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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 699 students in grades nine through twelve. It is fully accredited by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Class of 2020 Post Secondary Plans: 207 Students

2-Year and 4-Year Colleges: 73.5%

Technical Schools: 9.2%

Military: 4.8%

Employment: 5.3%

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. Freshmen and sophomores must be enrolled in a minimum of 7.0 credits per year and juniors and seniors 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 1.0 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.

COVID-19 Information:

As with many high schools across the nation, COVID-19 impacted Wolcott High School students and faculty. During the 2019-2020 school year, students started on-line learning March 2020. Due to the stressors and impact of this situation, students received either a Pass, Fail, or Incomplete grade on their Quarter 4 report card. If a student received an Incomplete grades, students had until August 14, 2020 to complete their work. Additionally, following State guidelines, Class Rank and GPA were calculated based on the 2019-2020 Semester 1 grade only. Please see the individual student's transcript for additional COVID-19 related grading notes.

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:

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 Statistics

UConn ECE Physics

UConn ECE U.S. History Since 1877

UConn ECE American Studies

UConn ECE Spanish

UConn ECE Medical Terminology

UConn ECE Chemistry

UConn ECE French Global Culture

UConn ECE Philosophy

Advanced Placement (AP) courses:

AP Biology

AP Psychology

AP US Government and Politics

AP Studio Art

AP Calculus AB

AP Spanish

AP French Global Culture

Honors courses are offered in English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Applied Education, and Music. Lab Sciences: Chemistry, Physics and Biology

Other programs:

Nursing Assistant Certification

Capstone project

SHAPE (Self Help and Personal Enrichment)

STEP

Phoenix

Partnership Programs- 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 in Grade 11, as State law requires.

SAT School Day mean scores - Class of 2020 (The Class of 2021 did not take the SAT School Day in the Spring due to COVID):

EBRW: 527; Math: 522; Total: 1049; 202 tests taken

Advanced Placement Information

2020 AP Scholar Report:

We had 11 AP Scholars (3.91 average score), 3 AP Scholars with Honor (3.83 average score), and 1 AP Scholar with Distinction (4.83 average score).

2020 - 5 Year Score Report Summary:

Percentage of total AP Students with scores 3+: 79% in 2020