

FARMINGTON



HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2024-2025

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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.

- **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.



The School | Farmington High School, established in 1882, is a 4-year comprehensive high school with a reputation for academic excellence. Identified in Newsweek as one of the top high schools in the country and ranked #5 in the state of Connecticut in 2023, more than 90 percent of our graduates continue on to two- or four- year colleges and more than 78% of graduates take one or more Advanced Placement courses during high school. With an emphasis on preparing all students for post-secondary education, Farmington High School offers a wide variety of rigorous curricular and co-curricular opportunities, including exceptional athletics, music, and visual arts programs. Accredited through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, students engage in 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, in alignment with our Vision of the Global Citizen, prepare all students to be resourceful, inquiring, and contributing citizens in a rapidly changing world that demands critical thinking and problem solving. The current senior class has 334 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.

The Curriculum

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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

- 9.0 Humanities
- 9.0 S.T.E.M.
- 2.0 P.E./ Health
- 1.0 World Language
- 1.0 VOGC Experience
- 3.0 Electives
- 25.0 Total**

Web Link to FHS Program of Studies

Standard Requirements

Literacy; Math; Science; World Language

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

Grade Point Average 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 80% of this year's graduating class will have taken at least one of the following 28 AP courses offered at FHS before graduating:

African American Studies
Biology
Calculus AB and BC
Chemistry
Comparative Gov't & Politics
Computer Science w/ App Inventor
Computer Science w/Java
English Language
English Literature

Environmental Science
European History
French Language & Culture
Human Geography
Macro/Micro Economics
Music Theory
Physics I
Physics C-Mechanics and
Electricity & Magnetism

Precalculus
Psychology
Spanish Language & Culture
Statistics
Studio Art
US Government/Politics
US History
World History

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM

The PSAT is administered to all 10th and 11th graders.
The SAT is administered to all 11th graders.

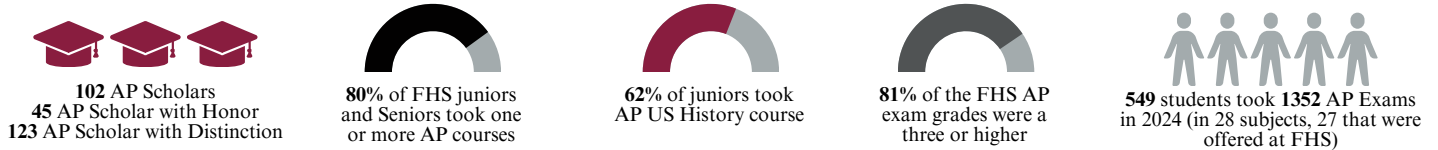
100% of Students participated in the SAT 11% of Students participated in the ACT



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING



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 were 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 60 students in 12 unique Capstone courses and 244 ASPIRE students in 17 unique ASPIRE courses.
- English** | 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** | 30 students participated in math competitions throughout the year. Our team placed 2nd in the New England Math Competitions in our region, which consists of 7 schools. Recognized as a high scoring school (cumulative) in the New England Math League, which consists of 123 schools. Two students among the top students who participated in the MAA American Mathematics Competitions nationwide; each qualified for the next level of math competition, the AIME, which is an invitational competition. Six students qualified for the national MathCon competition by scoring in the top 5% of their grade level on the online test.
- Music** | 80 students were selected for the Northern Regional Music Festival and 30 for Connecticut All-State Music Festival. National award for "Best Communities for Music Education" and 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; 4 of these students were recognized honorable mentions at the national level.
- Social Studies** | FHS Economics Team won the 2024 Harvard Pre-Collegiate Economics Competition. FHS Economics Team qualified for the National Economic Challenge final, one of eight teams to qualify nationally. Farmington's Euro Challenge Team qualified for the semifinals of the Euro Challenge. FBLA during the 23-24 school year had participation from over 90+ students and 50+ students qualified for State Competitions. First top 10 finish from a competitor in "Intro to Public Speaking." FHS Mock Trial competed at the New Britain Courthouse.
- 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 Bilingualism, demonstrating that they met their English Language requirements and reached at least an Intermediate-Mid Proficiency Level in Spanish or French.

POST SECONDARY PLANS

Members of the Class of 2024 were admitted to over 250 colleges and universities, including:



American University	Clark University	Georgia Institute of Tech.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	University of Delaware	Vanderbilt University
Amherst College	Clemson University	Gettysburg College	Rutgers University	University of Florida	Vassar College
Babson College	Colgate University	James Madison Univ.	Sacred Heart University	University of Hartford	Villanova University
Baylor University	College of Charleston	Lehigh University	Savannah College Art & Des.	University of Maryland	Virginia Tech.
Bentley University	Cornell University	Marist College	Skidmore College	Univ. of Massachusetts	Washington & Lee Univ.
Boston College	Drexel University	Michigan State Univ.	Smith College	University of Miami	Wellesley College
Boston University	Eastern CT State Univ.	New York University	Springfield College	Univ. of New Hampshire	Wentworth Int. of Tech.
Brandeis University	Elon University	Northeastern Univ.	The George Wash. Univ.	Univ. of North Carolina	Wesleyan University
Brown University	Emory University	Northwestern Univ.	Trinity College	Univ. of Pennsylvania	Western CT State Univ.
Bryant University	Endicott College	Pennsylvania State Univ.	Tufts University	Univ. of Rhode Island	Western New Eng. Univ.
Bucknell University	Fairfield University	Providence College	Tunxis - CT State	Univ. of Saint Joseph	Wheaton College
Case Western Univ.	Fordham University	Purdue University	University of California	University of Vermont	William & Mary
Central CT State. Univ.	Georgetown Univ.	Quinnipiac University	University of Connecticut	University of Virginia	Worcester Polytech. Inst.