



# 2021-22 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 181st year, Williston is shaped by its location in the Connecticut River 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 2021-22 STUDENT BODY (AS OF 9/2021)

**455**  
Total upper  
school  
students

**287**  
Boarding  
students

**168**  
Day students

**21%**  
Domestic  
students  
of color

**26%**  
International  
students

**121**  
Seniors

**19**  
PGs

**20**  
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.

**Grades are determined as follows: A: 90-100 | B: 80-89 | C: 70-79 | D: 60-69**

In order to gain a trimester credit for any course, the minimum passing grade of 60 must be earned. Honor rolls are published three times per year, based on weighted grade point averages for all courses in each trimester. Minimum weighted averages are 92 for High Honors and 87 for Honors.

	A	B	C	D	F
English	80	47	14	1	0
Visual & Performing Arts	150	19	1	0	0
History & Global Studies	84	65	8	5	0
Language	44	9	4	1	0
Mathematics	87	51	13	2	0
Science	111	90	19	2	0

### Junior year averages for the 121-member class for the 2020-21 academic year

## ADVANCED COURSES

Of the 145 courses offered at the school in 2020-21, 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 2020-21, Williston offered 26 AP courses and 218 students completed 361 AP exams.

### English

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

### History & Global Studies

Honors Williston Scholars History and 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

### Language

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

### Mathematics

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

### Science

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

### Visual & Performing Arts

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

# SIGNATURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND POINTS OF DISTINCTION

## **WILLISTON SCHOLARS**

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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 2020-21 school year, 52 students participated in this offering. Twelve students were named Williston Scholars with Distinction for going beyond expectations with their project.

## **WE THE PEOPLE**

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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. Last year, 31 students participated in We the People.

## **WRITERS' WORKSHOP**

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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 participated in 2020-21.

## **AFTERNOON PROGRAM**

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Participation in athletics or afternoon activities is required in all three trimesters. Students may choose from 31 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, 32 percent (total of 80) of our graduating student athletes were recruited to play in college with 26 percent of these athletes signing with NCAA Division 1 or 2 schools.

## **ARTS CONCENTRATION**

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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 2020-21) work closely with arts faculty mentors to develop a program of study that includes a variety of arts practices, experiences, and activities.

## **CORE PROGRAM**

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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**

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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**

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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. Williston is frequently named a Microsoft Showcase School.

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

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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**

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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**

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The Departments of English and History and Global Studies offer a Humanities Concentration 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.

## **LANGUAGE CONCENTRATION**

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Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, students with a passion for languages may pursue a concentration in language. This is intended for students who have gone beyond requirements to explore a world language.

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2019-2021

The list below shows the college matriculation patterns for the classes of 2019 to 2021. In that time period, students have matriculated to 166 different institutions.

American University (3)	Endicott College (6)	Prince Edward Island, Univ of	U.S. Military Academy (2)
Assumption College (7)	Fairfield University (6)	Princeton University (2)	Univ. of British Columbia (2)
Babson College (4)	Fitchburg State University	Providence College (5)	University of CA-Berkeley (5)
Bard College	Fordham University (3)	Purdue University (2)	University of CA-Davis
Barnard College (2)	Franklin and Marshall College (3)	Quinnipiac University (5)	University of CA-Los Angeles
Bates College (7)	Furman University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (2)	University of CA-San Diego (4)
Bentley University (10)	George Washington Univ. (3)	Rice University	University of CA-Santa Cruz
Berklee College of Music (3)	Georgetown University (3)	Rochester Inst. of Technology (3)	University of Chicago
Boston College (6)	Gettysburg College (5)	Roger Williams University (3)	Univ. of Colorado Boulder (4)
Boston University (14)	Hamilton College (5)	Rollins College	University of Connecticut (4)
Bowdoin College (5)	Hampshire College	Sacred Heart University (10)	University of Dayton
Brandeis University (2)	Haverford College	Saint Anselm College (2)	University of Denver
Brown University (4)	Hobart and William Smith Colleges (3)	Saint Joseph's College of Maine (2)	University of Iowa
Bryant University (3)	Ithaca College (2)	Saint Lawrence University (7)	University of Massachusetts (17)
Bucknell University (3)	James Madison University	Saint Michael's College (2)	University of Miami (4)
Cal Poly State University	Johns Hopkins University	Saint Olaf College (2)	University of Michigan (2)
Carleton College	Keio University, GIGA program	Salve Regina University	University of New Hampshire (3)
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	Kenyon College (5)	San Diego State University	University of Pennsylvania (7)
Case Western Reserve Univ. (2)	Lafayette College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Pittsburgh (2)
Chapman University	Lasell College (2)	Scripps College	University of Rhode Island
Claremont McKenna College (2)	Lehigh University (3)	Skidmore College (12)	University of Richmond (3)
Clark University (2)	Loyola Univ. New Orleans (2)	Smith College	University of Rochester (3)
Clarkson University (2)	Macalester College (2)	Sophia University	University of South Carolina
Colby College (3)	Merrimack College (7)	Springfield College (4)	Univ. of Southern California (3)
Colgate University	Miami University	Stanford University (3)	University of Toronto (2)
College of Charleston (3)	Middlebury College (7)	Stonehill College (2)	University of Vermont (5)
College of the Holy Cross (5)	Mount Holyoke College	Suffolk University (4)	University of Wisconsin (2)
Colorado College	Muhlenberg College	Swarthmore College	Ursinus College
Colorado State University	New England College	Syracuse University (10)	Vanderbilt University (2)
Columbia University (3)	N.Y. School of Interior Design	Texas Christian University (3)	Vassar College (2)
Connecticut College (8)	New York University (12)	The College of Wooster (4)	Wake Forest University
Cornell University (6)	Northeastern University (21)	The New School	Waseda University SILS
Dartmouth College (4)	Northwestern University	The University of Arizona (2)	Washington and Lee University
Dickinson College	Norwich University	The University of Tampa (4)	Washington University (3)
Drew University (2)	Otis College of Art and Design	The University of Tennessee	Webb Institute
Drexel University (7)	Peking University	The University of Texas-Austin	Wellesley College
Duke Kunshan University	Pennsylvania State University	Trinity College (8)	Wentworth Inst. of Tech. (3)
Duquesne University	Pepperdine University (2)	Tufts University (5)	Wesleyan University (6)
Elmira College	Plymouth State University (2)	Tulane Univ. of Louisiana (7)	Wheaton College (3)
Elon University (7)	Pomona College (3)	Union College (7)	Williams College (5)
Emerson College (7)	Pratt Institute-Main	United States Air Force Academy	Worcester Polytechnic Inst. (2)
Emory University (3)			Yale University (2)