

# WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

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## Curriculum Outline

Many courses in the major academic areas are grouped by levels at WHS for purposes of instruction. The courses are assigned different quality points used in determining rank in class and overall GPA. We offer 4 UConn Early College Experience and 13 Advanced Placement courses.

## Graduation Requirements

### **HUMANITIES (9 credits)**

English (4 credits)

Social Studies (3 credits)

Fine Arts (1 credit)

Humanities Elective (1 credit)

### **S.T.E.M. (9 credits)**

Mathematics (3 credits)

Science (3 credits)

STEM Electives (3 credits)

### **ADDITIONAL (7 credits)**

Physical Education (1 credit)

Health Education (1 credit)

World Language (1 credit)

Senior Project (1 credit)

Additional Electives (3 credits)

\*Financial Literacy (.50 credit - Beginning with the class of 2027)

**Total: 25 credits**



**Career Pathways/  
Career Connected Learning Program**

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Our Career Pathways program offers interconnected academic and elective courses revolving around a career theme. The program is integrated with work-based learning opportunities and close connections between secondary and postsecondary education, training and apprenticeship. Westbrook area business/industry partners offer work-based learning opportunities, including internships and job shadowing field trips. The program supports the development of career and life readiness and prepares all Westbrook students for successful entry into the workforce and advancement on a career path, regardless of what path they choose after high school.

Westbrook Public Schools is the first district in the nation to adopt the National School Climate Standards. Our students have received national recognition for their work in our schools as resources for change and development in the areas of social emotional learning. In 2016, students and members of our staff were invited to Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, California, to accept the National Change Maker Award offered through Facebook and the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. WHS has broadened SEL incentives since then through CASEL as well as CPSEL where students were invited to present at their national SEL conference in May 2020.

The Westbrook High School Advisory program promotes meaningful relationships between staff and students while providing support to students. Advisors are assigned to a group of 10 to 12 students and meet with them weekly throughout the four years of high school. Students experience a more personalized learning environment with a structure and set of practices for monitoring and encouraging academic supports, career/college readiness, and community building/social emotional learning. Alternate advisory lessons will focus on promoting proficiency with the Portrait of a Graduate Competencies (Critical Problem Solver, Creative Thinker, Effective Communicator, Perseverant, Socially Aware, Responsible Decision Maker)

**National School Climate Standards**

**Advisory Curriculum**

## MARKING SYSTEM & COURSE WEIGHTING

Our grading system is based on numerical grades with a passing grade of 60. Grades are not weighted on the transcript but the cumulative GPA is weighted by level/rigor. Seniors who complete all expectations of their Senior Project Seminar class will receive an "M," meaning "Meets Expectations."

A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69
A	94-96	B	84-86	C	74-76	D	64-66
A-	90-93	B-	80-83	C-	70-73	D-	60-63

**Advanced Placement (AP) & UConn Early College Experience (ECE):** 1.1 GPA points

**Honors (H):** 1.05 GPA points

**College Preparatory (CP):** 1.0 GPA points

## COLLEGE PLANS & ASSESSMENT DATA

Class of:	2023	2022
Two & Four-Year College	77%	78%
SAT Mean Reading/Writing Score	521	523
SAT Mean Math Score	507	517
(School-wide) AP Exams Administered	139	134
(School-wide) % AP Scores of 3 or higher	52%	69%

## UPPER-LEVEL COURSE OFFERINGS

**13 Advanced Placement courses:** 2D Art & Design, Biology, Calculus A/B, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, European History, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Psychology, Spanish 5: Language & Culture, Statistics, U.S. History, Government & Politics,

### 4 University of Connecticut - Early College Experience Courses:

Fundamentals of Ear Training I (MUSI1011), Fundamentals of Ear Training II (MUSI1022), Music Appreciation (MUSI1001), Film & Video Editing I (DMD2210)

**14 Honors Courses:** English 9, English 10, English 12, Modern World History, U.S. Government, Civics, & Economics, U.S. History, PreCalculus, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, French, Spanish

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Independent Study

Faculty members volunteer to work with juniors and seniors on independent study projects, outside the formal high school curriculum. Students meet with faculty instructors throughout the semester or entire year. Academic credit is granted for successful completion of an independent study. Seniors can pursue an independent study outside of the traditional classroom and work with a mentor.

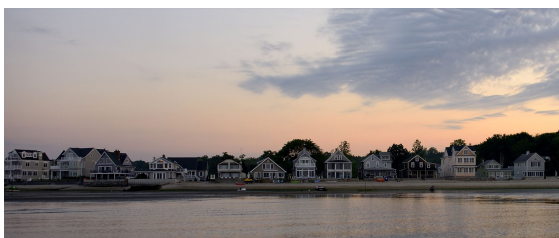
### Odysseyware

Odysseyware is a comprehensive online learning curriculum that provides an alternative learning platform for students. This program provides a solution for scheduling conflicts and allows students to take classes and meet graduation requirements that otherwise would not fit in their schedules. It is also utilized for credit recovery. All course enrollment, progress and grading is overseen by one of our teachers.

### Colleges Accepting Recent Graduates

Albertus Magnus, American, Arizona State, U Arizona, Assumption, Barry, Bentley, Berklee College of Music, Boston College, Brown, Bucknell, CT State Community College, UC - Davis, UC - Los Angeles, UC - Santa Barbara, The Catholic University of America, CCSU, U Central Florida, Champlain, U Cincinnati, Clark, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, Colby-Sawyer, UC - Boulder, Conn College, UConn, Cornell, U Dayton, Dean College, Delaware State, U Delaware, East Carolina, ECSU, Elon, Endicott, Fairfield, Flagler, Florida Atlantic, Florida State, Fordham, Franklin Pierce, UHart, High Point, Indiana - Bloomington, Iona, Ithaca, James Madison, Johnson & Wales, Keene State, Keiser, U Kentucky, Lasell, Louisiana State, Loyola - Maryland, Loyola - New Orleans, Lynn, U Maine - Farmington, Maine College of Art & Design, U Maine, Marist, U Maryland - College Park, MA College of Art & Design, UMass - Amherst, UMass - Boston, UMass - Dartmouth, UMass - Lowell, Merrimack, Miami U - Oxford, U Miami, Michigan State, U Michigan - Dearborn, U Mississippi, Mitchell, Montclair State, Montserrat College of Art, New England, NEIT, U New England, U New Hampshire - Main Campus, New Hampshire Institute of Art, U New Haven, NYU, U North Carolina - Wilmington, Northeastern, Ohio U - Main Campus, U Oklahoma - Norman, Pace - NYC, Palm Beach Atlantic, Penn State - Main Campus, U Pitt - Pittsburgh, Plymouth State, Point Park, Providence, Purdue - Main Campus, Quinnipiac, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island, U Rhode Island, Rider, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams, Sacred Heart, U Saint Joseph, Salve Regina, School of Visual Arts, U Scranton, U South Carolina - Columbia, U South Florida - Main Campus, SCSU, U Southern Maine, Springfield, St. John Fisher, State University of NY - New Paltz, Stetson, Stony Brook, Suffolk, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, Tampa, U Tennessee - Knoxville, Texas A&M - College Station, Ohio State - Main Campus, Trinity, U Vermont, Villanova, Virginia Tech, U Virginia - Main Campus, WCSU, Western New England, Westfield State, Worcester State, Xavier

## OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY



Westbrook is a small rural / suburban community of 6,900 residents located on Long Island Sound, equidistant from New Haven, Middletown and New London. The high school is among the smallest secondary schools in CT with an enrollment of 171 students. It is accredited by the New England Association of Secondary Schools. Our staff and students strive to make our small school size a prized asset of measurable advantage to all. Students at Westbrook High School achieve at high levels through a variety of authentic learning experiences that meet their individual needs.