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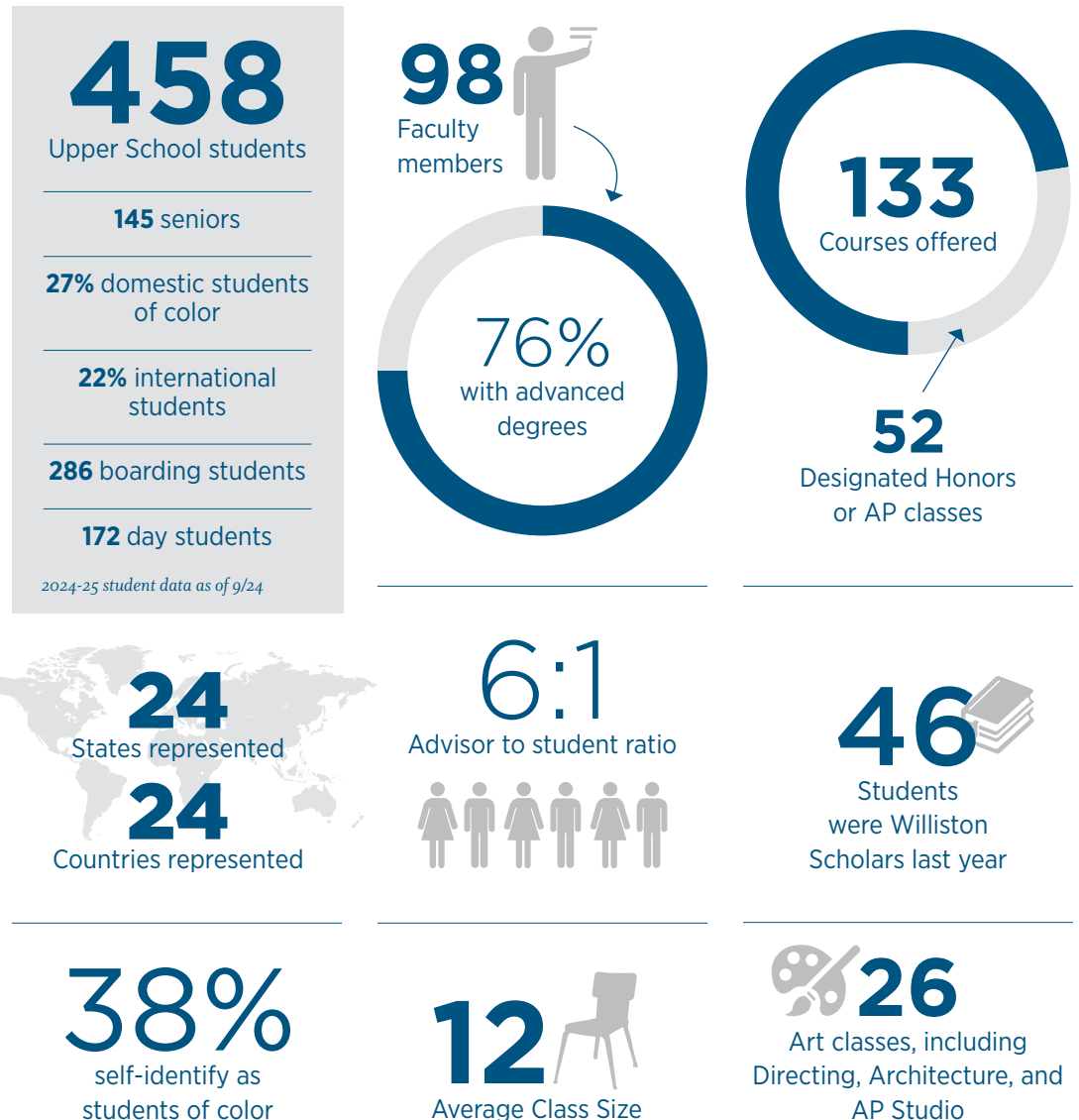
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Williston Northampton School

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



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 131-MEMBER CLASS FOR THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR:

	A	B	C	D	F
English	89	41	1	0	0
Visual & Performing Arts	53	1	0	0	0
History & Global Studies	82	51	6	0	0
Language	58	35	3	0	0
Mathematics	76	56	9	0	0

AP COURSE DISTRIBUTION—CLASS OF 2024

Number of AP Courses taken in Upper School	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Number of students taking this load	1	2	6	16	10	23	16	14	19	15	11

ADVANCED COURSES

Of the 133 courses offered at the school in 2023-24, 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 Seminar
- Honors French III
- Honors French II
- AP Latin
- Honors Latin IV
- Honors Latin III
- Honors Latin II
- AP Spanish Language
- Honors Spanish Seminar
- 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 2024-25

SIGNATURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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.

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. Eleven students participated in 2023-24.

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 (10 of them in 2023-24) work closely with arts faculty mentors to develop a program of study that includes a variety of arts practices and experiences.

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

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.

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.

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 2021-2024

The list below shows the college matriculation patterns for the classes of 2021-2024. In that time period, students have matriculated to 191 different institutions. BOLD indicates a school or university located outside the United States.

5+ STUDENTS

American University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University

Bryant University
College of the Holy Cross
New York University
Northeastern University

Sacred Heart University
Skidmore College
St. Lawrence University
Suffolk University

Syracuse University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana

University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Wesleyan University

2+ STUDENTS

Amherst College
Babson College
Barnard College
Bates College
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bucknell University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve
Clark University
Colby College
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Columbia University
Connecticut College

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

James Madison University
Lafayette College
Laval University
Lehigh University
Loyola University of Chicago
Macalester College
Merrimack College
Middlebury College
North Carolina State University
Providence College
Purdue University (Main Campus)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology

Saint Michael's College
San Diego State University
St. John's University
Temple University
The New School
United States Military Academy at West Point
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Irvine)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Maine
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh

University of Richmond
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wheaton College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

1 STUDENT:

Assumption College
Bard College
Baylor University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Berkshire Community College
Champlain College
Chapman University
Clarkson University
Colgate University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Concordia University
Dillard University
Drew University
Duke Kunshan University
Eckerd College
Emory University
Flagler College
Goucher College
Grinnell College

High Point University
Hobart & William Smith
IE University
Instituto Tecnológico
Iona University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Keene State College
Keio University
Long Island University (Brooklyn)
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Massachusetts Bay Community College
McGill University
McKendree University
Mercyhurst University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Mount St. Mary's University
New England College

Norwich University
Oberlin College
Oxford College of Emory University
Penn State University (University Park)
Penn State University (York)
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Princeton University
Principia College
Providence College
Purdue University (Fort Wayne)
Roger Williams University
Saint Anselm College
Salve Regina University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Siena College
Sophia University
Southern Methodist University
Springfield College

Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
SUNY at Albany
SUNY at Buffalo
Swarthmore College
Taylor University
Tecnologico de Monterrey
The Boston Conservatory
The College of Wooster
The University of Texas (Austin)
U.S. Naval Academy
University of Amsterdam
University of Arkansas
University of California (Davis)
University of California (San Diego)
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Chicago
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Mississippi

University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
University of Oregon
University of Ottawa
University of Rhode Island
University of South Florida (Main Campus)
University of Toledo
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Utica University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wabash College
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Webb Institute
Yale University
York College of Pennsylvania

99

Percent of grads who attend a 4-year college

217

Early-decision and early-action offers for class of '24

404

Offers of admission for class of 2024

130+

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