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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

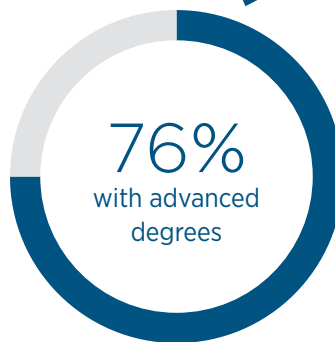
271 boarding students

164 day students

The 2023-24 student body as of 9/2023

98

Faculty
members



140

Courses offered

52

Designated Honors
or AP classes

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

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

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

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 I*
 AP Physics II*
 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 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
Boston University
Brown University
Bryant University
Colby College

College of the Holy Cross
Connecticut College
Hamilton College
New York University
Northeastern University

Sacred Heart University
Skidmore College
St. Lawrence University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University

The University of Tampa
Trinity College
Tufts College
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College

University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Miami
University of Vermont
Wesleyan University
Williams College

2+ STUDENTS

American University
Amherst College
Assumption University
Babson College
Barnard College
Bentley University
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Carnegie Mellon University
Clark University
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University

Dartmouth College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Harvard University
Haverford College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges
James Madison University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Macalester College
Merrimack College
Middlebury College
North Carolina State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Purdue University (Main Campus)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Michael's College
San Diego State University
Springfield College
Salve Regina University
Temple University
United States Military Academy at West Point
University of California (Irvine)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Maine

University of Michigan Ann Arbor
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wheaton College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

1 STUDENT:

Berklee College of Music
Berkshire Community College
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic State University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Champlain College
Claremont McKenna College
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Colgate University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Denison University
Dillard University
Drew University
Duquesne University
Flagler College
Goucher College
Grinnell College
High Point University

Iona University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Keene State College
Long Island University (Brooklyn)
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Massachusetts Bay Community College
Mercyhurst University
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
Middlesex Community College
Muhlenberg College
New England College
Nichols College
Norwich University
Oxford College of Emory University
Penn State University (University Park)
Penn State University (York)

Pitzer College
Plymouth State University
Princeton University
Principia College
Providence College
Purdue University (Fort Wayne)
Roger Williams University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Siena College
Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
St. Olaf College
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Albany
SUNY University at Buffalo
Swarthmore College
Taylor University
Texas Christian University
The College of Wooster
The New School

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Denver
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Iowa
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida (Main Campus)
University of Toledo
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin

Utica University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Wabash College
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Webb Institute
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
York College of Pennsylvania

International

Concordia University
Laval University
University of British Columbia (Okanagan)
University of Ottawa
Duke Kunshan University
Keio University
Sophia University
Technologico de Monterrey

99

Percent of grads who attend a 4-year college

236

Early-decision and early-action offers for class of '23

447

Offers of admission for class of 2023

51

Students from class of 2023 are going on to play at the Division I, II, and III level