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Farmington Public Schools "Vision of the Global Citizen"

The mission of the Farmington Public Schools is to enable all students to achieve academic and personal excellence, exhibit persistent effort and live as resourceful, inquiring and contributing global citizens.

The School

Farmington High School, established in 1882, is a 4-year comprehensive high school with a reputation for academic excellence and an emphasis on preparing its 1,292 students for college. The school challenges all students to participate in a wide variety of rigorous curricular and co-curricular opportunities. The school is accredited through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. FPS is a National P21 Exemplar School District. The current senior class has 306 students.

The Community

Nestled in the Farmington River Valley yet only 15 miles west of the state capital, Farmington provides its 4,280 students with the advantages of a small town as well as access to educational and cultural opportunities in the Hartford region and in nearby Boston and New York City.

Curriculum

The Farmington Public Schools have developed a standards-based curriculum that defines what students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level and in each discipline. Our standards are meant to prepare our students to be productive citizens in a rapidly changing world that demands critical thinking and problem solving.

Graduation Requirements

Credit Requirements

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Humanities.....	9.0
STEM.....	9.0
P.E./ Health	2.0
World Language.....	1.0
VOGC Experience.....	1.0
Electives.....	3.0
Total.....	25

Standards Requirements

- Literacy
- Math
- Science
- World Language

Students meet these requirements through their high school coursework, meeting or exceeding "Goal" on Board of Education approved standardized tests such as the NGSS, PSAT, SAT and ACT, or through a portfolio of work.

Grade Point Average/Class Rank

Farmington High School does not rank students. The student's G.P.A. is cumulative and is based on the student's weighted numerical average (40-100) in Advanced Placement, Honors and College Preparatory courses.

Advanced Placement Courses

82% of this year's graduating class will have taken at least one of the following **27 AP courses** offered at FHS before graduating:

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| • African American Studies | • Environmental Science | • Physics C-Mechanics |
| • Biology | • European History | • PreCalculus |
| • Calculus AB and BC | • French Language & Culture | • Psychology |
| • Chemistry | • Human Geography | • Spanish Language & Culture |
| • Comparative Gov't & Politics | • Macro/Micro Economics | • Statistics |
| • Computer Science w/ App Inventor | • Music Theory | • Studio Art |
| • Computer Science w/Java | • Physics I | • US Government/Politics |
| • English Language | | • US History |
| • English Literature | | • World History |

Vision of the Global Citizen

- **Self-Aware Individual:** Students will know themselves and how to care for their well-being.
- **Empowered Learner:** Students are knowledgeable, reflective, and resourceful learners.
- **Disciplined Thinker:** Students can apply strategic thinking to develop ideas and solve problems.
- **Engaged Collaborator:** Students can work effectively and respectfully with diverse groups of people.
- **Civic-Minded Contributor:** Students can actively contribute to a civilized society.

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Class Profile – Class of 2023

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM	ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING
<p>PSAT/NMSQT</p> <p>Letters of Commendation: 18 National Merit Semi-Finalists: 5 National Merit Finalists: 5</p> <p>The PSAT is administered to all 10th and 11th grade students.</p> <p>The SAT is administered to all 11th grade students.</p>	<p>SAT I</p> <p>Participation: 100% of class Math Mean: 566 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Mean: 582</p> <p>ACT</p> <p>Participation: 16% of class Mean Composite: 26.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FHS is nationally ranked as one of the best high schools in America. AP Scholar Awards: AP Scholar (93), AP Scholar with Honor (36), AP Scholar with Distinction (85), AP Int'l Diploma (1) 77% of FHS juniors and seniors took one or more AP courses. 65% of juniors took the AP US History course. 507 students took 1224 AP Exams in 2023 (in 26 subjects, 24 which were offered at FHS). 72% of the FHS AP exam grades were a three or higher.

Academic and Extracurricular Highlights

- Activities:** Approximately 70% of all students were involved in the 80+ faculty sponsored clubs and last year, the FHS Social Justice Council was awarded the George A. Coleman Excellence in Equity Award. Fourteen intramural sports and activities offered.
- Athletics:** Approximately 60% of all students were involved in the athletics program which offers 36 interscholastic sports.
- AVID:** Advancement Via Individual Determination is an elective program designed to prepare students for college and career readiness.
- Capstone & ASPIRE:** These project-based courses align directly with our VOGC and allow students to commit themselves to a challenging independent learning experience focused on a personal passion, area of interest, and/or a possible career. Courses culminate with students presenting their work publicly. Currently, we have 113 students in 11 unique Capstone courses and 218 ASPIRE students in 20 unique ASPIRE courses.
- English:** 30 students will be inducted into the newly formed FHS chapter of National English Honor Society. The inaugural class will commit to the development of the FHS Writing Center and Tutoring Program. **Journalism:** The Voice, Farmington High School's student newspaper, was awarded the gold medal in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Medalist Critique three years in a row. **Theater:** The drama department was nominated for 16 HALO awards and won 2.
- Extended Learning Opportunities:** Opportunities include job shadows, career interviews, volunteer and service experiences, internships, and career exploration programs such as Junior Achievement and the ACE Mentor Program.
- Fine and Applied Arts:** Artists are frequently awarded Gold and Silver Keys in the CT Scholastics Art Competition, scholarships from the Avon Art Assoc., & recognition in the 5th District Congressional Art Competition. Student-made public art installations/murals are found along the bike trail, in local businesses, and non-profit organizations. Students engage in volunteer programs such as National Art Honor Society, Habitat for Humanity, and the Inter-District Mentoring Program.
- Math:** Our team tied for 1st place in the New England Math Competitions in our region, which consists of 7 schools. The team was also recognized as a high scoring school in the New England Math League. 5 students participated in the Mathematics Association of America (MAA) American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) at the national level and scored well enough to be invited to the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). Students also competed in MathCon at the local level & were invited to compete in the National MathCon Finals Competition, earning Honorable Mention.
- Music:** 80 students were selected for the Northern Regional Music Festival and 30 for Connecticut All-State Music Festival. The FHS music program has received the national award of "Best Communities for Music Education" and the state award of "CT Exemplary K-12 Music Program." Partnerships include the Farmington Senior Center, UConn Music, Hartt School, HSO, Stanley Whitman House and the Hillstead Museum.
- Science:** All 9th graders take physics as part of our "Physics First" curricular sequence. Project Lead the Way is offered to students interested in engineering. The FIRST Robotics team won the Engineering Excellence Award at the Western New England District Competition, the Engineering Inspiration Award at the Hartford District Competition, and the Judges Award at the New England FIRST Championships. 20 FHS students were selected for the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing for their computing-related achievements and interests; 4 of these students were recognized honorable mentions at the national level.
- World Language:** All students meeting the WL graduation standard reach the Intermediate Oral Proficiency Level as defined by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Students also have the opportunity to earn the Connecticut Seal of Biliteracy, demonstrating that they met their English Language requirements and reached at least an Intermediate-Mid Proficiency Level in Spanish or French.

Further Education:	92%	Post Graduate Plans	
Four Year Colleges:	79%	Class of 2023	Employment: 7%
Two Year Colleges/Tech Prep:	13%	Graduates: 296	Military: 1%
			Other: 0%

Members of the Class of 2023 were admitted to over 250 colleges and universities, including:

American University	Eastern CT State University	Michigan State University	Temple University	University of North Carolina
Amherst College	Endicott College	New York University	Trinity College	University of Notre Dame
Baylor University	Fairfield University	Northeastern University	Tufts University	University of Pittsburgh
Bentley University	Florida State University	Northwestern University	Tunxis Community College	University of Rhode Island
Boston College	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University	United States Military Academy	University of Rochester
Boston University	Georgetown University	Providence College	University of California	University of Saint Joseph
Bowdoin College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of Chicago	University of South Carolina
Brandeis University	Gettysburg College	Quinnipiac University	University of Connecticut	University of Vermont
Brown University	Indiana University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Delaware	University of Virginia
Bucknell University	James Madison University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Florida	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Carnegie Mellon University	Johns Hopkins University	Rutgers University	University of Hartford	Wesleyan University
Central CT State University	Lafayette College	Smith College	University of Maryland	West Virginia University
College of the Holy Cross	Lehigh University	Southern CT State University	University of Massachusetts	Western CT State University
Drexel University	Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Springfield College	University of Miami	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Duke University	Miami University, Oxford	Syracuse University	University of New Haven	Xavier University