

Windsor High School

Profile 2011-2012



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Accreditation
WHS is accredited by the Western Assoc. of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has received the maximum six year accreditation since its opening in 1999.

Windsor High School
Home of the Jaguars



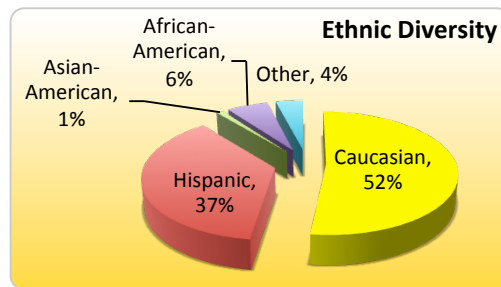
School and Community: The Windsor High Jaguars

Windsor High School is a *California Distinguished School* and was chosen by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as *One of the Ten Most Promising High Schools in California*. The beautiful, award-winning Windsor High School campus provides a carefully designed **modern infrastructure**. **Expansive science facilities**, five **computer labs**, a **performing arts center**, a **culinary arts institute**, and a state of the art two story **digital media** and **agriculture center** provide the ideal learning environment for students of diverse interests.

A thriving **AVID program** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) serves a total of over 200 students providing confidence, motivation, and academic support. After 4 years of participation, **97%** of our AVID students are accepted to four-year colleges and universities.

The California Department of Education has awarded **four California Partnership Academy grants** and one **Special Secondary Program grant**, all of which encourage academic innovation and provide every student with a strong college foundation.

Located in Sonoma County, Windsor (population 26,000) is approximately **70 miles north of San Francisco**. Windsor High School is the only high school in Windsor Unified School District. The student body is proud of its **cultural and ethnic diversity**. Enrollment at Windsor High School has **grown from an initial class of 160 freshmen students in 1995 to over 1,700 total students in the fall of 2011**.



Advanced Placement Courses

- English Literature
- English Language & Composition
- Spanish Literature
- Spanish Language
- Calculus AB
- Statistics
- Physics B
- Biology
- Chemistry *(new in 2011/12)*
- US History
- Studio Art: Drawing
- US Government & Politics

Honors Courses

- 9/10 English
- Integrated Science A/B, C/D
- World History
- Global Studies
- 11/12 English
- U.S. History
- Chemistry *(up to 2010/11)*

2012 Graduation Requirements

Windsor High graduates must earn a minimum of **220 credits**, five for each semester class passed with a "D" or better.

- 8 semesters English
- 4 semesters Integrated Science
- 6 semesters Social Studies
- 2 semesters Art or Foreign Language
- 2 semesters Algebra
- 2 semesters Geometry
- 2 semesters Health/Computer Literacy
- 4 semesters Physical Education
- 14 semesters Elective Credits

Total Credits: 220

Additional Graduation Requirements

- Senior Project Completion
- Passing Scores in California High School Proficiency Exams in English & Math

Number of Students

School Total: **1,712** Senior Class of 2012: **412**

Grading Calculation (GPA) & Class Rank

Total GPA and Rank in class are based on weighted grades.

Grade		College Prep Courses	AP/ Honors Courses
A	Excellent (90-100%)	4 pts	5 pts
B	Above Average (80-89%)	3 pts	4 pts
C	Average (70-79%)	2 pts	3 pts
D	Passing (60-69%)	1 pts	1 pts



"The mission of Windsor High School is to develop life-long learners and thoughtful, productive citizens who will contribute to our global community."

Curriculum

Project-based instruction and an integrated core structure are fundamental to the delivery of academic content at Windsor High School. [This model is innovative](#) in Northern California and is a tribute to the forward thinking of this educational community.

The high school operates on a ["block schedule"](#). Students attend classes on an A-Day/B-Day rotating schedule Monday through Friday. Block classes are [95 minutes](#) in length.

Ninth and tenth grade students participate in the [Core Program](#) which

includes English, Integrated Science, and Social Studies delivered in a project-based thematic format. An [Honors 9/10 Core Program](#) is offered for high achieving students.

Juniors and seniors choose an academic major or [Focus Area](#) to concentrate on more specific areas of interest. Focus Areas emphasize academic rigor, college majors, career research, job shadowing, and application of course content.

The specific Focus Area [choices](#) include:

- Advanced Placement Core
- Digital Media and Design Core
- Environmental Engineering Core
- Humanities Core
- Nueva School of the Performing Arts
- Pre-Med Core
- Vineyard Academy

Senior Project

The Senior Project is a culminating demonstration of a wide variety of essential skills. All Windsor High School graduates [research](#) a self-selected topic. Students work closely with a community mentor and a faculty advisor. They submit [written](#) documentation of their research efforts and [present their findings](#) to a panel of community leaders.

College Eligibility & Selection

- Class of 2010 graduates who [met or exceeded](#) University of California/CSU requirements: [26%](#)
- Percentage of students who report attending a [4-year college](#): [25%](#)
- Percentage of students who report attending a [2-year college](#): [66%](#)

Our graduates have been [accepted by](#) a varied and impressive [list of schools](#); a [partial list](#) is presented below.

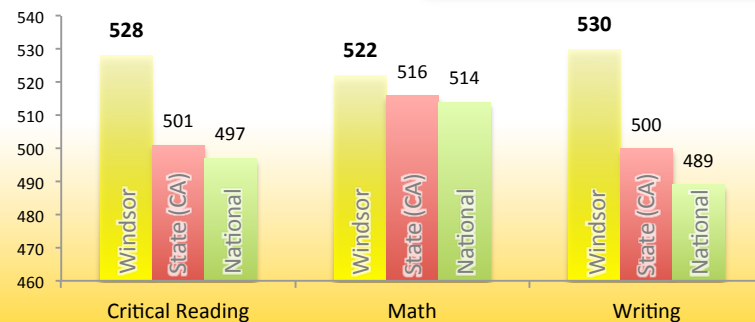
- Arizona State U.
- Brigham Young U.
- U. of California (All Locations)
- Cal. State University (All Locations)
- Chapman U.
- U. of Chicago
- Cornell
- Dartmouth
- Dominican U.
- George Washington
- Georgetown
- Harvard
- Lewis and Clark
- U. of Illinois

2011 AP Scores (153 Students)

- [75%](#) of the total exam scores reported were [3+](#).
- This represents [252 exams](#) out of a [total of 336](#).
- [90%](#) of Windsor AP Students scored [at least one 3](#) or above vs. a California state average of [64%](#)

2011 Mean SAT Scores

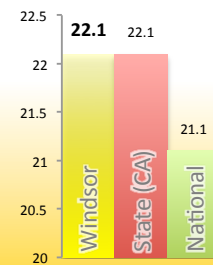
Participation rate: [34%](#)



- U. of Oregon
- U. of Notre Dame
- Pepperdine U.
- Pomona College
- U. of Portland
- Reed College
- U. of San Diego
- U. of San Francisco
- Santa Clara U.
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- Seattle U.
- U. of Southern California
- St. Mary's College of Cal.
- Stanford
- Syracuse University
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Naval Academy
- West Point Military Academy
- Willamette
- Yale

2011 Mean ACT Composite Scores

Participation rate: [19%](#)



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