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Williston Northampton School

inspires students to live with purpose, passion, and integrity.

Williston Northampton School is an independent, coeducational boarding and day school founded in 1841. 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 are being taught 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

435

Upper School students

99 seniors

25% domestic students of color

22% international students

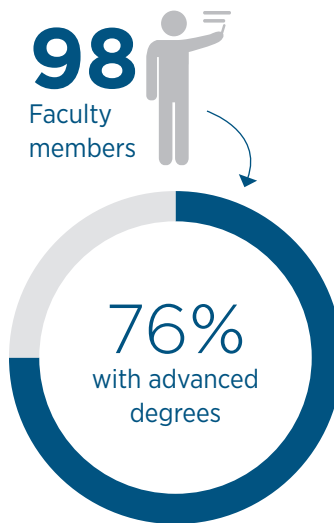
271 boarding students

164 day students

The 2023-24 student body as of 9/2023

98

Faculty members



140

Courses offered

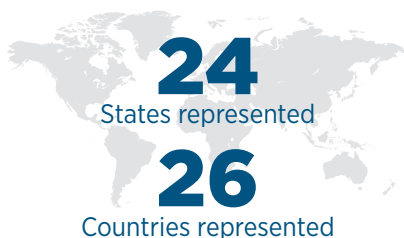


24

States represented

26

Countries represented



6:1

Advisor to student ratio



49

Students were Williston Scholars last year



44%

self-identify as students of color

12

Average Class Size



25

Art classes, including Directing, Architecture, and AP Studio



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’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 88-MEMBER CLASS FOR THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR:

	A	B	C	D	F
English	67	21	0	0	0
Visual & Performing Arts	30	1	0	0	0
History & Global Studies	56	27	1	0	0
Language	52	13	1	0	0
Mathematics	57	21	6	0	1
Science	62	36	2	0	0

WILLISTON’S MOST CHALLENGING AP CLASSES

Within Williston’s AP curriculum there are three courses that are considered the most challenging. The grades below represent members of the class of 2024 who enrolled in the following courses in 2022–23:

	A	B	C	D	F
AP Biology	0	1	0	0	0
AP Chemistry	1	3	0	0	0
AP Environmental Science	0	1	0	0	0

ADVANCED COURSES

Of the 140 courses offered at the school in 2022-23, 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	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
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: Modern AP African American History	Science Honors Williston Scholars Science AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics C AP Physics I* AP Physics II* AP Psychology Honors Chemistry Honors Physics Honors Biology
Language Honors Williston Scholars Language 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	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 2023-24

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.

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.

GRUM PROJECT

Launched in the fall of 2016, the Grum Project is Williston's visiting artist program. Funded by a generous alumna from the Northampton School for Girls, the Grum Project brings artists of all kinds—musicians, actors, visual artists, dancers, and more—to campus for mini-residencies so that the entire Williston community can participate.

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, 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 2020-2023

The list below shows the college matriculation patterns for the classes of 2020–2023. In that time period, students have matriculated to 192 different institutions.

5+ STUDENTS

Bates College	College of the Holy Cross	Sacred Heart University	The University of Tampa	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Boston University	Connecticut College	Skidmore College	Trinity College	University of Miami
Brown University	Hamilton College	St. Lawrence University	Tufts College	University of Vermont
Bryant University	New York University	Suffolk University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Wesleyan University
Colby College	Northeastern University	Syracuse University	Union College	Williams College

2+ STUDENTS

American University	Dartmouth College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Amherst College	Dickinson College	James Madison University	Saint Michael's College	University of Pennsylvania
Assumption University	Drexel University	Kenyon College	San Diego State University	University of Richmond
Babson College	Elon University	Lafayette College	Springfield College	University of Southern California
Barnard College	Emerson College	Lehigh University	Salve Regina University	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Bentley University	Emory University	Macalester College	Temple University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Boston College	Endicott College	Merrimack College	United States Military Academy at West Point	Wake Forest University
Bowdoin College	Fairfield University	Middlebury College	University of California (Irvine)	Washington University in St. Louis
Brandeis University	Fordham University	North Carolina State University	University of Colorado Boulder	Wheaton College
Carnegie Mellon University	Franklin & Marshall College	Pepperdine University	University of Connecticut	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Clark University	George Washington University	Pomona College	University of Hartford	Xavier University
College of Charleston	Georgetown University	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Maine	Yale University
Colorado College	Gettysburg College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute		
Columbia University	Harvard University			
Cornell University	Haverford College			

1 STUDENT:

Berklee College of Music	Iona University	Pitzer College	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Utica University
Berkshire Community College	Ithaca College	Plymouth State University	University of California Berkeley	Vanderbilt University
Bucknell University	Johns Hopkins University	Princeton University	University of California Davis	Vassar College
California Polytechnic State University	Keene State College	Principia College	University of California Santa Cruz	Villanova University
Carleton College	Long Island University (Brooklyn)	Providence College	University of Chicago	Wabash College
Case Western Reserve University	Loyola University Chicago	Purdue University (Fort Wayne)	University of Denver	Wake Forest University
Champlain College	Loyola University New Orleans	Roger Williams University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Washington and Lee University
Claremont McKenna College	Massachusetts Bay Community College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Iowa	Webb Institute
Clarkson University	Mercyhurst University	Scripps College	University of Mississippi	Wellesley College
Clemson University	Miami University (Oxford)	Siena College	University of Nevada (Las Vegas)	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Colgate University	Michigan State University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)	York College of Pennsylvania
Colorado School of Mines	Middlesex Community College	St. John's University	University of Oregon	
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Muhlenberg College	St. Olaf College	University of Pittsburgh	International
Denison University	New England College	Stonehill College	University of Rhode Island	Concordia University
Dillard University	Nichols College	Stony Brook University	University of South Carolina	Laval University
Drew University	Norwich University	SUNY at Albany	University of South Florida (Main Campus)	University of British Columbia (Okanagan)
Duquesne University	Oxford College of Emory University	Swarthmore College	University of Toledo	University of Ottawa
Flagler College	Penn State University (University Park)	Taylor University	University of Virginia	Duke Kunshan University
Goucher College	Penn State University (York)	Texas Christian University	University of Wisconsin	Keio University
Grinnell College		The College of Wooster		Sophia University
High Point University		The New School		Technologico de Monterrey