



**WILLISTON**  
NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL

# SCHOOL PROFILE

## 2018–2019

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*The Williston Northampton School inspires students to live with purpose, passion, and integrity.*

Now in its 178th year, Williston is shaped by its location in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, an area defined by natural beauty, prestigious colleges and universities, and rich intellectual and cultural history. We benefit from academic and cultural collaboration with the nearby Five Colleges to offer a holistic, rigorous education that integrates academics, athletics, and community life to promote high achievement for all our students according to their individual strengths, interests, and goals. In all grades, students work with committed and enthusiastic faculty to hone skills in conducting research, thinking critically, and becoming leaders. The 125-acre Williston campus, less than three hours from New York City and two hours from Boston, is located in the vibrant arts town of Easthampton.

### ENROLLMENT

**The 2018-2019 student body (as of 8/20/2018):**

Total upper school students: 419

Boarding students: 250

Day students: 169

Domestic students of color: 17 percent

International students: 25 percent

Class of 2019: 102 seniors; 12 PGs

Students hail from 20 states and 30 countries

Williston is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. It is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of College Admission Counseling, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

## FACULTY AND ADVISORS

Williston has 95 faculty members, of which 74% hold advanced degrees. The advisor to student ratio is 6:1. The average class size is 12.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

One academic credit is assigned per class per trimester. Students generally take five courses per trimester, and must complete a minimum of 57 academic credits in grades 9 through 12 to receive a diploma. These requirements allow for considerable choice while ensuring a rigorous and balanced academic environment.

### Credits must include:

**English Language and Literature: 12**

**History and Global Studies: 8**

**Foreign Language: 6**

**Mathematics: 9**

**Science: 6**

**Visual and Performing Arts: 3**

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Williston does not rank its students. The grade distribution below reflects grades that are not weighted. Grade point averages are weighted for Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses including Williston Scholars and Writers' Workshop.

### Grades are determined as follows:

**A: 90-100      B: 80-89      C: 70-79      D: 60-69**

Grades of 87 and above are considered honors; grades of 92 and above are considered high honors. A grade of below 60 is a failing grade.

*Junior year averages for the 102-member Class of 2019 are listed below.*

	A	B	C	D	F
English	61	37	4	1	0
Visual & Performing Arts	21	4	1	0	0
History & Global Studies	49	45	8	1	1
Language	53	21	7	1	0
Mathematics	56	46	9	3	0
Science	49	41	14	3	0

## ADVANCED COURSES

Of the 155 courses offered at the school in 2017-18, 49 were designated as Honors or Advanced Placement (AP). These work at an accelerated pace and go beyond normal curriculum requirements. The AP courses are comparable to introductory offerings at the college level. In 2017-18, Williston offered 24 AP courses and 198 students completed 378 exams. **Special Note: Honors Biology, Chemistry, and Physics were added to the course offerings starting in 2016-17.**

### English

AP English Language 11  
AP English Literature 12  
Honors Williston Scholars English  
Honors Writers' Workshop

### History & Global Studies

AP Comparative Government  
AP European History  
AP Microeconomics  
AP United States Government and Politics  
AP United States History  
Honors Williston Scholars History and Global Studies

### Language

AP Chinese Language: Culture and Literacy  
Honors Chinese IV  
Honors French II  
Honors French III  
Honors French V: Readings  
Honors French V: Composition  
Honors French V: Francophone Themes  
AP French Language  
Honors Latin II  
Honors Latin III  
Honors Latin IV  
AP Latin  
Honors Spanish II  
Honors Spanish III  
Honors Spanish V  
AP Spanish Language  
Honors Williston Scholars Language

### Mathematics

AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC and Multivariable Calculus  
AP Computer Science  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Statistics  
Honors Geometry  
Honors Algebra II  
Honors Precalculus  
Honors Discrete Mathematics  
Honors Williston Scholars Mathematics

### Science

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics I  
AP Physics II  
AP Physics C  
AP Psychology  
Honors Williston Scholars Science  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Physics  
Honors Biology

### Visual & Performing Arts

AP Music Theory  
AP Studio Art  
Honors Williston Scholars Visual Arts  
Honors Williston Scholars Performing Arts

## CAMPUS STATS

125 acres

7 residence halls

Technology center

Professional theater and costume shop

Dance studio, music lab, photo studio

Student center

6 art studios and gallery

34 student clubs

### Athletic facilities

- 12 tennis courts
- Enclosed ice rink
- 4 international squash courts
- 6-lane pool
- All-weather 8-lane track
- Cross-country course
- 9 state-of-the-art playing fields, including two synthetic turf fields, one with lights

# SIGNATURE PROGRAMS AND POINTS OF DISTINCTION

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## **WILLISTON SCHOLARS**

The Williston Scholars program allows students to pursue their individual academic and creative passions through a trimester of directed project work. Students engage in research projects they choose, under the close mentorship and instruction of a faculty member, and are guided through the steps of project development, research, implementation, and presentation. They connect with content experts both inside the school and out, drawing upon the intellectual resources of the Pioneer Valley's colleges and universities. Participation is by application and classes are designated at the honors level. Students with exemplary projects are eligible for special recognition and departmental honors.

## **WE THE PEOPLE**

In conjunction with the year-long AP United States Government class, Williston offers students the opportunity to participate in the "We the People" program offered by the Center for Civic Education. Students compete in local, state, and national academic competitions that assess their understanding of governmental institutions and their ability to apply their knowledge in the format of a congressional hearing. For two consecutive years, Williston's AP U.S. Government class placed first in Massachusetts and travelled to Washington, D.C., to compete at the national level.

## **WRITERS' WORKSHOP**

Writers' Workshop is a two-trimester class where students gain insight into the creative process of writing fiction and nonfiction and engage with accomplished authors. Four prominent authors read from their work, speak about the creative process, and then teach a master class on the craft of writing. Participation is by application and classes are designated at the honors level.

## **AFTERNOON PROGRAM**

Participation in athletics or afternoon activities is required in all three trimesters. Students may choose from 35 interscholastic sports offered at the varsity, junior varsity, and beginner levels, as well as the arts (visual, music, performance, theater production), community service, and robotics. In the past two years, 29% (total of 71) of our graduating student athletes were recruited to play in college with 44% of these athletes signing with NCAA Division 1 or 2 schools.

## **ARTS CONCENTRATION**

Students who are engaged in the arts at a deep level, participating in both curricular and co-curricular components, may be recognized for completing a "Williston Arts Concentration". This offering supports those students who are committed to pursuing their passion for the arts (Visual or Performing) by investing extra time, effort, and energy that far exceeds academic or school requirements. These students work closely with Arts faculty mentors to develop a program of study that includes a variety of arts practices, experiences, and activities.

## **CORE PROGRAM**

Williston's CORE Program is a scaffolded, four-year life and leadership curriculum that engages students with relevant, developmentally-appropriate learning about themselves and others. Focusing on unique themes for each class each year, students learn skills that build organization, self-awareness, character, decision-making, responsibility, and leadership through class assemblies, discussions in advisories, dedicated classroom sessions, and all-school discussions. A cornerstone of our residential life program, the CORE Program helps all our students live healthier lives, filled with purpose, passion, and integrity.

## **CUM LAUDE SOCIETY**

The highest honor for a student is election to the Cum Laude Society, a national organization modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. Students eligible for election are those seniors in the top 10 percent of their class who, in the judgment of the faculty membership, combine academic excellence and achievement with honorable citizenship, sound character, and active participation in school life.

## **CURRICULAR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

The Curricular Technology Program (CTP) reflects Williston's commitment to prepare students for success in the high school and college classroom through information technology. Each student and faculty member receives a Microsoft Surface Pro and access to tools such as OneDrive, OneNote, and video and audio conferencing, allowing for new levels of collaboration and productivity, in and out of the classroom. For the fifth year in a row, Williston has been named a Microsoft Showcase School.

## **LANGUAGE IMMERSION**

In addition to intensive language study in the Williston curriculum, the school's language department offers a School Year Abroad program (SYA) with high school programs in China, France, Italy, and Spain. Students have participated in other programs but SYA has provided a good match for Williston students, with an emphasis on a rigorous academic experience and full immersion in the target language, both hallmarks of our foreign language program, which culminates in AP courses in French, Spanish, Chinese, and Latin.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION (2014-2018)

The list below shows the college matriculation patterns for the classes of 2014 to 2018. In that time period, students have matriculated to 215 different institutions.

American University (2)	Fashion Institute of Technology	Rhode Island School of Design	University of California, Los Angeles
Amherst College	Fitchburg State University	Rice University	University of California, San Diego (4)
Assumption College (9)	Florida State University	Rochester Institute of Technology (4)	University of California, Santa Cruz
Babson College (5)	Fordham University (7)	Roger Williams University (2)	University of Cincinnati
Bard College (3)	Franklin & Marshall College	Rollins College	University of Colorado at Boulder (5)
Barnard College (5)	Georgetown University (3)	Sacred Heart University (5)	University of Connecticut (2)
Bates College (4)	Gettysburg College (2)	Saint Anselm College (7)	University of Florida
Baylor University	Hamilton College - NY (3)	Saint Michael's College (3)	University of Maryland, College Park
Bennington College	Hampshire College (2)	Salve Regina University (2)	University of Massachusetts, Amherst (12)
Bentley Univeristy (10)	Haverford College	Sarah Lawrence College (3)	University of Miami (2)
Berklee College of Music (3)	Harvard University (2)	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Michigan
Boston College (7)	Harvey Mudd College	School of Visual Arts (2)	University of New England
Boston University (12)	High Point University (4)	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of New Hampshire at Durham (6)
Bowdoin College (6)	Hobart and William Smith Colleges (8)	Skidmore College (4)	University of Ottawa (2)
Brandeis University (2)	Indiana University at Bloomington (2)	Smith College (3)	University of Pennsylvania (5)
Brown University (2)	Ithaca College (4)	Southern California Institute of Architecture	University of Pittsburgh
Bryant University (2)	Johns Hopkins University	Southern Methodist University	University of Rhode Island (5)
Bryn Mawr College	Kenyon College (4)	Southern New Hampshire University (2)	University of Richmond (2)
Bucknell University (2)	Lafayette College	Springfield College (2)	University of Rochester (4)
Carleton College (2)	Lehigh University (2)	St. Lawrence University (4)	University of South Carolina
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Lesley University (2)	St. Olaf College	University of Southern California (4)
Champlain College	Lewis & Clark College	Stonehill College (3)	University of the Pacific
Chapman University (2)	Loyola University Maryland	Swarthmore College	University of Toronto (2)
Charleston Southern University	Loyola University New Orleans	Syracuse University (12)	University of Vermont (8)
Claremont McKenna College	Marist College (2)	Temple University	University of Virginia
Clark University (3)	Merrimack College (5)	The College of Saint Rose	Univeristy of Washington (2)
Clarkson University (6)	Miami University, Oxford	The College of Wooster (4)	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Clemson Unversity	Middlebury College (5)	The George Washington University (10)	Utah State University
Colby College (6)	Mount Holyoke College (2)	The University of Arizona (2)	Vanderbilt University
Colby-Sawyer College	New York School of Interior Design	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Vassar College (4)
Colgate University (2)	New York University (17)	The University of Tampa	Wake Forest University
College of Charleston (5)	Northeastern University (11)	Trinity College (17)	Washington and Lee University (2)
College of the Holy Cross (2)	Northwestern University (2)	Trinity College Dublin	Wellesley College (2)
College of William and Mary	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences (3)	Tufts University (7)	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Colorado College (3)	Otis College of Art and Design	Tulane University (4)	Wesleyan University (4)
Columbia University	Pennsylvania State University	United College (New York) (11)	Wheaton College MA (5)
Connecticut College (18)	Pomona College (2)	United States Air Force Academy	Williams College (2)
Cornell University (10)	Pratt Institute (2)	United States Military Academy - West Point	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Dartmouth College (4)	Princeton University	University of British Columbia	Yale University (3)
Davidson College	Providence College (6)	University of California, Berkeley (2)	
Dickinson College (2)	Purdue University (2)	University of California, Davis	
Drexel University (3)	Queen's University		
Elon University (8)	Quinnipiac University (6)		
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)		
Emerson College (3)			
Emory University			
Fairfield Univeristy (6)			