

WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL

2024 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 2024-2025 enrollment of 936 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 24.5, corresponding to a participation rate of nearly 100%, exceeds the state average by more than 5.1 points.
- Our average Advanced Placement (AP) exam score of 3.8, reflects an average passing rate of over 88%.

In addition, during the 2023-2024 school year, 439 students completed at least one AP Exam and 961 AP exams were completed with a passing rate of 90%. Upon graduation, 75.4% 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-three of the last twenty-five 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 was recognized as the #1 high school in Wisconsin by *US News and World Report*, and received a 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 91% 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 a variety of booster organization 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

	2022 (N=234)	2023 (N=230)	2024 (N=215)	Three Year Average
Four year college	83%	85%	91%	86%
Two year college	8%	8%	3%	6%

Average ACT Scores

	2022 (N=228)		2023 (N=231)		2024 (N=223)		Three Year Average	
	WFB	WI	WFB	WI	WFB	WI	WFB	WI
English	22.6	18.3	25.1	18.3	24.3	18.5	24.0	18.4
Mathematics	23.5	19.3	24.7	19.2	24.7	19.1	24.3	19.2
Reading	23.8	19.7	25.5	19.9	24.8	19.7	24.7	19.8
Science	23.0	19.8	25.0	19.8	24.7	19.9	24.2	19.8
Composite	23.4	19.4	25.2	19.4	24.8	19.4	24.5	19.4

Advanced Placement Exam Scores

	2022 (N=696)	2023 (N=782)	2024 (N=961)
Average Score	3.7	3.8	4.0

National Merit Scholarship Program

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Commended	7	6	5	6	3	4	3
Semi-Finalists	7	6	4	7	9	6	8
Finalists	6	6	4	7	7	6	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	Precalculus
Biology	French	Psychology
Calculus AB/BC	German	Spanish
Chemistry	Macro Economics	Statistics
Computer Principles	Micro Economics	US Government and Politics
Computer Science A	Music Theory	US History
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)
	10-12	Two Physical Education courses (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) <i>**Through Class of 2027**</i>
Personal Finance	10-12	One credit <i>**Class of 2028 and beyond**</i>
Cultural Arts	9-12	Two credits in one of the following areas: Art, Drama, Music, Woodworking 1 & 2, or World Languages

2023-2024 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	A's		B's		C's		D's		F's		Total	GPA*
English	727	41.3%	748	42.5%	232	13.2%	49	2.8%	4	0.2%	1760	3.22
Mathematics	886	48.7%	538	29.6%	284	15.6%	96	5.3%	15	0.8%	1819	3.20
Science	784	45.9%	598	35.0%	233	13.6%	84	4.9%	9	0.5%	1708	3.21
Social Studies	931	49.9%	639	34.2%	235	12.6%	55	2.9%	6	0.3%	1866	3.30
Core Total	3328	46.5%	2523	35.3%	984	13.8%	284	4.0%	34	0.5%	7153	3.23

*Grade distribution calculated without grade weights.

COLLEGES OF MATRICULATION

Class of 2022-2024

University of Alabama	University of Dayton	Loyola Maryland	Santa Clara University
Albany State University	University of Denver	Macalester College	SCAD
American Uni. of Paris	DePaul University	Madison College	Uni. of South Carolina
Allegheny College	Drake University	Marian University	South Dakota State
Amherst College	Drexel University	Marquette University	Uni. of Southern Calif.
Arizona State University	University of Dubuque	Marshall University	Southern Illinois Uni.
University of Arizona	Duke University	Marymount Manhattan	Southern Virginia Uni.
Auburn University	Eastern Arizona College	McGill University	Uni. of St Andrews
Ball State University	Eckerd College	Miami University	St Olaf College
Baylor University	Edgewood College	Michigan State	Uni. of St. Thomas
Benedictine University	Emerson College	University of Michigan	Syracuse University
Bethel University	Fairfield University	Milwaukee Area Tech	University of Tampa
Boston College	Fashion Inst. of Tech.	MSOE	Temple University
Boston Conservatory	Florida State University	U of Minnesota- Duluth	University of Tennessee
Boston University	University of Florida	University of Minnesota	University of Texas
Brigham Young Uni.	Fordham University	University of Mississippi	Texas Southern Uni.
Brown University	Franklin Uni Switzerland	University of Missouri	Tulane University
Butler University	Georgetown University	University of Missouri	US Air Force Academy
Cal Poly	University of Georgia	Montana State Uni.	US Naval Academy
University of Calgary	Grand Valley State Uni.	Mount Holyoak College	University of Utah
UC - Berkeley	Grinnell College	Mount Mary University	Vanderbilt University
UC - Los Angeles	Hampshire College	Muhlenberg College	University of Vermont
UC - San Diego	High Point University	University of Nebraska	Villanova University
UC - Santa Cruz	Holy Cross College	Uni. of New Haven	University of Virginia
Carleton College	Indiana University	UNC at Chapel Hill	Wake Forest University
Carnegie Mellon	University of Iowa	UNC at Charlotte	Washington and Lee
Carroll University	Iowa State University	ND State University	Washington University
Case Western Reserve	Ithaca College	Northeastern University	Univ. of Washington
University of Chicago	Jackson State Uni.	Northern Arizona Uni.	Western Kentucky Uni.
University of Cincinnati	Jacksonville University	Northern Illinois Uni.	Western Washington
Clark Atlanta University	John Carroll University	Northern Michigan Uni.	Winona State University
Clark University	University of Kansas	Northwestern University	University of Wisconsin
Clemson University	University of Kentucky	Uni. of Notre Dame	UW - Eau Claire
Colorado College	Kenyon College	Ohio State University	UW - Green Bay
UC - Boulder	Lake Forest College	University of Oregon	UW - La Crosse
UC - Colorado Springs	Lakeland University	University of Pittsburgh	UW - Milwaukee
CO School of Mines	Lawrence University	Point Park University	UW - Oshkosh
CO State Fort Collins	Lehigh University	Pomona College	UW - Parkside
Columbia Chicago	Lewis & Clark College	Princeton University	UW - Platteville
Columbia University	Lewis University	Purdue University	UW - Stevens Point
Concordia University	Long Island University	University of Rochester	UW - Whitewater
Cornell University	University of Louisville	Rose-Hulman	Xavier University
Creighton University	Loyola Marymount	Saint Louis University	Yale University
Dartmouth College	Loyola Chicago	Saint Norbert College	
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