



2020-21 SCHOOL PROFILE

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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.

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

Now in its 180th 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 2020-21 STUDENT BODY (AS OF 9/2020)

412

Total upper
school
students

262

Boarding
students

150

Day students

20%

Domestic
students
of color

23%

International
students

109

Seniors

12

PGs

18

States
represented

30

Countries

FACULTY AND ADVISORS

Williston has 96 faculty members, of which 75 percent 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

CAMPUS STATS

125 acres

8 residence halls

Technology center

Professional theater and costume shop

Dance studio, music lab, photo studio

Student center

Center for Academic Success

- Math Center
- Writing Center
- Science 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

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. **In Trimester 3 of the 2019-20 school year, because of the suspension of in-person classes, grades were determined with pass, pass with honors, fail.**

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.

	A	B	C	D	F
English	75	45	8	0	0
Visual & Performing Arts	67	11	3	0	0
History & Global Studies	66	57	17	2	3
Language	95	32	1	1	0
Mathematics	83	49	10	9	2
Science	75	70	12	2	0

Junior year averages for the 112-member class of 2021 for the first two trimesters of 2019-20

ADVANCED COURSES

Of the 145 courses offered at the school in 2019-20, 52 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 2019-20, Williston offered 26 AP courses and 201 students completed 429 AP exams.

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 Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP United States Government and Politics
AP United States History
AP World 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
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
Honors Chamber Singers

SIGNATURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND POINTS OF DISTINCTION

WILLISTON SCHOLARS

The Williston Scholars honors 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. Students with exemplary projects are eligible for special recognition and departmental honors. In the 2019-20 school year, 54 students participated in this offering. Fifteen students were named Williston Scholars with Distinction for going beyond expectations with their project.

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 and state competitions that assess their understanding of governmental institutions and their ability to apply their knowledge in the format of a congressional hearing. For the past eight years, an average of 27 students participated in We the People each year.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Writers' Workshop is an honors level two-trimester class where students gain insight into the creative process of writing fiction and nonfiction and engage with accomplished authors. Six 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. Ten students were part of the Writers' Workshop Program in 2019-20.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Participation in athletics or afternoon activities is required in all three trimesters. Students may choose from 32 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, 31 percent (total of 79) of our graduating student athletes were recruited to play in college with 39 percent 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 invest extra time, effort, and energy that far exceeds academic or school requirements. These students (16 of them in 2019-20) 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 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 seventh year in a row, Williston has been named a Microsoft Showcase School.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Williston offers significant leadership development through its senior leadership positions, including proctor, discipline committee member, admission intern, and international mentor. Leaders are chosen through an application process and those selected (roughly 100 each year) undergo leadership training monthly on topics such as emotional health, conflict resolution, goal-setting, problem-solving, and communication skills.

ROBOTICS AND STEM

Students may participate in an extensive program of computer science and engineering courses in Williston's math department. Entry level courses are available in circuitry, app programming, and robotics. More experienced students may pursue intermediate and advanced classes or opt into AP Computer Science Principles or AP Computer Science Courses. A competitive VEX robotics team is also offered as part of the afternoon program.

HUMANITIES CONCENTRATION

The Departments of English and History and Global Studies offer a Humanities Concentration, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, to celebrate and encourage those students who have a demonstrated passion for the humanities. This concentration is intended for students who want to exceed the requirements in both departments by investing extra time, effort, and energy. In order to fulfill this concentration, students must complete three additional electives, a Williston Scholars course in either department, and additional extracurricular work.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2018 - 2020

The list below shows the college matriculation patterns for the classes of 2018 to 2020. In that time period, students have matriculated to 153 different institutions.

Assumption College (4)	Furman University	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	University of British Columbia (3)
Babson College (3)	George Washington University (3)	Roger Williams University	University of California, San Diego
Barnard College	Gettysburg College (4)	Rollins College	University of California-Los Angeles
Bates College (3)	Hamilton College (4)	Sacred Heart University (4)	University of Central Florida
Baylor University	Hampshire College	Saint Joseph's College of Maine	University of Chicago
Bentley University (6)	Haverford College	Saint Louis University	University of Cincinnati
Berklee College of Music (2)	High Point University	Saint Michael's College (2)	University of Colorado Boulder (4)
Boston College (2)	Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2)	Salem State University	University of Connecticut (3)
Boston University (10)	Ithaca College	Salve Regina University (2)	University of Dayton
Bowdoin College (5)	Johns Hopkins University	San Diego State University	University of Denver
Brandeis University (2)	Keio University - GIGA program	Sarah Lawrence College (2)	University of Iowa
Brown University	Kenyon College (4)	Scripps College	University of Maine
Bryant University (3)	Lafayette College	Skidmore College (7)	University of Massachusetts-Amherst (12)
Bucknell University (2)	Lasell University	Smith College	University of Miami (2)
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Lehigh University (3)	Sophia University	University of New England
Carnegie Mellon University	Lynn University	Southern Methodist University	University of New Hampshire (2)
Chapman University	Merrimack College (6)	Southern New Hampshire University	University of Pennsylvania (3)
Charleston Southern University	Miami University-Oxford	Springfield College (4)	University of Pittsburgh
Claremont McKenna College	Michigan State University	Springfield Technical Community College	University of Rhode Island
Clark University	Middlebury College (4)	St Lawrence University (5)	University of Richmond
Clarkson University	Muhlenberg College	St Olaf College (2)	University of South Carolina
Clemson University	Nazareth College	St. John Fisher College	University of Southern California (2)
Colby College (3)	New York School of Interior Design	Stanford University (2)	University of Vermont (4)
Colby-Sawyer College	New York University (6)	Stonehill College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
College of the Holy Cross (5)	Nichols College	Suffolk University	Utah State University
Columbia University (3)	Northeastern University (10)	Syracuse University (7)	Vanderbilt University (2)
Connecticut College (4)	Northwestern University	Texas Christian University (2)	Vassar College
Cornell University (3)	Otis College of Art and Design	The College of Saint Rose	Wake Forest University
Dartmouth College	Peking University	The College of Wooster	Wentworth Institute of Technology (3)
Denison University	Pennsylvania State University	The University of Arizona (2)	Wesleyan University (3)
Dickinson College	Pepperdine University (2)	The University of Tampa (2)	Wheaton College (2)
Drexel University (6)	Pitzer College	The University of Texas at Austin	Williams College (3)
Elmira College	Plymouth State University	Trinity College (5)	Wofford College
Elon University (4)	Pomona College (2)	Tufts University (4)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Emerson College (5)	Prince Edward Island, Univ of	Tulane University (4)	Yale University (2)
Emory University (2)	Princeton University (2)	Union College (5)	
Endicott College (5)	Providence College (4)	United States Military Academy	
Fairfield University (4)	Purdue University (2)		
Florida College	Quinnipiac University (2)		
Fordham University (3)			
Framingham State University			
Franklin and Marshall College			