

West Seattle High School – WESTSIDE PRIDE!

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Mission Statement: Our mission is to raise our young learners to demonstrate the skills that foster readiness for colleges, careers, and civic responsibilities within our local and global communities. We aim to target the personal wisdom and diversity within each individual and to interweave these cultural nuances into our school community. The foundation of a strong, supportive, and safe schoolhouse will be fundamentally driven by the following roles and responsibilities of each constituent: every student a **learner**; every parent* a **partner**; every staff member a **leader**; every community member a **mentor**.

**a person who raises or cares for another*

Accreditation: (National Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities)

- Founded in **1902**, we are over 100 years old and we are the **Wildcats!**
- We share a proud association with the West Seattle High School Foundation and the West Seattle Alumni Association (largest Alumni Association in the nation).
- Our current enrollment is **1,367** students. WSHS had the **highest attendance rate among all high schools for the 2005-2006 school year at 92%**.
- Ethnicity: Asian-22%; African American-15%; Latino-14%; Native American-2%; Caucasian-47%.
- Free and Reduced Lunch: 30%

Class Structure:

- Four period block schedule; 85 minute class periods. One semester = one credit

Academics:

- 10th Grade Honors (LA and History)
- Honors Math: Math 2 – Pre-calculus
- AP Language Arts 11 (2 credits)
- AP Language Arts 12 (2 credits)
- AP United States History
- AP Calculus (2 credits)
- AP Government (1 credit)
- French 1 - 4
- Spanish 1 - 4
- French Student Exchange program
- Art – including Digital and Traditional Photography, Drawing & Painting and Ceramics
- Diversified Physical Education Program
- State-of-the-Art Auto Shop and Wood Shop
- Business – Marketing, Fashion Merchandizing, Web Page Design, Accounting
- Child Development, Health and Specialized Nutrition Classes
- Pro-Start, specialized culinary arts program affiliated with restaurant industry
- Computer Arts – including Intro to Engineering, Animation and Building/Repairing Hardware
- Running Start. This program provides eligible juniors and seniors the opportunity to attend a community college and earn high school and college credits simultaneously.
- Music including Band and Choir
- Drama. Students perform in 3 productions per year. The winter production is student directed and the spring performance is a musical.
- Science – including Genetics, Physics, Advanced Chemistry and Forensics
- Environmental Science Academy
This academy is a small learning community that integrates sciences, social studies and language arts. Students develop research skills and create projects relevant to community needs. Students participate in the academy sophomore and junior years and produce an independent senior research project in an environmentally related topic.
- Video Production
- Broadcast Journalism
- MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement)
- Psychology, Law and Society, Contemporary Problems, Ethnic Studies, Sociology, History in Film
- Full range ESL programming with interpreters in Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian
- Full range IEP programming and support

Grading System:

- WSHS assigns a cumulative and unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Class rank, based on GPA, is determined by quarter final grades which carry credit. Failing grades are reported as N for no credit and are not computed into the GPA. P is given for pass and is not computed into the GPA.

<p>Advanced Placement:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSHS offers 5 AP courses. All courses earn two credits, with the exception of AP Government, which earns one credit. In 2007, 157 students took AP subject tests. 	<p style="text-align: center;">WSHS AP Test Results for May 2007</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2"></th> <th rowspan="2">Number Taken</th> <th colspan="5">Score</th> </tr> <tr> <th>5</th> <th>4</th> <th>3</th> <th>2</th> <th>1</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Calculus AB</td> <td>15</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>US History</td> <td>27</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>US Government & Politics</td> <td>31</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>13</td> <td>12</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>English Language & Comp.</td> <td>51</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> <td>16</td> <td>22</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>English Literature & Comp.</td> <td>33</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>13</td> <td>18</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td>157</td> <td>7</td> <td>23</td> <td>55</td> <td>61</td> <td>11</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Number Taken	Score					5	4	3	2	1	Calculus AB	15	3	5	5	0	2	US History	27	2	6	8	9	2	US Government & Politics	31	0	2	13	12	4	English Language & Comp.	51	2	8	16	22	3	English Literature & Comp.	33	0	2	13	18	0	Total:	157	7	23	55	61	11
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