



Winter Park High School

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Community and School Information

The city of Winter Park is a Central Florida residential suburb bordering the city of Orlando in Orange County, Florida. The surrounding metropolitan area is one of the fastest growing areas in the United States and possesses a diversified economic base that includes tourism, healthcare, manufacturing, light industry, and education. Many of the community residents are college graduates in professional and business careers producing high academic expectations as well as a history of support for its public schools.

Winter Park High School was established in 1923 and was one of the first public schools in the county. It has a total enrollment of 3395 students, with a senior class of 810. The student body is approximately 7% Asian, 10% Black, 27% Hispanic, 3% Multiracial and 51% White. Approximately 40% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch. The faculty is comprised of 205 teachers. WPHS received an "A" grade in eight of the last ten years for its Florida School Grade.

Winter Park Athletics offers 18 Sports which equates to 30 opportunities for male and female students with 22+ levels of competition. Winter Park Athletics has finished either 1st or 2nd in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Sunshine Cup All-Sports Award for the large school classification 19 of the past 22 years. This achievement is in part due to recent top 5 finishes in the State by Boys' Golf, Girls' Bowling, Competitive Cheerleading, Girls' Swimming, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Girls' Water Polo and Crew. During the 2019-2020 school year which was shortened by COVID-19, 5 of our athletic teams finished in the top ten in the state (Fall and Winter Sports). On the academic side, 28 of our 30 sports teams qualified for the FHSAA Academic Team Champion status by having a 3.0 or higher team GPA and Winter Park finished 6th overall in the State of Florida for all sports.

The Performing Arts Department encompasses band, chorus, guitar, orchestra, theatre, IB Music, AP Music Theory and musical theatre. WPHS ensembles and the Thespian troupe consistently earn superior ratings at district and state festivals. Ensembles have performed by invitation at conferences of the American Choral Directors Association, American String Teachers Association, Florida Music Education Association, A Cappella Education Association, and The Midwest Clinic. The Park Philharmonic was the inaugural Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra High School Orchestra of Distinction. The Wind Symphony has recently performed at Carnegie Hall and the Walt Disney Concert Hall (Los Angeles). WPHS has two award-winning contemporary a cappella groups that have competed in the International Championship of High School A Cappella and been nominated for several Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards. Students have raised over \$177,000 in scholarships through *Night on Broadway*. The Theatre Department has been nominated for and received a number of Applause Awards.

Winter Park's NJROTC program is also successful and award winning. Our Aviation program has trained 6 seniors who achieved their Private Pilot Ground FAA certification, all of whom subsequently earned their Private Pilot licenses. 18 students were trained in Small UAS Safety earning the Safety Certification. All 18 subsequently earned their VSO certifications, and 7 went on to achieve their FAA Part 107 RPIC certifications. 12 Students were trained in UAS Security and PIX 4D applications.

COVID-19 Update: In response to the State of Florida's "Stay at Home Order," all students enrolled in Orange County Public Schools switched from face-to-face instruction to distance learning in the final quarter of spring 2020. During this time students received instruction remotely and continued to learn state standards. Included in the digital learning instruction were classroom assignments, quizzes, tests, and projects. Students were expected to complete assignments with fidelity and student performance was graded. Students received a final grade for all enrolled courses. The grading scale during distance learning was not altered from the rest of the school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, students have been given the choice to continue distance learning or having face-to-face instruction with no change to the grading scale.

Class of 2021 Graduation Credit Requirements

4	English	.5	Economics
4	Mathematics (including Algebra I and Geometry)	1	Performing or Practical Arts
3	Science (including Biology)	1	HOPE (Health Opportunities through Physical Education)
1	World History	<u>8</u>	Electives
1	United States History	24	Total Credits
.5	United States Government		

Students must complete an online course to graduate. Graduates must pass the Algebra 1 EOC and the ELA Florida Statewide Assessment or have a concordant score on their PSAT, SAT, ACT or PERT tests. Graduates must earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Class rank is computed using weighted (district) grades twice a year (approximately October and February) for all juniors and seniors.

Grading and Ranking	Percentage	Standard	Pre-IB/Honors	AP/IB/Dual Enrollment
A - Excellent	90-100	4.0	5.0	6.0
B - Above	80-89	3.0	4.0	5.0
C - Average	70-79	2.0	3.0	4.0
D - Below	60-69	1.0	1.0	1.0
F - Failure	59-50	0.0	0.0	0.0

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses: There is no limit to the number of Advanced Placement or honors courses a student may take. Twenty-nine Advanced Placement courses are offered including:

Art History	English Literature & Composition	Physics C Mechanics
Biology	Environmental Science	Psychology
Calculus AB	European History	Spanish Language & Culture
Calculus BC	French Language & Culture	Spanish Literature
Capstone-Seminar	Human Geography	Statistics
Capstone - Research	Macroeconomics	Studio Art (2-D Design)
Chemistry	Music Theory	Studio Art (Drawing)
Computer Science A	Physics 1	U.S. Government / Politics
Computer Science Principles	Physics C Elect. & Mag.	U.S. History
English Language & Composition		World History

All students enrolled in an AP course take the corresponding AP exam. In May of 2020, 1,616 students took 2,678 individual AP exams. 69% percent of scores were 3 or higher. In our first year, WPHS had 10 students earn the AP Capstone Diploma and 1 AP Seminar & Research Certificate. In addition, May 2020 AP Scholar Awards include 220 Scholars, 92 Scholars with Honor, 106 Scholars with Distinction, and 10 National AP Scholars.

Dual Enrollment: Winter Park High School and OCPS have articulation agreements with University of Central Florida, University of Florida, Valencia State College, Embry Riddle University (NJROTC Aviation), and Orange Technical College for students to receive college credit while completing their graduation requirements.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme: Winter Park High School offers two IB programmes. The IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the IB Career-Related Programme (IBCP). Admission to these rigorous IB Programmes is based on grades, test scores and student interviews. To remain in the IB Programme each year students must have a cumulative 3.0 unweighted GPA. The 2020 WPHS IB Diploma pass rate was 88.5%. Students in IBCP select Biomedical Sciences, Digital Video Production, Culinary, Aviation, or NJROTC as their career of focus. The IBCP class of 2020 had a graduating senior cohort with a 100% Certificate pass rate.

This year, the Winter Park High School IB Programme added 5 new IB courses and opened access of these courses to all junior and senior students on campus. There are now 27 IB courses offered, including:

Biology (SL/HL)	Global Politics (SL)	Psychology (SL/HL)
Business Management (SL)	History of the Americas (HL)	Spanish B (SL/HL)
Chemistry (SL)	Mathematics (SL/HL)	Sports, Exercise, Health Science (SL)
Economics (SL)	Music (SL/HL)	Theatre (HL)
English A Literature (HL)	Personal and Professional Skills	Theory of Knowledge
Film Studies (SL)	Physics (SL)	Visual Arts (SL/HL)
French B (SL/HL)		World Religions (SL)

Test Information 2020

SAT	WPHS	Florida	Nation*
Reading	536	472	476
Math	511	469	431
Composite	1047	903	935

Class of 2020 Post-Graduation: The class of 2020 had 4 National Merit Finalists and one National Merit Corporate Finalist. At WPHS, 246 students received Bright Futures scholarships. Over 80% of the class of 2020 were accepted to a two or four-year college or university. The talented class of 2020 was offered over \$8,000,000 in scholarship dollars.