

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Community

The Town of Wolcott, located in New Haven County between the large cities of Hartford and Waterbury, was incorporated in 1796. It is a growing residential community with stable commercial and industrial resources. Its population of approximately 16,200 shows support of its three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school with two alternative programs.

School

Wolcott High School is a four-year comprehensive high school serving approximately 735 students in grades nine through twelve. It is fully accredited by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Class of 2019 Post Secondary Plans: 210 Students

2-Year and 4-Year Colleges: 74%

Technical Schools: 9.5%

Military: 4%

Employment: 7.1%

Faculty and Staff

72 teachers

1 school psychologist

9 full-time paraprofessionals

1 SHAPE counselor

3 security aides

4 school counselors

1 reading specialist

6 secretarial and clerical staff

1 speech and language specialist

1 social worker

1 career center specialist

1 school nurse

1 transition coordinator

School Schedule and Total Instruction Time

Total instructional time for the school year is 910 hours. The high school operates on a block schedule. Each block is 75 minutes long. Students meet periods 1 through 4 on an "A" Day and 5 through 8 on a "B" Day. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6.5 credits per year. A school year consists of two semesters. Both full year and semester classes are available. Classes that meet every day for a full year earn 1 credit and classes that meet every day for one semester earn .50 credit. A student Flex/Discovery Program meets for 35 minutes daily throughout the academic year for intervention and enrichment.

Course Levels

- Advanced Placement (AP)/UConn ECE courses provide instruction for students whose academic performance is among the highest of students at that grade level and in that particular academic discipline in which the course is offered. Students taking these courses exhibit the highest level of intellectual curiosity and critical thinking skills and are dedicated to performing academic work. These courses demand a very serious commitment of time and effort, both in and outside of the classroom.

- **Honors courses** are designed for the student whose academic performance is well above grade level and is committed to academic work. Students who perform at this level exhibit high degrees of imagination and the ability to draw conclusions, analyze and synthesize information. These courses require a serious commitment of student time and effort, both in and outside of the classroom.
- **College and Career Readiness courses** are designed for students who will continue their education at a two or four-year college, university or specialized school. Instruction is designed to develop higher level verbal, writing and study skills and to increase content knowledge. These courses also develop abstract, complex language concepts.

Rank and Course Levels

Rank is determined by student performance in courses based on this scale:

- AP/UConn ECE courses have a factor of 1.20
- Honors Courses have a factor of 1.10
- College and Career Readiness courses have a factor of 1.00

Courses, Carnegie Unit Requirements, and District Performance Standards

To graduate from Wolcott High School, a student must have earned a minimum of 23 units and must have met the Carnegie Unit distribution requirement. Beginning with the class of 2023 a minimum of 25 units must be earned.

Carnegie unit distribution requirements:

The following courses must be passed.

English	4 units
Mathematics	3 units
Science	3 units
Social Studies	3 units (includes 1 credit US History & .5 credit – Civics)
Arts, Applied Education, or Technology Education	1 unit (total or combined)
Wellness	2 units
Elective courses	7 units (over 4 years)
Community service	40 hours (10 per school year)

Grading System

Report cards are issued quarterly. Progress reports are available electronically every day during the school year via the PowerSchool portal.

90-100 Excellent      80-89 Above average      70-79 Average      65-69 Below average      64 and below Failing

Honor Roll

An honor roll is published at the end of each marking period. It is calculated as an unweighted numerical average using credit value per marking period.

High honors	Average 92 or above (no grade lower than 70 in any subject)
First honors	Average of 87 to 91 or above (no grade lower than 70 in any subject)
Second honors	Average 82 to 86 or above (no grade lower than 70 in any subject)

Extracurricular Activities

15 team sports (members of NVL conference) for males and females      25 clubs and organizations

Honor Societies

National Honor Society	Spanish National Honor Society	French National Honor Society
Science National Honor Society	Tri-M Music Honor Society	National Technical Honor Society
National Art Honor Society	Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society	

### Comprehensive Offerings and Programs

University of Connecticut (UConn) Early College Experience (ECE) courses:

UConn ECE English	UConn ECE Calculus	UConn ECE Statistics
UConn ECE Physics	UConn ECE Applied Mechanics I	UConn ECE U.S. History Since 1877
UConn ECE American Studies	UConn ECE Spanish Composition	UConn ECE Medical Terminology
UConn ECE Chemistry	UConn ECE French	UConn ECE Philosophy

Advanced Placement (AP) courses:

AP Biology	AP Psychology	AP US Government and Politics
AP Studio Art		

Honors courses are offered in English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Applied Education, and Music

Other programs:

Nursing Assistant Certification

Capstone project

SHAPE (Self Help and Personal Enrichment)

Step

Phoenix

Partnership Programs with local community colleges

Bristol Technical Education

Special Education Programs in compliance with State and federal statutes. Wolcott High School provides a wide range of programs and services designed to meet the specific educational needs of students whose handicaps have resulted in disabilities.

All students must take the SAT during grade 11, as State law requires.

SAT School day mean scores - Class of 2020:

EBRW: 527

Math: 522

Total: 1049

202 tests taken

### School to Career/Career/Naviance Succeed and Career Cruising Computer Programs

All students will be introduced to this program which takes each individual student through the process of matching his or her individual interests and talents with the "world of work." It provides the information students need to make intelligent decisions regarding their future. Highlights and benefits of this program include:

- Identification of career possibilities compatible with each student's talents and interests
- Suggestions regarding relevant high school course selections
- Descriptions of educational and training requirements
- Listing of post-secondary schools (2 & 4 year colleges and vocational/technical schools) that provide the necessary education and training

### Student Success Plan

All students have an individualized, student driven plan that is developed to address every student's needs and interests. This plan helps them stay connected in school and achieve post-secondary educational and career goals.