

**CEEB CODE**  
**470026**

**2018-2019**  
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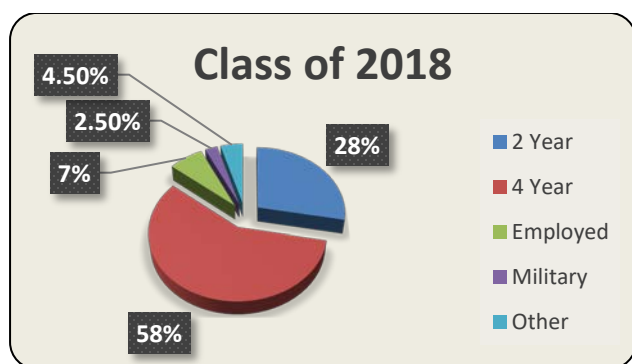
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**HONORS COURSES:** Honors classes (except for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year of French, German, Spanish and Latin, STEM Engineering, Stem Advanced Engineering and Emerging Technology and STEM Advanced Electronics & Robotics) are labeled with (HN) on the student's transcript. **Honors course are weighted with an additional 0.5 quality point.** In addition to the courses just named, the honors courses offered are: English 9,10,11,12, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Precalculus with Trig, Biology, Chemistry, Geosystems, World History and Geography 1 & 2, VA & US History, and VA and US Government.

Through an annual survey of all seniors, the class of 2018 reported these postsecondary plan intentions

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT:** Advanced Placement courses are indicated by the designation (AP) preceding the course title on the transcript. **AP courses are weighted with an additional 1.0 quality point.** WPHS offers the following advanced placement courses for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government & Politics, Computer Science A, Government, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, German Language, Human Geography, Latin, Macro/Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, U.S. History. World History and Human Geography are available to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**DUAL ENROLMENT COURSES:** Dual Enrollment classes, designated with a DE (except for Multivariable/Matrix Algebra) after their title are semester-long classes approved for high school credit as well as college credit through the Northern Virginia Community College system. **DE courses are weighted with an additional 1.0 quality point.** They are English 12 and Entrepreneurship. Other Dual Enrollment options are available through FCPS Academy programs.

*Achievement - Mean SAT Scores*

	2018		2017	
	<u>Reading and Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Critical Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>
State	563	547	560	541
WPHS	582	574	571	554

*Achievement - Average ACT Scores*

	2018		2017	
	<u>Total Tested</u>	<u>Composite</u>	<u>Total Tested</u>	<u>Composite</u>
State	21,518	23.9	25,518	23.8
WPHS	142	25.2	205	24.2

**SAT and ACT statistics provided by College Boards and ACT respectively. The scores above represent the averages of both West Potomac High School and the state of Virginia averages for public school students in the class of 2018.**

**Mission Statement – Fairfax County Public School inspires and empowers students to meet high academic standards, lead healthy, ethical lives, and be responsible and innovative global citizens.**

#### Community

FCPS is the tenth largest school system in the nation with approximately 189,870 students attending 198 schools and centers. Twenty-nine percent of all students are projected to receive services for English learners (EL). Fourteen percent are projected to receive special education services.

Located in Fairfax County, Virginia, FCPS is the most populous jurisdiction in Virginia and the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, with more than one million residents. West Potomac is located near the Potomac River between Mt. Vernon and the city of Alexandria and opened in 1985 combining two existing schools.

#### 2018-19 Information as of 11/5/18

**Enrollment: 2580**

**Seniors: 576**

#### **Demographic:**

Asian 7%

Black 17%

Hispanic 35%

White: 37%,

Other: 4%

Free/Reduce Lunch: 47%

**\*\*Fairfax County Public Schools Do Not Assign Class Rank\***

#### FCPS Curriculum

The instructional program for FCPS is defined by the **Program of Studies**. This comprehensive rigorous curriculum contains benchmarks outlined in the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL).

**Six high school academies** offer technical and specialized courses not found at all high schools. Career and Technical Education (CTE), fine arts, and world languages courses are accessed by students from all high schools. CTE courses offer numerous credentialing opportunities for students who pass industry certification exams. Approximately 25% of WPHS students attend one of these academies as part of their class day.

#### Graduation Requirements

Requirements for graduation can be found at:

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/graduation-requirements-and-course-planning>

FCPS has additional requirements for the standard diploma beyond those of the Virginia Board of Education. Students must earn three credits in science in three different lab areas and four credits in social studies for an FCPS standard diploma.

The web address of the **FCPS district postsecondary profile** can be found at

<https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/postsecondary-profile>

#### Grading System

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all high school courses for which credit has been earned, attempted, and previously awarded. High School courses taken in middle school may be expunged from the high school transcript. The parent must submit a request within nine weeks of his/her child entering an FCPS high School

A (93-100) = 4.0

A- (90-92) = 3.7

B+ (87-89) = 3.3

B (83-86) = 3.0

B- (80-82) = 2.7

C+ (77-79) = 2.3

C (73-76) = 2.0

C- (70-72) = 1.7

D+ (67-69) = 1.3

D (64-66) = 1.0

F (below 64) = 0.0

P = Pass

WP= Withdrawal Pass

WF = Withdrawal Fail

T = Audit (No Credit)

NM= No Mark (No Credit)

#### Disclosure of Student Disciplinary Infractions

It is the student's responsibility to disclose discipline infractions to postsecondary institutions. FCPS does not disclose students' disciplinary information without express written consent from the parent or guardian or eligible student.