

PROFILE 2024-2025

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ABOUT WCDS

Westchester Country Day School is an independent, nonsectarian school that prepares students in grades PK-12 for college, career and community impact. To create the best possible foundation for students to flourish, WCDS fosters a love of learning and openness to explore what is possible. The 53-acre campus in Davidson County welcomes students from throughout the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina. WCDS is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

MISSION

To cultivate responsible citizens and leaders by embracing all backgrounds and nurturing personal excellence.

PHILOSOPHY

Westchester seeks to educate each child toward **moral, academic, artistic, and athletic excellence** in a community-centered environment that fosters independent thinking, personal growth, and service to others. The challenging college-preparatory program integrates academics with fine arts offerings, athletic opportunities, and community service projects in support of the mission. Because we believe character education is critical to lifelong success, we cultivate honor, respect, responsibility, compassion, and service through all academic and extracurricular activities.

STATEMENT OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING

We firmly believe our continued pursuit of excellence demands an emphasis on the values of diversity, inclusion, and belonging. WCDS is committed to creating and sustaining an environment of respect. We celebrate and recognize that much is learned from many different perspectives and identities in a diverse community. By honoring differences, we build a community of belonging and success for all.

HONORS, ADVANCED & AP COURSES

Core academic courses in the Upper School are designated **Honors** to reflect accurately the rigor of the curriculum. **Advanced** courses, marked by one asterisk (*) on the transcript, have expectations beyond Honors courses and receive one additional quality point. **AP** courses, marked by two asterisks (**) on the transcript, follow College Board's curriculum and carry two additional quality points. Students taking AP courses must take the exams in May. Students are approved for both Advanced and AP courses based on teacher recommendations and past performance.

CLASS OF 2025

Students in the Senior Class: 37
Students who took at least 1 AP class: 32
AP Scholars: 18
Mean Weighted GPA: 4.271
Mean SAT: 1108

CLASS RANK & GRADE POINT SYSTEM

Westchester does not rank its students. WCDS GPAs are calculated using a weighted system on a 4.0 scale. An unweighted GPA is available upon request. Only courses taken at WCDS are used in the computation of a Westchester GPA.

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range	Grade Point
A+	98 – 100	4.00
A	93 – 97	4.00
A-	90 – 92	3.75
B+	87 – 89	3.50
B	83 – 86	3.00
B-	80 – 82	2.75
C+	77 – 79	2.50
C	73 – 76	2.00
C-	70 – 72	1.75
D+	67 – 69	1.50
D	63 – 66	1.00
D-	60 – 62	0.75
F	Below 60	0.00

WCDS BY THE NUMBERS

1967
Year founded

461
Total enrollment
Pre-K through 12

8:1
Student-teacher ratio

60
Teaching faculty

57%
Teaching faculty with
advanced degrees

17
Average number of years
teaching experience

14
Median class size

46%
Students receiving
tuition assistance

100%
2024 graduates offered
admission to colleges
and universities

For a list of college acceptances,
visit www.westchestercds.org.



WCDS UPPER SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

121

Total Students in the
Upper School

185

AP exams taken in 2024

71%

AP exam pass rate,
average score 3.2

49%

Students in at least
one arts program

85%

Students on at least one
sports team

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Westchester operates on a **semester system** with a rotating schedule. Students typically enroll in six courses that each meet four times per week. Attempting fewer than 6 credits per year (courses split evenly between two semesters) requires approval by the Head of Upper School. Standard courses for each grade level are underlined. 9th and 10th graders are limited to 1 AP course per year. In general, 11th graders take no more than 3 AP courses but may take 4 with approval. In general, 12th graders take no more than 4 AP courses but may take up to 6 with approval.

Subject	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 4 credits; English required every year	<u>English 9 Honors</u>	<u>English 10 Honors</u> Advanced English 10 Advanced Humanities	<u>American Literature Honors</u> AP English Language	<u>World Literature Honors</u> AP English Literature
Mathematics 4 credits, including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and a higher level course for which Algebra 2 is a prerequisite; math required every year	<u>Algebra 1 Honors</u> <u>Geometry Honors</u> <u>Algebra 2 Honors</u>	<u>Geometry Honors</u> <u>Algebra 2 Honors</u> Functions & Modeling Honors Advanced Pre-Calculus	<u>Algebra 2 Honors</u> <u>Functions & Modeling Honors</u> Advanced Pre-Calculus AP Statistics	Functions & Modeling Honors <u>Statistics Honors</u> Advanced Pre-Calculus AP Statistics AP Calculus AB
Social Studies 3.5 credits, including US Government, Human Geography, World History, and US History <i>Recommend 4 years of social studies</i>	<u>US Government Honors (.5 credit)</u> <u>Human Geography Honors</u> AP Human Geography	<u>World History Honors</u> AP World History	<u>US History Honors</u> AP US History AP Psychology	AP European History AP Psychology
Sciences 3 credits, including Biology and Chemistry <i>Recommend 4 years of science</i>	<u>Biology Honors</u>	<u>Experimental Physics Honors</u> <u>Chemistry Honors</u> Environmental Science Honors Advanced Marine Biology Advanced Engineering	<u>Experimental Physics Honors</u> <u>Chemistry Honors</u> Environmental Science Honors Advanced Engineering AP Biology (2 credits) AP Physics 1 AP Chemistry (2 credits)	
Modern Languages (2 credits of the same language in consecutive courses) <i>Recommend 4 years of a language</i>	<u>Mandarin 2 Honors</u> <u>Spanish 1 Honors</u> <u>Spanish 2 Honors</u>	<u>Advanced Mandarin 3</u> <u>Advanced Mandarin 4</u> <u>Advanced Spanish 3</u> <u>Advanced Spanish 4</u>	<u>AP Chinese Language & Culture</u> <u>AP Spanish Language & Culture</u>	
Health/Physical Education .5 credit for Health	<u>Health (.5 credit)</u>	The PE requirement (equivalent to .5 credit for Physical Education) may be met through participation in one or more seasons of JV or Varsity team membership at WCDS or comparable time dedicated to community athletic programs or disciplines.		
Fine Arts 1 credit *Select courses taken for a third year are deemed Advanced and receive one extra quality point.	<u>Art 1</u> <u>Art 2</u> <u>Advanced Art</u> <u>AP Art & Design</u>	<u>Contemporary Music Ensemble*</u> <u>Music Appreciation</u> <u>Concert Choir*</u> <u>AP Music Theory</u>	<u>Play Production*</u> <u>Film History & Production</u> <u>Yearbook*</u>	
Electives 3 credits At least one must be an additional unit of English, math, social studies, science, or modern language.	Fine Arts courses in excess of the required credit; Introduction to Computer Science; additional courses offered within the English, Sciences, Social Studies, Modern Languages, or Mathematics departments			
Minimum Credits in Grades 9-12 Required for Graduation: 21 <i>Recommended credits for graduation: 24</i>	Additional, non-coursework requirements for graduation are the PE Requirement and Senior Capstone Project. The Senior Capstone Project is a year-long endeavor that requires research, public speaking, and an internship. A minimum number of service hours is not a graduation requirement. As indicated by our mission, service is part of our school culture, and therefore students complete service hours on their own initiative.			

DISCLOSURE POLICY

It is WCDS policy to report only those disciplinary infractions from ninth grade forward resulting in our most serious disciplinary action, which we define as out-of-school suspension or dismissal from the school. WCDS will decline to answer any question asking us to acknowledge whether or not we are aware if a student has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime.