



# Washburn High School

## 2016-2017 School Profile

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## School

Built in 1925, Washburn is one of seven public high schools in Minneapolis. The school has an enrollment of 1644 students in grades 9-12. The 2017 senior class numbers 354 students. Washburn is accredited by the Minnesota Department of Education and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

## Community

Washburn High School is located in the Tangletown neighborhood of south Minneapolis amidst the city's beautiful lakes and parkways. The city of Minneapolis with a population near 400,000 is the urban hub of metropolitan area of over two million people. Minneapolis is nationally recognized for innovative education, recreation and arts initiatives.

## Mission

Through intercultural understanding and respect, WHS's mission is to ensure students' academic and social growth in an environment that fosters active student involvement while nurturing compassionate life-long learners and global citizens. Education at Washburn takes place within integrated/inclusive classrooms where instruction focuses on raising the achievement of all students thereby narrowing the gaps between the highest and the lowest performing students and eliminating the racial predictability and disproportionality of which student groups occupy the highest and lowest achievement categories.

## Curriculum Description

A comprehensive curriculum emphasizes preparation for college. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme was authorized beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. Along with college-level coursework, students are engaged in independent research and creative, physical and community service activities, all of which can lead to the awarding of the internationally-recognized International Baccalaureate Diploma.

## Rigorous Coursework

### International Baccalaureate:

IB HL Language & Lit.	IB SL Physics
IB HL Literature	IB SL Chemistry
IB SL Biology	IB SL Math
IB SL/HL French	IB SL Math Studies
IB SL/HL Spanish	IB HL Math
IB Theory of Knowledge	IB HL Visual Arts
IB HL Hist. Americas	IB SL Visual Arts
IB SL Environmental Systems & Societies	
IB SL Sports Exercise and Health	

**Advanced Placement:** Statistics, US History, Human Geography (beginning Class of 2018), English Literature (beginning Class of 2019).

## Course Rigor Determination

*As Washburn's programming changes from year to year, it is critical to note that every fall, the Counseling staff reviews each senior transcript as a team and objectively determines, through a scoring system, the rigor of each student's 4-year course load. This determination can be found on the Common App Counselor Report of any individual institutional college report which requires such rating. Please call the student's counselor if you have further questions.*

## Graduation Requirements

Students need 21.5 credits to qualify for graduation. Students can register for 7 classes (3.5 credits) per semester. Required credits include the following:

English: 4 credits  
Social Studies: 4 credits  
Math: 3 credits  
Science: 3 credits  
Phy Ed: 1 credit  
Health: 1 credit  
Fine Arts: 1 credit  
Electives: 4.5 credits

85.6% of the students from the Class of 2016 who were enrolled at Washburn through May 2016 graduated with their class.

## Grading System

Washburn operates on a 7-period day. Students receive a letter grade at the end of each 9-week quarter. Washburn does rank students but **does not** weight grades. Both rank and GPA are cumulative and computed quarterly for all courses taken in which a letter grade is received. Each letter grade is assigned a numerical point value. The number of grade points is divided by the number of total grades to determine GPA. Minnesota offers a dual post-secondary enrollment (PSEO) which allows qualified students to take courses at local colleges and universities. PSEO courses' letter grades are included in GPA and rank determination.

A = 4.00	C = 2.00
A- = 3.67	C- = 1.67
B+ = 3.33	D+ = 1.33
B = 3.00	D = 1.00
B- = 2.67	D- = 0.67
C+ = 2.33	F = 0.00

Courses designated Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) are Pass/Fail. These grades are not calculated as part of GPA.

## Student Demographics

In the last six years a district-wide shift from open attendance policies to a commitment to proximate, community schools has resulted in. Still, Washburn has a very ethnically and socioeconomically diverse student body. More than 15 different languages are spoken at Washburn and 43% of our students meet federal poverty guidelines qualifying them for free or reduced lunch.

White American: 53.2%  
African American: 22.2%  
Hispanic American: 17.5%  
Asian American: 4.9%  
Native American: 2.2%

## Special Programs

- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- AVID
- Educational Talent Search
- Upward Bound
- Project Success
- Genesys Works

## Post-Secondary Plans

The matriculation of the 3036 includes 80% who were planning to attend a post-secondary institution. 53% were planning on attending a 4-year college or university and 27% were planning on attending a 2-year community or technical college. 20% were planning on enlisting in the military, entering the workforce or taking a "gap year." The ACT is mandated for all Minneapolis Public Schools for all students. 94.7% of all Washburn seniors took the ACT. The average score was 22.12. The average ACT score for students who chose to take at least one additional ACT on a national test date was 24.08.

## Extracurricular Activities

**Sports:** Alpine Skiing, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Mountain Biking, Nordic Skiing, Rugby, Sailing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Wrestling

**Other:** Choir, Concert Band, Gay/Straight Alliance, Jazz Ensemble, National Honor Society, Orchestra, Policy Debate, Robotics, Student Government, Yearbook, Musical Theater



STUDENTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2016 WERE ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS

Academy of Art University	Duke University
Alabama A&M University*	Dunwoody College of Technology
Alexandria Technical and Community College	Eckerd College
The University of Arizona	Elmhurst College
The Art Institutes International Minnesota	Emory University*
Augsburg College*	Flagler College
Augustana University (South Dakota)*	Florida Southern College*
Beloit College*	University of Florida
Bemidji State University*	Fort Lewis College*
Bennington College	The George Washington University*
Blackhawk Technical College*	Goucher College
Bradley University	Grinnell College
Brandeis University	Gustavus Adolphus College*
Bridgewater College	Hamline University*
Brigham Young University, Idaho*	Hennepin Technical College*
Bryn Mawr College*	Hillsborough Community College*
Butler University	Hofstra University
University of California, Berkeley*	Humber College*
University of California, Davis	University of Illinois at Chicago
University of California, Irvine	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of California, Santa Barbara	Illinois Wesleyan University
Carthage College	Iowa Lakes Community College*
Case Western Reserve University	Iowa State University*
Clarke University	The University of Iowa*
Coe College	Iowa Western Community College
Colby College*	Kalamazoo College
Colorado College*	Kansas State University*
University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Kansas*
University of Colorado at Denver	Lake Forest College*
Colorado State University*	Lehigh University
Columbia College Chicago	Lewis & Clark College
Concordia College - Moorhead	Loyola Marymount University
Connecticut College*	Loyola University Chicago*
Creighton University*	Luther College*
Dakota County Technical College*	Macalester College*
Denison University	Manchester University*
DePaul University	University of Manitoba*
DePauw University	McGill University
Drake University	

Metropolitan State University\*  
Miami University, Oxford\*  
University of Miami  
Miami-Dade College  
Michigan State University  
University of Michigan  
Mills College\*  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College\*  
Minnesota State University, Mankato\*  
University of Minnesota, Duluth\*  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities\*  
University of Mississippi  
George Washington University  
University of Missouri Columbia  
University of Missouri Kansas City  
Montana State University, Bozeman  
The University of Montana, Missoula\*  
Morehouse College\*  
Mount Holyoke College  
Normandale Community College\*  
New College of Florida  
New York University  
North Dakota State University\*  
University of North Dakota\*  
Northern Michigan University\*  
Northern State University\*  
Northwestern College  
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences\*  
Occidental College\*  
University of Oregon  
Pennsylvania State University - All Campuses\*  
Providence College  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes College  
Ridgewater College\*  
Roanoke College  
Rockhurst University  
Roosevelt University\*  
Saint John's University (MN)\*  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Saint Michael's College\*  
Saint Paul College\*  
University of San Francisco  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Seneca College of Applied Arts & Technology  
Sheridan College Institute of Technology\*  
South Dakota State University\*  
University of South Dakota  
St. Catherine University - Minneapolis  
St. Catherine University - St. Paul\*  
St. Cloud State University\*  
St. Cloud Technical & Community College\*  
St. Olaf College\*  
College of St. Scholastica  
University of St. Thomas\*  
Syracuse University  
The Ohio State University  
Trinity International University\*  
Union College  
University of Northwestern\*  
Upper Iowa University  
University of Utah  
Valparaiso University  
Vassar College\*  
Viterbo University\*  
Wartburg College  
University of Washington  
Whitman College  
Willamette University  
Winona State University\*  
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire\*  
University of Wisconsin, Green Bay\*  
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse  
University of Wisconsin, Madison\*  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee\*  
University of Wisconsin, Platteville  
University of Wisconsin, River Falls\*  
University of Wisconsin, Stout\*  
The College of Wooster  
Xavier University

\*Where the class of 2016 attended college