	Career Workshop
0.25	Health
0.5	Personal Finance (Class of 2028+)
1.5	Physical Education
9.0	Electives*

*All students are encouraged to take 2.0 credits in a single foreign language, required and/or highly recommended by most universities for admission. Electives may come from any content area.

GRADUATION RATE

99.4% 2024-2025

ENROLLMENT

(From Jan. 2025)
 Gr. 9-12 - 1,330
 Senior Class of 2025 - 331

GRADING SCALE

(Unweighted)

A+ = 4.3	C+ = 2.3
A = 4.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.7	C- = 1.7
B+ = 3.3	D+ = 1.3
B = 3.0	D = 1.0
B- = 2.7	D- = 0.7
	F = 0

LAUDE SYSTEM

The purpose of the Laude System is to recognize students for the rigor of their academic program as well as their success in that program. The Laude System replaces the use of class rank at WCSD. This award system is in addition to the gold Honor Cords that are awarded for GPAs of 3.6 or higher. Laude courses are noted on our curriculum listing.

AP COURSES

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science A
AP Macroeconomics
AP European History
AP Language & Comp
AP Literature & Comp
AP Psychology
AP US Gov. and Politics
AP US History
AP Statistics

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Accounting
Biotech Career Apps
Biotechnology
Concepts of Entrepreneurship
Education in a Pluralistic Society
French V
Intro to Education & Teaching
Marketing 1
Medical Terminology
Metal Fabrication
MS Excel & Access
MS Office Advanced
MS Office for Business Apps
Senior Mathematical Reasoning
Spanish V
Spanish VI
Welding

PLTW COURSES

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY
Digital Electronics
Intro to Engineering Design
Principles of Biomedical Science
Principles of Engineering

ACADEMIC STANDING

It is the policy of the Board of Education of the Waunakee Community School District that class rank is not routinely provided. Waunakee Community High School holds high academic standards, and it is our hope that you look upon factors other than class rank in determining the admission of the student whose application accompanies this profile.

GPA TRENDS

The grade point trends listed below reflect the average for all WCSD students in grades 9-12 for each academic year.

Year	Academic Honors 3.0-3.49 GPA	High Honors 3.5-3.99 GPA	Superior Honors 4.0+ GPA	% of all HS Students, with a 3.0 GPA or higher
2024-25	21.3%	33.6%	24.6%	79.5%
2023-24	18.5%	30.9%	22.0%	71.5%
2022-23	19.7%	31.2%	21.0%	71.9%
2021-22	15.6%	27.2%	24.5%	67.5%
2020-21	21.9%	22.0%	14.3%	67.1%

NATIONAL MERIT HONORS

2025 Graduates: 2 Finalists; 3 Commended
2024 Graduates: 6 Finalists; 4 Commended
2023 Graduates: 4 Finalists; 5 Commended
2022 Graduates: 2 Finalists; 4 Commended
2021 Graduates: 1 Finalists, 0 Commended

ACT RESULTS

The scores listed reflect the average scores of our 11th grade students tested each year as stated in the ACT Profile Report for WCHS.

Class	Waunakee	Wisconsin	National	% Took Test
2025	23.1	19.4	19.4	93%
2024	22.2	19.4	19.4	92%
2023	22.5	19.4	19.5	90%
2022	22.8	19.4	19.8	94%
2021	23.6	20.0	20.3	94%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) STATISTICS

Waunakee Community High School offers 13 AP Courses. Other AP Courses may be taken online with approval of a School Counselor or the Pathways Coordinator.

Year	Students Taking One or More Exams	Total # of Exams Taken	% of Exams with Score of 3 or Higher
2025	522	890	87%
2024	487	892	86%
2023	511	840	74%
2022	470	760	75%
2021	450	748	69%

WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

Agriculture & Natural Resources	Art Education
Agricultural Business	2D Art Foundations
Agriculture Machine & Buildings - @	3D Art Foundations
Animal Science - ES, N	3-D Computer Animation
Food Science	3-D Computer Animation II
Intro to Agriculture	Advanced Art 2D
Landscaping Design & Practice - @	Advanced Art 3D
Livestock & Equine Management - @	Advanced Art Workshop - L1
Natural Resources I	Art Metals
Natural Resources II	Big IDEA (Innovation, Design, Engineering, & Art)
Plant Science - @	Ceramics
Small Animal and Pet Care	Drawing & Printmaking
Veterinary Science - ES	Graphic Design
	IDEA (Innovation, Design, Engineering & Art)

AS – Advanced Standing	DC – Dual Credit	CAPP – UW-Oshkosh Cooperative Academic Partnership Program
CLEP – College Level Examination Program prep course	EM - Equivalency Math	ES - Equivalency Science Credit
L1 – One laude point	L2 – Two laude points	N – NCAA Approved

WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

Art Education cont.

Painting
Photography
Photoshop I
Photoshop II
Textiles

Business & Info Technology and Marketing Education

- Accounting – DC
- Advanced Accounting - L2
- Career Workshop
- Concepts of Entrepreneurship – DC
- Global Business
- Management & Ethics - N
- Marketing 1 – DC
- Marketing 2 – L2
- MS Excel and Access – DC
- MS Office Advanced-DC -thru '24-'25
- MS Office Basics – thru '24-'25
- MS Office For Business Apps - DC
- Personal Finance (was Dollars & Sense)
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing
- Video Editing and Digital Design
- Web Page Design

Communication Arts

- Advanced Composition – N
- Advanced Creative Writing - N, L1
- Advanced English 9 – N, L2
- Advanced English 10 – N, L2
- AP English Language & Comp - N, L2
- AP English Literature & Comp - N, L2
- American Literature – N
- Creative Writing – N
- Digital Communications
- Dramatic Literature – N
- English 9 – N
- English 10 – N
- English 9 or English 10 Workshop
- Mass Media – N
- Modern Literature – N
- Multicultural Literature – N
- Persuasion & Debate – N
- Science Fiction Literature – N
- Speech – N
- Women's Literature – N

Computer Science

AP Computer Science A –EM, N, L2
Computational Thinking – N
Computer Science I
Computer Science II
Game Design
IT Essentials – through 2024-2025

Family & Consumer Sciences

- Baking & Pastry Arts
- Child Care I
- Child Care II
- Creative Fashions
- Culinary Arts I
- Culinary Arts II
- Culinary Arts III
- Fashion & Fabrics
- Interiors & Housing Services
- Personal Relationships

Health & Health Science Education

Advanced Health
Foundations of Health Care Delivery
Health and Wellness
Health Science Occupations
Medical Terminology – DC

Mathematics

- Advanced Algebra – N
- Algebra I – N
- AP Calculus AB - N, L2
- AP Calculus BC - N, L2
- AP Statistics – N, L2
- FST/Pre-Calculus - N, L2
- Functions, Statistics & Trigonometry – N
- Geometry – N
- Intro to Discrete Math - N
- Intro to Statistics - N
- Pre-Calculus - N, L2
- Senior Mathematical Reasoning – DC, N

Music

- Band – L2
- Chorale
- Concert Band – L2
- Concert Choir – L2
- Digital Music Production
- Jazz Improvisation
- Music History
- Music Theory & Composition
- Philharmonic Orchestra
- Sonoro
- Symphony Orchestra – L2
- The Music Workshop

Physical Education

- Advanced Fitness
- Lifeguard Training
- Lifetime Individual Activities
- Lifetime Team Activities
- Introduction to Physical Education
- Strength & Conditioning
- Strength & Conditioning II
- Unified Physical Education

Science

AP Biology - N, L2
AP Chemistry - N, L2
Biology – N
Biotech Career Apps - DC
Biotechnology – DC, N, AS, L1
Chemical World – N
Chemistry – N
Ecology: Ecosystems Southern WI – N
Ecology: Environment & You – N
Geology – N
Heritage Bilingual Biology – N, @
Heritage Bilingual Environmental Sci – N, @
Human Anatomy & Physiology I – N
Human Anatomy & Physiology II – N
Introduction to Astronomy – N
Physical World – N
Physics – N
Physics II - N, L1
Principles of Biomedical Science - N, P
Principles of Engineering - ES, N, P
Weather & Climate – N

Social Studies

AP Macroeconomics - N, L1
AP European History – N, L2, @
AP Psychology - N, L2
AP US Government & Politics - N, L2, @
AP US History - N, L2
African American Studies - N
America in Conflict-US Mil His – N, @
Economics – N
Exploring Wisconsin – N
Issues in Psychology – N
Law – N
Modern Global Studies – N
Social Problems – N
Sociology – N
Sports Psychology – N
United States History – N
US Indigenous Studies - N
World History – N

Technology & Engineering Education

- Architectural Drafting
- Auto Mechanics
- Basic Home & Auto Maintenance
- Big IDEA (Innov., Design, Engineering, & Art)
- Construction I
- Construction II
- Digital Electronics – P
- Engineering Design & Development – P
- IDEA (Innovation, Design, Engineering, & Art)
- Introduction to Engineering Design – P
- Metal Fabrication – DC
- Metal Technology
- Principles of Engineering - ES, N, P
- Print Publications (Yearbook prior to 2022-23)
- Small Engine Technology
- Welding - DC
- Woods I: Fine Woodworking
- Woods II: Advanced Furniture Theory

World Language

- French I – N
- French II – N
- French III – N
- French IV – N
- French V - N, L2, CAPP
- Intermediate French for Proficiency
- Intermediate Spanish for Proficiency
- Mandarin Chinese I – N
- Mandarin Chinese II – N
- Mandarin Chinese III – N
- Mandarin Chinese IV - N, L2 (L2 thru '27)
- Mandarin Chinese V – N, L2
- Spanish Language Arts I - N
- Spanish Language Arts II - N
- Spanish I – N
- Spanish II – N
- Spanish III – N
- Spanish IV – N
- Spanish V - N, L2, CAPP
- Spanish VI - N, L2, CAPP

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Equivalency Science	Credit L1 – One laude point
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– Project Lead the Way	@ - Alternating Year Course

WCHS ATHLETICS

Adaptive Sports
Baseball
Boys Basketball
Boys Golf
Boys Hockey
Boys Lacrosse
Boys Ski & Snowboard
Boys Soccer
Boys Swimming
Boys Tennis
Boys Track/Field
Boys Volleyball
Cheer-Football
Cheer-Winter
Cross Country
Dance Team
Equestrian Team
Football
Girls Golf
Girls Gymnastics
Girls Hockey
Girls Lacrosse
Girls Ski & Snowboard
Girls Soccer
Girls Swimming
Girls Tennis
Girls Track/Field
Girls Volleyball
Mountain Biking
Softball
Wrestling

The Warrior Way

Waunakee Community High School staff and administration strive to improve the quality of instruction and performance of our student body through various programs and opportunities. Additionally, a point of pride in our school community is engaging stakeholders in discussions that guide the direction of our school.

✓ **Academic and Career Planning**

WCHS staff members and administration are committed to engaging students and helping every WCHS student create an academic and career plan through planning and goal-setting. School counselors meet with every sophomore student and their family to discuss academic & career options.

✓ **Industry Recognized State Certifications**

Students are able to earn industry recognized certifications through many of our Career & Technical Education courses offered at the high school. These include the following:

- Adobe Certifications
- A*S*K Principles of Marketing, Principles of Management, and Principles of Finance Certifications
- Assistant Child Care Teacher Certification
- Certified Nursing Assistant Certification
- Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications in MS Access, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, and MS Word
- OSHA 10 Construction Certification
- Youth Apprenticeship Certifications

✓ **Career Based Learning**

Employability Skills • Intro to Education & Teaching (DC) L1 • Education In A Pluralistic Society (DC) L1 • Internships (Education, WNC, Warrior Media) • Kokopelli Kafe • Youth Apprenticeships L2

WCHS CO-CURRICULARS

A Cappella
Animal Welfare Protection Society
Art Club
Asian Student Club
Athletic Leadership Team
Aviation Club
Best Buddies
Black Student Union
Chamber Orchestra
Chinese Club
Class Officers
Club America
Conservation Club
Consort
DECA
Drama Club / Thespian Troupe
Dreamers/Los Soñadores
ECO- Environ. Compassionate Club
eSports
Family, Career, & Community
Leaders of America
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
FFA Organization
FFT Trap Shooting Club
Fishing Club
Folk Band
Forensics
French Club
Future Business Leaders of America
Future Educators Club
Future Liberal Leaders
Future Problem Solvers
Genders & Sexualities Alliance
HOSA – Future Health Professionals
Interact
Jazz Combo
Jazz Ensemble(s) I & II
Kee Notes Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Letters of Love
LMTC Student Book Club
Manga & Anime Club
Math Team
Meals Matter
Mental Wellness Club
Mock Trial Team
Model United Nations
Multicultural Student Achievement Network (MSAN)
National Honor Society
National Technical Honor Society
Non Athletic Competition League
One Act Play
Pay it Forward & GROW
Performance Club
Pickleball Club
Principal's Council
Purple Sage
Science Olympiad
SkillsUSA
Spanish Club
Spanish Honor Society
Sports Statistics Club
Spring Musical / Winter Play
Student Book Club
Student Council
Students Empowering Each Other
Warrior Pep Band
Wisconsin Civics Games
Writing Club

Waunakee Community High School - CLASS OF 2025 MATRICULATION

Arizona State University
Blackhawk Tech College
Citadel Military College of SC
Columbia University-NY
Edgewood College
Florida State University
Indiana University
Madison College
Michigan Tech University
Purdue University
Scottsdale Comm College
The University of Tampa
University of Cincinnati
University of Iowa
University of Miami-FL
University of NE – Lincoln
Univ of South Carolina-Columbia
US Naval Academy
University of WI-La Crosse
University of WI-Oshkosh
University of WI-Stout
Viterbo University
Wesleyan College

Art Institute of Chicago
Bluegrass Comm & Tech
Coastal Carolina University
Concordia College-MN
Erskine College-SC
Grand Canyon University
Iowa State University
Marian University
North Dakota University
Ripon College
St. Louis Univ.-Madrid, Spain
University of Alaska-Fairbanks
University of CO - Boulder
University of Kansas
University of MN-Duluth
University of Northern Iowa
University of St. Thomas-MN
University of WI-Eau Claire
University of WI-Madison
University of WI-Platteville
University of WI-Superior
Wake Forest University
Western Washington Univ.

Augustana College
Carthage College
College of Charleston-SC
Concordia University-WI
Florida Institute of Technology
Grinnell College-IA
Lawrence University
Marquette University
Ohio State University
Rochester Inst. Of Tech-NY
Texas A&M University
University of Central Florida
University of Houston
University of Louisville-KY
University of MN-Twin Cities
University of Padua-Italy
US Air Force Academy
University of WI-Green Bay
University of WI-Milwaukee
University of WI-Stevens Pt
University of WI-Whitewater
Wartburg College
Winona State University