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**2021-22**  
**West Potomac High School**

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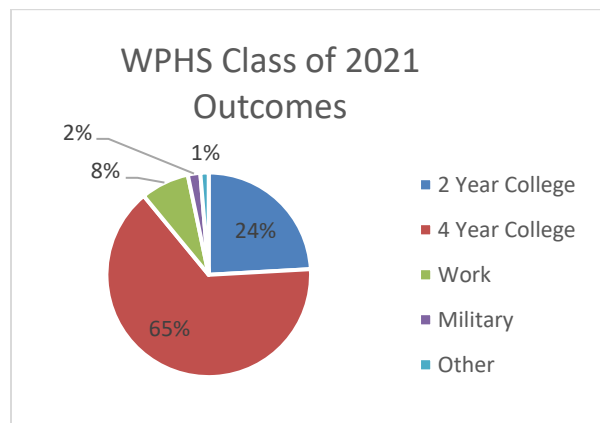
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Through an annual survey of all seniors, the class of 2021 reported these postsecondary plan intentions. Not all students reported plans. This data is based on the 464 responses we received from Class of 2021 (545 Graduates). For comparison, Class of 2020 reported 66% 4 year college, 23% 2 year, 9% , 2% military, and 9% other.

**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: Art History, 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 – DE with George Mason) 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, US/VA History and Entrepreneurship. Other Dual Enrollment options are available through FCPS Academy and online campus programs.

**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.

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.

Achievement - Mean SAT Scores					
	2020				
	Critical Reading	Math			
WPHS	572	561			
State	567	549			
National	528	523			
Achievement - Mean ACT Scores					
	2020				
	Composite	English	Reading	Math	Science
WPHS	24.6	24.4	25.2	24.2	24.2
State	24.4	24.2	25.2	23.5	24
National	20.6	19.9	21.2	20.2	20.6

**SAT and ACT statistics provided by College Boards and ACT respectively. The scores above represent national and state averages for public school students in the Class of 2020.**

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## School Profile

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**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 one of the largest school divisions in the nation with more than 188,000 students attending 198 schools and centers. FCPS students come from countries around the world and speak more than 200 languages. Nearly half of the students enrolled in an FCPS elementary school speak a language other than English at home.

District wide, 27% of FCPS students are projected to receive services for English learners (EL). Approximately 14.7 percent are projected to receive special education services. Over 29% of all students are eligible for Federal Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FRM).

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. Over 60% of all county residents over 25 years of age have completed four years of college.

West Potomac is located near the Potomac River between Mt. Vernon and the city of Alexandria and opened in 1985 combining two existing schools.

### 2021-22 Information as of 10/19/2021

**Enrollment: 2655**

**Seniors: 623**

#### **Demographic:**

Asian 6.3%

Black 16%

Hispanic 38.5%

White: 34.8%

Other: 4.2%

Free/Reduce Lunch: 39%

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

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

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

### Grading Policy Changes Affecting the 2020-21 School Year.

To provide increased flexibility to students and ensure they were not penalized by the challenges of distance learning, FCPS made the following changes to the high school grading policy for the 2020-21 school year only. These changes were announced in March of 2021. They included:

-Use of No Mark (NM) instead of F grades for all courses. No credit was awarded, and the course was not factored into the student's grade point average (GPA).

-Students/families could choose a mark of "P" (pass) instead of passing letter grades as their final mark in up to two current high school courses. Students had the opportunity to choose this through fourth quarter. This flexibility is in addition to the allowances for designating courses as pass/fail at the beginning of the school year. Therefore, a student's transcript may include more marks of "P" than typically seen on an FCPS transcript.

Additional information can be found on the Secondary Grading and Reporting website at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/grading-and-reporting/secondary>.

### 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

**FCPS graduation requirements** align to those of the Virginia Board of Education and may be found at the link below:

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

### 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)