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Mission Statement

The mission of Washington Community High School, in partnership with the surrounding community, is to empower all students to create their futures as life-long learners in an ever-changing society by providing, through prudent management of resources, a progressive curriculum within a comprehensive program, built upon a foundation of basic skills, that offers diverse opportunities for individuals to recognize and achieve their full potentials to become confident, productive and responsible citizens who possess competency in: Creative and critical thinking skills, Decision-making skills, Communication and interpersonal skills, and Technology skills.

We believe WCHS students will be...

- Critical Thinkers
- Effective Communicators
- Ethical
- Life-Long Learners
- Problem Solvers

Accreditation

WCHS is fully accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education.

2020-2021 High School Academic Profile

The School: Washington Community High School is a grade 9-12 comprehensive high school located in the northern section of Tazewell County, six miles east of the city of Peoria, Illinois. Washington prides itself on having the conveniences of a self-supporting community with a small-town environment (population of approximately 15,000), yet it serves as a suburban community for the Peoria area industry and is also a major marketplace for the surrounding area.

Student Body: As of August 27, 2020, there were 1,437 students enrolled in the high school. Class of 2021 = 312 Class of 2022 = 382 Class of 2023 = 350 Class of 2024 = 393

Curriculum: WCHS offers courses in business, English, fine arts, family and consumer sciences, foreign languages (Spanish and French), driver education, industrial technology, mathematics, science, and social studies. Cooperative Education (Co-op) is offered as an option for juniors and seniors. Additional work-based learning programs are available in the construction industry, health occupations, welding, EMS and fire science. Dual credit courses are also offered at WCHS and at Illinois Central College through the Strong Start Program. Students can also complete a high school diploma and an associate's degree at Illinois Central College through the Dual Enrollment (D2) Program.

Dual Credit Courses

Composition 1 (H)
Composition 2 (H)
Concepts of Mathematics
Early Western Civilization
Earth Science
Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Foundations of Chemistry
General Education Statistics
Medical Terminology
Modern Western Civilization

Advanced Placement Courses

American Political Science (H)
Art Portfolio (H)
Calculus (H)
English 3 (H)
European History (H)
Human Geography (H)
Physics (H)
United States History (H)
World Literature (H)

Ability Grouping: WCHS groups students according to their ability in English, math, science, and social studies. The letter "H" after the course title indicates honors and no letter indicates the course is standard.

Grade Weighting: Grades in all classes are used to calculate grade point average except for physical education, driver education, band, concert choir, treble choir, and chamber ensemble. Students may opt to have band, concert choir, treble choir, and physical education counted in their grade point average. WCHS does not rank.

Students may select additional courses to be exempt from calculation of grade point average if the courses are not used to meet graduation and/or college pattern requirements and provided the student meets the minimum criteria for the number of courses taken for grade point average calculation. Grades are averaged and GPA is determined according to the evaluations shown.

Grade	Score	Honors	Standard	General
A	94-100	5	4	3
A-	90-93	4.666	3.666	2.666
B+	88-89	4.333	3.333	2.333
B	84-87	4	3	2
B-	80-83	3.666	2.666	1.666
C+	78-79	3.333	2.333	1.333
C	74-77	3	2	1
C-	70-73	2.666	1.666	0.666
D+	68-69	2.333	1.333	0.333
D	64-67	2	1	0
D-	60-63	1.666	0.666	0
F	0-59	0	0	0



National Testing Results (SAT- 2019 Data)

Mean Total Score 1043
(45% met benchmark)

Mean ERW Score 519
(65% met benchmark)

Mean Math Score 524
(48% met benchmark)

Future Plans

330 Graduating Seniors
69% Four-year degree*
15% Two-year degree or
technical school
12% Entering the workforce
4% Enlisting in the military

**44% of those seeking a four-year degree
plan to transfer from a junior college.*

Scholarships Earned

\$5.4 million (academic, athletic, etc.)

Course Work

57% Took AP/Dual Credit Courses

GPA Upon Graduation

3.36 GPA (average)

Learning Environment

Avg. Class Size = 20
Avg. years teaching experience = 10.5
Teachers with Master's Degree = 65/92

Extracurricular Involvement*

78% of students participate

Community Involvement

Paid Job	42%
Non WCHS Sport	44%
Church Youth Group	37%
Service/Volunteer	24%
Non WCHS Fine Arts	10%
Outdoor Sportsman Club	8%
Youth Organization	6%
Military	2%
Other	2%

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Graduation Requirements: The Class of 2021 is required to have 22.5 units to graduate.

English	3 ½ units	Health	½ unit
Speech	½ unit	Social Studies	½ unit
Math	3 units	Physical Education	Each semester except when opposite Health or Block PE
Science	2 units	Driver Education	Classroom only
Consumer Economics	½ or 1 unit	Music, Art, Foreign Language, or Vocational	1 unit
U.S. History	1 unit	Orientation to Technology	½ unit
American Political Science	½ unit		

Additional Opportunities: Students can get approval to take evening or online college courses or leave campus during the school day to take college courses for the purpose of additional academic enhancement.

Washington Community High School is a member of the Washington Township Special Education Group and offers a full program of special education instruction and services.

WCHS offers athletic interscholastic programs for boys and girls as well as intramurals. Fine arts activities include art and drama clubs, fall play, spring musical, marching, pep, and jazz bands, chorus, and show choir. Other activities include student government and a wide variety of clubs and conference/area competitions in areas such as art, speech, math, and technology.

Other services include: school and crisis counseling services, hot lunch program, school nurse, psychological services, Saturday detention, CARE Program, speech therapy, transportation, tutoring, Panther Academic Coaching, and summer school.

Calendar: WCHS operates on a 36-week school year divided into two semesters of approximately 18 weeks each. Most class periods are 50 minutes in length. Block classes in American Studies, Algebra 1, and PE are 90 minutes in length.