

FARMINGTON



HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2025-2026

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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 better world community.



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 consistently ranked in the top 10 in the state of Connecticut, more than 90 percent of our graduates continue on to two- or four- year colleges and 80% 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

ADMINISTRATION

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*Director of Curriculum
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Principal

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Assistant Principal

Jeffrey Russell

Assistant Principal

Mary Lundquist

Dean of Students

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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.

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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 83% of this year's graduating class will have taken at least one of the following 27 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

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM

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

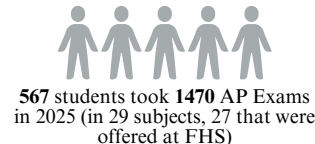
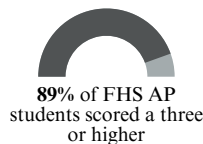
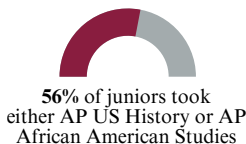
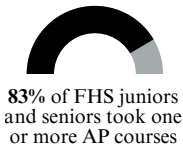
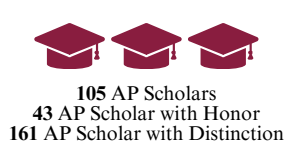
100% of Students participated in the SAT 5% of Students participated in the ACT



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 with multiple clubs receiving state, regional, and national recognition.
- Athletics** | Approximately 61% 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 72 students in 12 unique Capstone courses and 264 ASPIRE students in 14 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. Students' new stories have been recognized by Fox 61; students from the class have also been nominated for Fox 61's student news awards. Theater: The drama department was nominated for 17 HALO awards and won 6.
- 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.
- Health and PE** | 135 students in Grade 10 completed the full course requirements and became certified in First Aid and CPR. All Wellness 10 students were certified in First Aid Mental Health/ QPR and Suicide Prevention. 60% of all 10th grade students achieved the Healthy Fitness Zone across all four Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessments.
- 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. Students also have the option of taking courses in three science pathways: Biomedical Science, Computer Science, and Engineering. The FIRST Robotics team won the Gracious Professionalism Award at the Western New England District Competition, the Team Sustainability Award at the Hartford District Competition, and the Judges Award at the New England FIRST Championships. 28 FHS students were recognized for the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing Awards. The FHS Rocketry Club qualified for the national competition after participating in the American Rocketry Challenge. The FHS Rocketry Club participated in the American Rocketry Challenge. Science Bowl Team 1 won the regional competition and represented CT at the National Competition in Washington, D.C. and won the MIT Inaugural Wildcard Tournament. 36 HOSA students were finalist at the CT competition, with 26 qualifying for the International Leadership Competition. The Science Olympiad team scored in the Top 10 at the stat competition, earning 13 medals. 5 students won awards in the CT Science Fair, with 2 students receiving third honors, 3 students receiving second honors, and one student winning the Petit Family Foundation award for Women in STEM.
- Social Studies** | The work by the Economics Club was published by the Federal Reserve Bank. A team of 6 students made it to the national semifinals in the EuroChallenge.
- 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 2025 were admitted to over 250 colleges and universities, including:

American University	College of Charleston	Georgia Institute of Tech	New York University	Suffolk University	University of Vermont
Assumption University	Columbia University	Gettysburg College	Northeastern University	Syracuse University	University of Virginia
Auburn University	Connecticut College	Harvard University	Northwestern University	Temple University	Vanderbilt University
Babson College	CT State- Tunxis	Hawaii Pacific University	Pace University	The Ohio State University	Vassar College
Bates College	CT State- Manchester	High Point University	Pennsylvania State Univ	The University of Tampa	Villanova University
Baylor University	Cornell University	Hofstra University	Princeton University	The University of Tennessee	Virginia Tech
Bentley University	Dartmouth College	Illinois Institute of Tech	Providence College	The University of Texas	Wake Forest University
Boston College	Dickinson College	Indiana University	Purdue University	University of Alabama	Wellesley College
Boston University	Drexel University	Iona University	Quinnipiac University	University of California	Wentworth Institute of Tech
Bowdoin College	Eastern CT State Univ	Iowa State University	Rensselaer Polytech Institute	University of Connecticut	Wesleyan University
Brandeis University	Elon University	Ithaca College	Rice University	University of Florida	Western CT State University
Brown University	Emerson College	James Madison University	Rochester Institute of Tech	University of Hartford	William and Mary
Bryant University	Emmanuel College	Johns Hopkins University	Roger Williams University	University of Maine	Williams College
Bucknell University	Emory University	Johnson & Wales University	Rutgers University	University of Maryland	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
California Polytech State Univ	Endicott College	Lafayette College	Sacred Heart University	University of Massachusetts	Yale University
Carnegie Mellon Univ	Fairfield University	Landmark College	Salve Regina University	University of Michigan	
Case Western Reserve Univ	Florida Institute of Tech	Lehigh University	Skidmore College	University of New Hampshire	Sampling of Tech/Trade Schools:
Central CT State Univ	Florida Polytechnic Univ	Loyola University	Smith College	University of North Carolina	Bristol Tech Education Center
Champlain College	Florida State University	Marist University	Springfield College	University of Notre Dame	Construction Education Center
Clark University	Fordham University	Middlebury College	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania	Culinary Institute of America
Clemson University	George Washington Univ	Mitchell College	Stevens Institute of Tech	University of Pittsburgh	Lincoln Tech Institute
Colby College	Georgetown University	New Jersey Institute of Tech	Stonchill College	University of Rhode Island	Midlands Tech College
Colgate University		New York Institute of Tech	Stony Brook University	University of Richmond	Various apprenticeships

96% of Graduates Plan to Pursue Further Education

11% Two-Year School 4% Tech/Trade School 3% Employment 1% Military

