



MADISON WEST HIGH SCHOOL

"National School of Excellence"

Accredited by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
and by the North Central Association

2014/2015

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High School Code: 501-165

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COMMUNITY

Madison, a city of approximately 228,200 is the location of the state capitol and is the largest campus for the University of Wisconsin System. Madison has long been considered a leading cultural and educational center of the mid-west. West High School's students come from various social, economic, and cultural backgrounds. Located near the University of Wisconsin, West has a large international population.

performing arts productions which enrich the West High School experience. West is known for excellent art and drama programs which are showcased each year through our Fine Arts Week with student led performances and visual art. Organizations range from our nationally recognized Science Olympiad, Chess Teams and World Champion Rocket Club to DECA, HOSA, All Nations Day, and multi-cultural retreats, the activities program reaches every student.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND ENROLLMENT

West High School is a comprehensive four-year high school with a current enrollment of 2206 and 564 students in the senior class. Approximately 41% of the students are students of color and 33% are low income. The High School prepares students to be career and college ready using the principles identified through our motto "WEST HOUSE" where the letters in HOUSE represent Honor, Opportunity, Understanding, Safety and Education.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION –
The National Merit Scholarship Corporation named 22 seniors from the Class of 2015 as National Merit Semi-Finalists. West H.S. ranks #1 for National Merit Semi-Finalists among high schools in the state of Wisconsin.

CURRICULUM

West High School offers students opportunities for different levels of rigor in all required core courses. Other options available in our curriculum are the variety of courses offered through the Madison Metropolitan Virtual Campus and Youth Options at the University of Wisconsin Madison and Madison College. English 1 and English 2 are required in 9th and 10th grade respectively, whereas 11th and 12th grade students may choose from 21 different semester English courses that vary in content and level of difficulty. West High School also offers school-to-work initiatives through Career and Technology Education courses in the following departments: Business/Marketing, Computer Science, Family and Consumer Science, and Technology and Engineering as well as through the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program. West also offers unique programming: MULTICO (a company of WHS students chosen by the instructor to reflect the diversity of MMSD schools, the group writes their own sketches on diverse issues and tours all MMSD elementary and middle schools with this unique performance), and various independent study options designed by the student and supervised by a faculty member. As you can summarize from our AP data, many West students are prepared to take AP exams from our rigorous curriculum without having taken the corresponding AP course.

West High School offers the following 13 AP Classes:

Calculus AB	Government
Calculus BC	Music Theory
Chemistry	Physics B
Computer Science A	Spanish
Environmental Science	Statistics
European History	United States History
French	

TEST DATA: Test scores are not reported on transcripts

ACT SCORES REPORTED CLASS OF 2014	ENGLISH	MATH	RDG	SCIE
Readiness Benchmarks	18	22	22	23
WHS Averages	24	24	24	23.5

Composite	WHS Mean	24
	State Mean	22
	National Mean	21.1

SAT SCORES REPORTED CLASS OF 2014	CR	Math	Writing
West High School	656	628	625
Wisc. State Average	496	608	578
National Average	467	513	487

GPA BREAKDOWN BY PERCENT

Class of 2015 through Junior Year

4.00 – 3.81 – 24%	2.40 – 2.00 – 10%
3.80 – 3.51 – 18%	2.99 – 2.50 – 12%
3.51 – 3.00 – 20%	2.00 > - 16%

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

West High School offers 21 interscholastic sports, 101 extracurricular organizations and activities and a wide range of

POST GRADUATE PLANS CLASS of 2013

College/University.....	70%
Voc/Tech Schools.....	28%
Enter Armed Forces.....	1%
GAP YEAR/Work Full-time.....	1%

Administration and Staff

Principal: Ms. Beth Thompson

Assistant Principals: Mr. Mitch McGrath, Ms. Lori Schacht-Dethorne, Ms. Melanie Thiel, Mr. Issac Kirkwood

School Counselors:

Ms. Rebecca Bebbler-Wells, 204-3194

Ms. Stacy Eslick, 204-4129

Ms. Lisa Eykholt, 204-4134

Ms. Marilsa Hansen, Bilingual Counselor, 204-4131

Ms. Sara Neuenschwander, Department Chair, 204-4133

Ms. Lucerne Rice, 204-4130

Mr. Andrew Stendahl, Department Chair 204-4135

Registrar: Ms. Amy Keleny, 204-3064

Secretary: Ms. Jennifer Armstrong, 204-3073

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A total of 22 credits are required for graduation, including the following

4 credits of English

1 ½ credits of Physical Education

3 credits of Social Studies

½ credit of Health

2 credits of Science

2 credits of Mathematics (1 credit Algebra, 1 credit Geometry)

AP and Honors courses are designated on the transcript with an AP or Honors and on-line courses are designated with a V.

GRADING SCALE AND CLASS RANK

A = 100-90

D= 69-60

B= 89-80

F= below 60

C= 79-70

Grades are not weighted and WHS does not routinely provide class rank.

COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT – Courses in bold print are the highest level offered in that academic area

ART

Drawing & Design 1, 2

2-D & 3-D Design

2-D Techniques-Advanced 1, 2

Computer Art-Illustration 1,2,3

Photography 1, 2, 3

Design Graphics Publishing
(Yearbook)

Web Design

Computer Art-Animation

Ceramics & Sculpture 1, 2, 3, 4

Advanced Ceramics/Sculpture
3-D Art Seminar

Art Metals and Glass 1, 2, 3, 4

Advanced Art Metals

Portfolio

Art Seminar

BUSINESS AND MARKETING

Keyboarding

Advanced Keyboarding #

Intro to Business & Marketing

Business & Personal Law

Personal Finance

Accounting

Accounting for Dual/Trans.

Credit #

Web Page Design

Career Exploration

Career Internship(Bus) #

Career Internship(Mkt) #

Marketing 1 & 2

Advertising & Display

Sports & Ent. Marketing

Starting Your Own Business

Leadership Development #

Store Management 1, 2

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / COMPUTER SCIENCE

Intro to Computer Programming

Computer Science A-AP

Computer Science: Principles

ENGLISH

English 1, 2 (Honors)**

Writing for Media & Publication

Creative Writing

Writing Workshop Advanced

Language, Usage & Grammar

Contemporary Literature

Dramatic Literature

Biblical Literature

Literature of People Rising Up

Science Fiction

Trends in 20th Century

Literature Honors

Survey of American

Literature Honors

English Literature Honors

Shakespeare Honors

European Literature Honors

Film Study

Public Speaking

Mass Media

FAMILY & CONSUMER EDUCATION

Culinary Basics

International Cuisine

Gourmet Chef/Pro Start

Health Sciences Occupations 1

Medical Terminology for Dual/
Transcripted Credit

Careers w/children/Asst. Child

Care Teacher Certification

Child Develop-Birth to 5 yrs

Career Internship

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French 1, 2, 3, 4

AP French Language

German 1, 2, 3, 4

Japanese 1, 2, 3, 4

Latin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Spanish 1

Advanced Spanish 1

Spanish 2, 3, 4

AP Spanish Language

Spanish for Native Speakers

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1 (Honors)

Geometry (Honors)

Algebra 2-Trig (Honors)

Algebra 3

Pre-Calculus

AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

MUSIC

Chorale

Treble Chorus

Concert Choir

Popular Vocal Styles

Symphony Orchestra

Philharmonic Orchestra

Concert Band 1, 2

Honor Band

AP Music Theory

History of American Pop. Music

Guitar 1, 2

Contemporary Music Studies

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health Education

Physical Education 1

Lifetime Sports & Activities

Weight Training 1, 2

Personal Fitness

Challenges & Adventures 1

Challenges & Adventures 2***

Social Dance

Dance 1, 2

Team Sports 1, 2

Advanced Team Sports

CPR/First Aid & Healthy Heart#

Lifeguard Training/Pro

CPR/First Aid

SCIENCE

Biology (Honors)

Biology 2

Advance Biology

Earth Science 1

General Physics

Math Physics

Chemistry

General Chemistry

AP Chemistry

AP Physics 2*

AP Environmental Science**

Biotechnology

Biomedical Innovations-PLTW

Aerospace Engineering-PLTW

Advanced University Research

in the Sciences-App required

Principles of Biomedical

Science-PLTW

Human Body Systems-PLTW
Medical Interventions-PLTW

SOCIAL STUDIES

US History (Honors)**

AP-US History

Modern US History

Modern US History-African

American Experience

Western Civilization (Honors)

AP European History

Tools for Success in the

Social Sciences#

Area Studies-Africa

Area Studies-Latin America

Area Studies-Middle East

Area Studies-China

Economics

Philosophy

AP- U.S. Gov't. & Politics

Contemporary World Issues

Psychology

Social Issues

U.S. Gender Studies

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Intro. to Woodworking

Furniture & Cabinetry

Adv. Furniture & Cabinetry

Fine Woodworking #

Home Maintenance &

Improvements

Intro. to Construction

Design & Drafting #

Advanced Design #

Intro. to Engineering(PLTW)

Principles of Engineering(PLTW)

Materials Science

Civil Engineering &

Architecture 1 (PLTW) #

Consumer Auto

Outdoor Power Equipment

Technology #

Automotive Technology 1/

Engine Systems #

Automotive Technology 2

Career Internship #

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Academic Foundations
Academic Support 2
AVID 1, 2, 3, 4

OTHER CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Theater Arts 1, 2, 3
Multico
Freshman Advisory
Advisory Team
Office Assistant
Class Assistant

LMC Assistant
Independent Study
Work Experience
Peer Tutor
West High Elem Tutor Prog.
Stage Crew

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE,
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

English Fundamentals
Intermediate Fundamentals
Advanced English

English for Academic Success
Read 501, 502
Social Studies Fundamentals
Civics
Pre-Algebra
Algebra 1
Literacy Skills 1, 2
Advanced Literacy Skills
Listening & Speaking
Reading & Writing 1, 2
U.S. History

Modern U.S. History
World History-Overview
Science Fundamentals
Integrated Science
Biology
Keyboarding
Latin American Lit/Culture 1, 2

** new course 2012-2013

*** new course 2013-2014

course not offered 2014-2015

COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS CLASS OF 2014

American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Austin Community College
Bard College
Beloit College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Carthage College
College of DuPage
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia College
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University
Edgewood College
Emory University
Evergreen State College
Georgetown University
Goshen College
Grinnell College
Hampshire College
Highland Community College
Indian Hills Community College
Iowa State University
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University

Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Lawrence University
Lewis and Clark College
Loyola University
Chicago
Luther College
Macalester College
Madison College
Mayville State University
Michigan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Northland College
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Oregon State University
Pearl River Community College
Purdue University
Regency Beauty Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Ripon College
Rochester Community and Technical College
San Jose State University
Scripps College
St. John's University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
The George Washington University
Tufts University
University of California – Berkeley
University of California – Santa Cruz
University of Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Indianapolis
University of Iowa
University of Miami
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota – Duluth
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
University of New Mexico
University of Redlands
University of San Francisco
University of St. Thomas
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
University of Wisconsin – Madison
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin – Parkside
University of Wisconsin – Platteville
University of Wisconsin – River Falls
University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin – Stout
University of Wisconsin – Superior
University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
Western State College of Colorado
Western Washington University
Winona State University
Yale University