

WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL

2023 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 2023-2024 enrollment of 911 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 24.8, corresponding to a participation rate of nearly 100%, exceeds the state average by more than 5.2 points.
- Our average Advanced Placement (AP) exam score of 3.7 exceeds the global average of approximately 2.90.

In addition, during the 2022-2023 school year, 378 students completed at least one AP Exam and 782 AP exams were completed with a passing rate of 88.3%. Upon graduation, 73.7% 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-two of the last twenty-three 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 86% 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

	2021 (N=256)	2022 (N=234)	2023 (N=230)	Three Year Average
Four year college	91%	83%	85%	86%
Two year college	3%	8%	8%	6%

Average ACT Scores

	2021 (N=258)		2022 (N=228)		2023 (N=231)		Three Year Average	
	WFB	WI	WFB	WI	WFB	WI	WFB	WI
English	25.4	18.9	22.6	18.3	25.1	18.3	24.3	18.5
Mathematics	25.5	19.9	23.5	19.3	24.7	19.2	24.5	19.5
Reading	26.1	20.3	23.8	19.7	25.5	19.9	25.1	20.0
Science	25.2	20.4	23.0	19.8	25.0	19.8	24.4	20.0
Composite	25.7	20.0	23.4	19.4	25.2	19.4	24.8	19.6

Advanced Placement Exam Scores

	2021 (N=789)	2022 (N=696)	2023 (N=782)
Average Score	3.50	3.7	3.8

National Merit Scholarship Program

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Commended	0	7	6	5	6	3	4
Semi-Finalists	12	7	6	4	7	9	6
Finalists	12	6	6	4	7	7	6

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	*not offered in 2023-2024

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)
Cultural Arts	9-12	Two credits in one of the following areas: Art, Drama, Music, Woodworking 1 & 2, or World Languages

2022-2023 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	A's		B's		C's		D's		F's		Total	GPA*
English	674	36.3%	779	41.9%	306	16.5%	88	4.7%	10	0.5%	1857	3.01
Mathematics	809	43.1%	667	35.5%	282	15.6%	101	5.4%	8	0.4%	1877	3.14
Science	799	44.4%	574	31.9%	318	17.7%	91	5.1%	19	1.1%	1801	3.13
Social Studies	855	46.4%	642	34.9%	244	13.3%	86	4.7%	14	0.8%	1841	3.21
Core Total	3137	42.5%	2662	36.1%	1150	15.8%	366	4.9%	51	0.7%	7376	3.12

*Grade distribution calculated without grade weights.

COLLEGES OF MATRICULATION

Alabama State Univ.	Dartmouth College	Maine Maritime Acad.	Univ. of Southern CA
University of Alabama	University of Dayton	Marian University	Univ. of Southern MS
Albany State University	University of Denver	Marist College	Saint Norbert College
Alcorn State University	DePaul University	Marquette University	St. Olaf College
Allegheny College	Drake University	Marshall University	Univ. of St. Thomas
Amherst College	Drexel University	MD Institute Coll of Arts	Syracuse University
Arizona State University	University of Dubuque	MIT	University of Tampa
University of Arizona	Duke University	McGill University	Temple University
Auburn University	Eastern Arizona College	Miami University	U of TN - Knoxville
Ball State University	Eastern Kentucky Univ.	Michigan State	Texas Southern Univ.
Barnard College	Edgewood College	University of Michigan	Ohio State University
Baylor University	Ellsworth Comm. Coll.	MATC	Tulane University
Belmont University	Emerson College	MIAD	US Air Force Academy
Benedictine University	Fairfield University	MSOE	US Naval Academy
Berklee Coll. of Music	Fashion Inst. of Tech.	U of Minnesota -Duluth	University of Dundee
Boston College	Ferris State University	University of Minnesota	University of Oregon
Boston University	Florida Southern Coll.	U of Missouri -Columbia	Univ. of St Andrews
Bowdoin College	Florida State University	U of Missouri -St Louis	University of Utah
Bradley University	University of Florida	Montana State Univ.	Vanderbilt University
Brigham Young Univ.	Fordham University	Morgan State University	University of Vermont
Brown University	Franklin U. Switzerland	Mount Mary University	Villanova University
Butler University	Georgetown University	U of Nebraska- Lincoln	University of Virginia
Cal Poly	University of Georgia	Univ. of New Haven	Wake Forest University
University of Calgary	Grand Valley State Univ.	U of NC - Chapel Hill	Washington University
UC - Berkeley	Grinnell College	ND State University	Univ. of Washington
UCLA	Gustavus Aldophus Coll.	North Park University	Western Kentucky Univ.
UC - San Diego	Hampshire College	Northeastern University	Winona State University
UC - Santa Cruz	Indiana University	Northern Arizona Univ.	University of Wisconsin-
Carleton College	University of Iowa	Northern Illinois Univ.	Eau Claire
Carnegie Mellon	Iowa State University	U of Northern Iowa	University of Wisconsin-
Carroll University	Ithaca College	Northern Michigan Univ.	Green Bay
Case Western Reserve	Jackson State Univ.	Northwestern University	University of Wisconsin-
Central College	John Carroll University	Notre Dame	La Crosse
University of Chicago	University of Kansas	Oberlin College	University of Wisconsin-
University of Cincinnati	Kentucky State Univ.	University of Pittsburgh	Madison
Clark Atlanta University	University of Kentucky	Point Park University	University of Wisconsin-
Clark University	King's College London	Pomona College	Milwaukee
Clemson University	Lake Forest College	Princeton University	University of Wisconsin-
Cleveland Inst. of Art	Lakeland University	Purdue University	Oshkosh
U of Colorado Boulder	Lawrence University	Ripon College	University of Wisconsin-
Colorado College	Lehigh University	University of Rochester	Parkside
Colorado Mountain Coll.	Lewis & Clark College	Roosevelt University	University of Wisconsin-
CO State U Fort Collins	Lewis University	Saint Louis University	Platteville
Columbia Chicago	Long Island University	San Diego State Univ.	University of Wisconsin-
Columbia University	University of Louisville	Santa Clara University	Stevens Point
Concordia University	Loyola Univ. Chicago	SCAD	University of Wisconsin-
Cornell University	Loyola Univ. Maryland	U of SC - Columbia	Whitewater
Creighton University	Macalester College	Univ. of South Florida	Xavier University
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