

WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL

2022 Profile

School Code 501-505



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TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL

Whitefish Bay High School (WFBHS), a mid-sized, comprehensive high school with a 2022-2023 enrollment of 944 students (grades 9-12), is consistently one of the top performing high schools in Wisconsin and the nation as evidenced by performance data provided in this profile.

In particular, **over the past three years:**

- The average ACT composite score of 24.9, corresponding to a participation rate of nearly 100%, exceeds the state average by more than 4.7 points.
- Our average Advanced Placement (AP) exam score of 3.7 exceeds the global average of approximately 2.90.

In addition, during the 2021-2022 school year, 335 students completed at least one AP Exam and 696 AP exams were completed with a passing rate of 88%. Upon graduation, 58% of all seniors at WFBHS passed an AP test with a 3 or above. Furthermore, WFBHS has achieved an average ACT composite score of over 25 for twenty-one of the last twenty-two years. This is especially remarkable given that the ACT is the statewide assessment for all Juniors, leading to a 100% participation rate. Given this exceptionally high achievement, WFBHS continues to be recognized as one of the top high schools in Wisconsin by *Niche* and *US News and World Report*, as well as through the WI School Report Card ranking of "Significantly Exceeds Expectations."

RIGOROUS CURRICULUM

Whitefish Bay High School's record of outstanding academic achievement is tied directly to the rigorous college preparatory curriculum our school provides. A summary of the core components of the curriculum is included as part of this profile along with grade distributions for the past school year. High levels of cognitive engagement are essential to preparing our students for success beyond high school, especially since 93% of them, on average, are intent on continuing their education in college. At WFBHS, we believe that all students deserve access to a rigorous, engaging curriculum and that we are responsible for creating a structure that supports academic and personal success for everyone.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Whitefish Bay is a residential suburb located north of Milwaukee along Lake Michigan with a population of approximately 14,000. The schools are a central focus of a community comprised largely of well educated professionals and their families, and are a leading reason Whitefish Bay is a destination high school. Residents hold the school district to high standards and enjoy a strong sense of pride in what has been a long standing tradition of educational excellence. Advocacy efforts from the Public Education Foundation and Advocates for Education enhance educational opportunities for all students. In addition to serving resident students, Whitefish Bay is strongly supportive of non-resident students who have become part of our school community through the former Chapter 220 program that has enabled Milwaukee public school students from diverse backgrounds to attend suburban schools.

PERFORMANCE DATA

Post-Secondary Education Plans

	2020 (N=212)	2021 (N=256)	2022 (N=219)	Three Year Average
Four year college	87%	91%	93%	90%
Two year college	6%	3%	7%	5%

Average ACT Scores

	2020 (N=222)		2021 (N=258)		2022 (N=228)		Three Year Average	
	WFB	WI	WFB	WI	WFB	WI	WFB	WI
English	25.4	19.1	25.4	18.9	22.6	18.3	24.5	18.8
Mathematics	25.1	19.9	25.5	19.9	23.5	19.3	24.7	19.7
Reading	26.0	20.5	26.1	20.3	23.8	19.7	25.3	20.2
Science	25.0	20.3	25.2	20.4	23.0	19.8	24.4	20.2
Composite	25.5	20.1	25.7	20.0	23.4	19.4	24.9	19.8

Advanced Placement Exam Scores

	2020 (N=645)		2021 (N=789)		2022 (N=696)	
	WFB	Global	WFB	Global	WFB	Global
Average Score	3.80	3.03	3.50	2.8	3.7	Not Released

National Merit Scholarship Program

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Commended	4	0	7	6	5	6	3
Semi-Finalists	8	12	7	6	4	7	9
Finalists	7	12	6	6	4	7	7

Grade Point Average System

Whitefish Bay High School does not rank students.
All grades in all classes count toward a student's cumulative grade point average.

4.0 Weighted GPA Scale												
	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
All Courses	4.0	3.667	3.333	3.0	2.667	2.333	2.0	1.667	1.333	1.00	.667	0
AP Courses	5.0	4.667	4.333	4.0	3.667	3.333	3.0	2.667	2.333	2.00	1.667	0

AP Courses Offered

Art	English Lit and Comp	Physics E & M
Art History	Environmental Science	Psychology
Biology	French	Spanish
Calculus AB/BC	German	Statistics
Chemistry	Macro Economics	US Government and Politics
Computer Principles	Micro Economics	US History
Computer Science A	Music Theory	
English Lang and Comp	Physics C	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CRITERION 1: Base Requirements

*All students must also pass the Civics test as required per the State of Wisconsin.

All students wishing to obtain a diploma from Whitefish Bay High School are required to earn forty (40) semester credits. One credit equals one semester. Credits must be completed as follows:

English - 8 credits	Health/Physical Education - 4 credits
Social Studies - 6 credits	Computer Science - 1 credit
Mathematics - 6 credits	Cultural Arts - 2 credits
Science - 6 credits	Electives - 7 credits

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Grade	Course
English	9	English 1 and English 2
	10	English 3 and English 4
	11	Advanced Composition and one semester-long literature course
	12	Two semester-long literature courses
Social Studies	9	Global Studies (year-long)
	10	Economics (semester-long)
	11	United States History (year-long)
	12	American Government (semester-long)
Physical Education	9	Physical Education 9 (semester-long)
	10	Physical Education course (semester-long) and Health (semester-long)
	11	Physical Education course (semester-long)
Mathematics	9-12	Six credits
Science	9-12	Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (year-long)
Computer Science	10-12	One credit (Computer Concepts or Computer Science)
Cultural Arts	9-12	Two credits in one of the following areas: Art, Drama, Music, Woodworking 1 & 2, or World Languages

2021-2022 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	A's		B's		C's		D's		F's		Total	GPA*
English	673	35.6%	765	40.4%	295	15.6%	138	7.3%	21	1.1%	1892	3.02
Mathematics	765	40.7%	634	33.7%	339	18.0%	115	6.1%	27	1.4%	1880	3.06
Science	827	45.6%	549	30.3%	288	15.9%	113	6.2%	35	1.9%	1812	3.11
Social Studies	842	43.4%	693	35.8%	279	14.4%	97	5.0%	27	1.4%	1983	3.15
Core Total	3107	41.1%	2641	35.0%	1201	15.9%	463	6.1%	110	1.5%	7567	3.07

*Grade distribution calculated without grade weights.

COLLEGES OF MATRICULATION

University of Alabama	DePaul University	MIAD	University of Tampa
Alcorn State University	Drake University	MSOE	Univ. of TN-Knoxville
American Univ. of Paris	University of Dubuque	MN State Comm. &	Texas Southern Univ.
University of Arizona	Duke University	Technical College	The New School
Arizona State -Tempe	Eastern Arizona College	Univ. of MN-Duluth	Ohio State University
Auburn University	Eastern Kentucky Univ.	Univ. of MN-Twin Cities	Tulane University
Barnard College	Edgewood College	Univ. of MO-Columbia	US Air Force Academy
Baylor University	Ellsworth Comm. Coll.	Univ. of MO-St Louis	University of Oregon
Berklee Coll. of Music	Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.	Montana State Univ.	Univ. of St Andrews
Boston College	Fashion Inst. of Tech.	Morgan State University	University of Utah
Bowdoin College	Ferris State University	Mount Holyoke College	Vanderbilt University
Bowling Green St. Univ.	Florida State University	Mount Mary University	University of Vermont
Bradley University	Fordham University	NC Central University	Villanova University
Brigham Young Univ.	Georgetown University	ND State University	Wake Forest University
Brown University	Grand Valley State Univ.	Northeastern University	Wash. Univ. in St Louis
Butler University	Hampshire College	Northern Arizona Univ.	Univ. of Washington
Univ. of CA -Berkeley	IN Univ. -Bloomington	Northern Illinois Univ.	Western Kentucky Univ.
UCLA	University of Iowa	Northern Michigan Univ.	Winona State University
Univ. of CA-San Diego	Iowa State University	Northwestern University	University of Wisconsin-
Carnegie Mellon Univ.	Ithaca College	Univ. of Notre Dame	Eau Claire
Carleton College	Jackson State Univ.	Oberlin College	University of Wisconsin-
Carroll University	John Carroll University	University of Pittsburgh	Green Bay
Case Western Reserve	University of Kansas	Point Park University	University of Wisconsin-
Catholic Univ. America	Kentucky State Univ.	Pomona College	La Crosse
Central College	Lawrence University	Purdue University	University of Wisconsin-
University of Cincinnati	Lehigh University	Ripon College	Madison
Clark Atlanta University	Lewis University	Rochester Inst. of Tech	University of Wisconsin-
Clemson University	Long Island University	Roosevelt University	Milwaukee
Cleveland Inst. of Art	University of Louisville	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech	University of Wisconsin-
Univ. of CO Boulder	Loyola Univ. Chicago	Saint Louis University	Oshkosh
Colorado College	Loyola Univ. Maryland	San Diego State Univ.	University of Wisconsin-
Colorado Mount. Coll.	Luther College	Santa Clara University	Parkside
Univ. of CO-	Madison Area Tech.	SCAD	University of Wisconsin-
Colorado Springs	Maine Maritime Acad.	Univ. of SC-Columbia	Platteville
CO St. Univ.-Ft Collins	Marquette University	Univ. of South Florida	University of Wisconsin-
Columbia Coll. Chicago	MIT	Univ. of Southern CA	Stevens Point
Concordia University	Miami University	Univ. of Southern MS	University of Wisconsin-
Cornell University	Michigan State Univ.	Southern Virginia Univ.	Whitewater
Creighton University	Univ. of Michigan	Saint Norbert College	Xavier University
University of Dayton	MATC	Univ. of St. Thomas	

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