



Walt Whitman High School

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CEEB # 210271

2011–2012 Profile

Dr. Alan Goodwin, Principal

Mr. Jerome Easton, Assistant Principal

Ms. Brandi Heckert, Assistant Principal

Ms. Kathy McHale, Assistant Principal

The Community

Western Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland. Suburban residential.

Parent Group: 80% college graduates, mainly professional and managerial.

The School

Public - Grades 9 through 12

Accredited by Middle States Association

Maryland State Department of Education

Spring Break

Whitman's 2012 Spring Break extends from March 30 through April 9.

Counseling Staff

Ms. Frances R. Landau, Resource Counselor

Ms. Jamie Ahearn

Ms. Jennifer Higgins

Mr. William Kapner

Mr. Kenneth R. Putt

Ms. Kelly Singleton

Ms. Molly McAllister

Ms Kari Wislar

Ms. Shannon Steward, Registrar

Ms. Jan Marmor, College/Career Coordinator

Ms. Pam Bobrow, Guidance Secretary

Ms. Susan Katz, Transcript Secretary

The Students

Enrollment 2011–2012

Seniors	452
Juniors	479
Sophomores.....	526
Freshmen	491

88% of the Seniors attend 4 year colleges.

9% attend 2-year colleges.

More than 77% attend college out-of-state.

Some foreign students return to college in their own country.

Students come from more than 40 countries.

71% of the students are White, 4% are Black or African-American, 12% are Asian-American, 9% are Hispanic, 4% Multiple Races.

National Merit

<i>Class of 2012</i>	<i>Class of 2011</i>
Semi-Finalists	Semi-Finalists.....
20	24
Commended	Commended
61	65
National Hispanic Recognition Award.....	6

The Curriculum

22 credits required in Grades 9–12 for graduation

English	4
Math.....	4
Science	3
Social Studies.....	3
Fine Arts	1
Foreign Language or Advanced Technology Education	2
Health Education.....	0.5
Physical Education	1
Technology Education.....	1
Electives.....	2.5
(selected from academic majors or special subjects)	

Grading System

Numerical grade equivalents

A = 90–100 B = 80–89 C = 70–79

D = 60–69 E = 59 or below

Passing mark = D

CR / NC = Credit / No Credit

LC & E2 = Loss of credit due to excessive unexcused absence

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Please see accompanying notice

AP and Honors Courses

Honors work can be done in grades 9–12 in English, Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Sciences, Social Studies, Computer Science and Studio Art. All work in the AP and Advanced Level courses listed below is considered to be Honors work. Courses listed in Group #3 below, while they are taken by a wide range of students, are available at the Honors level.

1. AP Courses

Art History
 Biology
 Calculus AB & BC
 Chemistry
 Chinese Language
 Computer Science A
 Economics - Macro
 Economics - Micro
 English Language & Comp.
 English Literature & Comp.
 Environmental Science
 European History
 French Language
 Gov't. & Politics - Comparative
 Gov't. & Politics - U.S.
 Human Geography
 Japanese Language
 Physics B & C
 Psychology
 Russian (Prototype)
 Spanish Language
 Spanish Literature
 Statistics
 Studio Art
 U.S. History
 World History

2. Advanced Level Courses (Designated Honors)

Algebra 2 w/Analysis
 Precalculus w/Analysis
 Calculus w/Applications
 Multi-Variable Calculus/
 Differential Equations
 Foreign Languages, Levels 5 & 6
 Computer Programming,
 Levels 1, 2, & 3
 Anatomy & Physiology
 Advanced Studio Art

3. Honors Work

English	Foreign Languages
English 9	Levels 3 and 4
English 10	
English 11	Math
English 12	Geometry
Adv. Journalism	
Science	Other
Biology 1	Health
Chemistry 1	Engineering Design
Matter & Energy	Civil Engineering
Physics 1	Principles of Engineering
	Tech. of Advanced Journalism
Social Sciences	
Modern World History	
NSL Government	
U.S. History	

SAT Scores (Class of 2011)

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Score	%	%	%
700–800	25	29	27
600–699	32	37	32
500–599	28	22	26
400–499	13	9	13
300–399	2	3	2
200–299	0	0	0
	Mean: 612	Mean: 628	Mean: 617

Total Mean Score: 1857
Critical Reading + Math: 1240

SAT Subject Tests Data

# of Students	Subject	Mean Score
52	U.S. History	687
20	Biology-E	663
16	Biology-M	716
59	Chemistry	718
5	Chinese Listening	728
77	English Lit.	673
8	French	628
52	Math Level I	653
151	Math Level II	723
38	Physics	671
24	Spanish	683
23	World History	704
5	Spanish Listening	706

AP Test Data 2011	Total # of Candidates: 1043			Total # of Tests: 1868	
AP Grade:	5 (37%)	4 (30%)	3 (22%)	2 (8%)	1 (3%)
Art History	-	-	1	-	-
Biology	27	22	8	4	1
Calculus AB	48	45	24	4	7
Calculus BC	34	8	10	3	1
Chemistry	30	21	6	2	-
Chinese Language	8	-	-	1	-
Computer Science A	6	3	2	-	-
Economics- Macro	3	11	6	8	5
Economics - Micro	3	16	5	4	1
English Language & Comparative	62	46	15	2	-
English Literature & Comparative	49	57	42	11	-
Environmental Science	11	18	16	18	3
European History	8	17	24	4	4
French Language	6	11	18	7	4
German Language	1	-	1	-	-
Gov't. & Politics - U.S.	108	75	107	31	4
Gov't. & Politics - Comparative	23	24	7	4	1
Human Geography	1	2	-	-	-
Japanese Language	2	2	1	-	-
Music Theory	3	2	1	1	-
Physics B	2	6	19	11	4
Physics C: Electricity	-	-	-	-	1
Physics C: Mechanics	17	5	1	-	-
Psychology	119	85	40	12	9
Spanish Language	21	18	13	5	2
Spanish Literature	2	4	10	1	-
Statistics	6	15	13	5	2
Studio Art - Combined	2	5	7	3	-
U.S. History	42	23	9	2	-
World History	52	21	8	4	-

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CLASS OF 2012 GRADE POINT AVERAGE – CLASS RANK NOTICE

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

A grade point average (GPA) and a weighted grade point average (WGPA) are reported on our transcripts.

The GPA, unweighted, is based on a 4-point scale:

A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 E=0

The WGPA, based on the 4-point scale, also incorporates weights for certain achievement in Honors, Advanced Level and Advanced Placement courses.

Weighted points are awarded for A, B, and C achievement in all three types of courses.

The following identifying notations are recorded on the transcript:

Honors courses HON

Advanced Level courses..... ADV

Advanced Placement courses ADV

The notation CM, a code used by the state of Maryland, has no bearing on Honors, Advanced Level or Advanced Placement status.

CLASS RANK:

Class rank is not reported by Montgomery County Public Schools. A distribution of cumulative averages for the county seniors is provided below as a help to gauge the relative performance of Whitman college candidates:

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>% of SENIORS GPA</u>	<u>% of SENIORS WEIGHTED GPA</u>
4.51 & above	0%	7%
4.01–4.50	0%	15%
3.51–4.00	21%	18%
3.01–3.50	24%	17%
2.51– 3.00	23%	16%
2.01–2.50	17%	13%
1.51–2.00	10%	8%
1.01–1.50	5%	5%
1.00 & below	1%	1%