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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.

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

Williston Northampton School is an independent, coeducational boarding and day school, now in its 182nd year. Williston promotes excellence and achievement in and out of the classroom, and values individual expression as a way to create an authentic, diverse, and dynamic community. We believe responsibility begins with personal integrity, and we encourage our community to embrace diversity of thought. Williston students are empathetic and collaborative learners, and seek at all times to live and work with purpose, passion, and integrity. In all grades, students work with committed and enthusiastic faculty to hone skills in conducting research, thinking critically, and becoming leaders.

WILLISTON BY THE NUMBERS

431

Upper School students

147 seniors

21% domestic students
of color

26% international
students

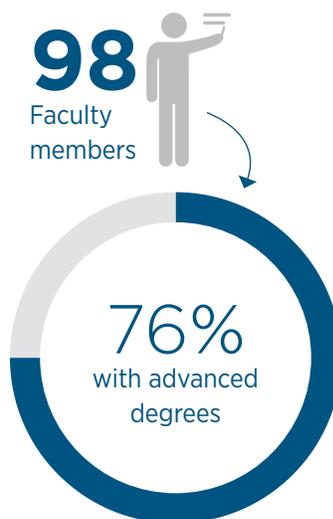
262 boarding students

169 day students

The 2022-23 student body as of 9/2022

98

Faculty
members



159

Courses offered

53

Designated Honors
or AP classes

25

States represented

35

Countries represented

6:1

Advisor to student ratio



49

Students
took a Williston
Scholars class

40%

self-identify as
students of color

12

Average Class Size

24

Art classes, including
Directing, Architecture,
and AP Studio

WILLISTON'S CURRICULUM

Williston's curricular requirements allow for considerable choice while ensuring a rigorous and balanced academic environment. One academic credit is assigned per class per trimester. Students generally take five courses per trimester, but advanced students may take a sixth class if they apply and are granted permission by the Academic Dean. All students must complete a minimum of 57 academic credits in grades 9 through 12 to receive a diploma.

MINIMUM CREDITS PER DISCIPLINE

English Language and Literature: 12	Mathematics: 9
History and Global Studies: 8	Science: 6
World Language: 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

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.

JUNIOR YEAR AVERAGES FOR THE 122-MEMBER CLASS FOR THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR:

	A	B	C	D	F
English	85	42	2	0	0
Visual & Performing Arts	49	4	0	0	0
History & Global Studies	80	59	5	0	0
Language	60	32	5	0	0
Mathematics	67	50	14	2	1
Science	72	70	10	1	0

WILLISTON'S MOST CHALLENGING AP CLASSES

Within Williston's AP curriculum there are four courses that are considered the most challenging. The grades below represent members of the class of 2023 who enrolled in the following courses in 2021-22:

	A	B	C	D	F
AP Biology	1	0	0	0	0
AP Chemistry	2	6	0	0	0
AP Environmental Science	0	2	1	0	0
AP Government	4	18	1	0	0

ADVANCED COURSES

Of the 159 courses offered at the school in 2021-22, 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.

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

*Not offered in 2022-23

SIGNATURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

WILLISTON SCHOLARS

The Williston Scholars program allows honors 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. Participation is by application. 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 the We the People program with the Center for Civic Education. Students compete on their understanding of governmental institutions and their ability to apply their knowledge in the format of a congressional hearing. Last year, 27 students participated in We the People.

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. Eight students participated in 2022-23.

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. These students (8 of them in 2020-21) work closely with arts faculty mentors to develop a program of study that includes a variety of arts practices and experiences.

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 with honorable citizenship, sound character, and active participation in school life.

HUMANITIES CONCENTRATION

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

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

STEM CONCENTRATION

Students with a passion for STEM may pursue a concentration in this area. To earn a concentration, students must complete a Williston Scholars class in either science or math, and must engage in extracurricular activities, such as participating in the Math Team or Science Olympiad, tutoring in the Math or Science Resource Center, volunteering for the Whitaker-Bement Girls in Math Competition, completing an independent internship, or attending the Robotics afternoon program.

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

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 signing with NCAA Division 1 or 2 schools.

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.

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 communicating.

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.

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. Williston is frequently named a Microsoft Showcase School.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2021-2022

The list below shows the college matriculation patterns for the classes of 2021-2022. In that time period, students have matriculated to 186 different institutions.

5+ STUDENTS

Bates College	Columbia University	Middlebury College	Suffolk University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Bentley University	Connecticut College	New York University	Syracuse University	University of Pennsylvania
Boston College	Drexel University	Northeastern University	Trinity College	University of Vermont
Boston University	Emerson College	Sacred Heart University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Wesleyan University
Bryant University	Endicott College	Skidmore College	Union College	
College of the Holy Cross	Hamilton College	St. Lawrence University		

2+ STUDENTS

American University	Dickinson College	Macalester College	Stanford University	University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Amherst College	Elon University	Merrimack College	Stonehill College	University of Pittsburgh
Assumption University	Emory University	Michigan State University	Texas Christian University	University of Richmond
Babson College	Fairfield University	Penn State University	The University of Tampa	University of South California
Barnard College	Fordham University	Pepperdine University	Tufts University	Washington University in St. Louis
Brandeis University	Franklin & Marshall College	Providence College	United States Military Academy at West Point	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Brown University	George Washington University	Quinnipiac University	University of California Irvine	Williams College
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Chicago	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Carnegie Mellon University	Gettysburg College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Colorado Boulder	Yale University
Clark University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Salve Regina University	University of Connecticut	
Colby College	Kenyon College	San Diego State University	University of Maine	
Cornell University	Lehigh University	Springfield College	University of Miami	

1 STUDENT:

Berklee College of Music	James Madison University	Princeton University	The New School	Villanova University
Bowdoin College	Johns Hopkins University	Principia College	The University of Texas at Austin	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
California Polytechnic State University	Keene State College	Purdue University	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Wabash College
Case Western Reserve University	Lafayette College	Roger Williams University	University of California Berkeley	Wake Forest University
Claremont McKenna College	Lasell University	SUNY at Albany	University of California Davis	Washington and Lee University
Clarkson University	Long Island University	St. John Fisher College	University of California Los Angeles	Webb Institute
Clemson University	Loyola University Chicago	Saint Louis University	University of California Santa Cruz	Wheaton College
College of Charleston	Loyola University New Orleans	Saint Michael's College	University of Central Florida	Wofford College
Colorado College	Mercyhurst University	Salem State University	University of Dayton	York College of Pennsylvania
Colorado School of Mines	Miami University Oxford	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Denver	
Colorado State University	Middlesex Community College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Iowa	International
Denison University	Muhlenberg College	Scripps College	University of Mississippi	Concordia University
Drew University	Nazareth College	Southern Methodist University	University of Nevada	Duke Kunshan University
Duquesne University	New England College	Southern New Hampshire	University of New Hampshire	Keio University
Florida College	Nichols College	Springfield Technical Community College	University of South Carolina	Sophia University
Framingham State University	North Carolina State University	St. John's University	University of South Florida	Tecnologico de Monterrey
Furman University	Norwich University	St. Olaf College	University of Wisconsin	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Goucher College	Oxford College of Emory University	Stony Brook University	Utica University	University of British Columbia Vancouver
Harvard University	Pitzer College	Swarthmore College	Vanderbilt University	University of Ottawa
High Point University	Plymouth State University	Temple University	Vassar College	University of St. Andrews
Ithaca College	Pomona College	The College of Wooster		

99

Percent of grads who attend a 4-year college

474

Offers of admission last year

207

Early-decision and early-action offers last year

51

Students going on to play at the Division 1, 2, and 3 level