



2020-2021 Northwest High School Profile

Located in Tunnel Hill in northern Whitfield County near Dalton, Georgia, Northwest Whitfield High School is a rural, comprehensive public school accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

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Calendar & Classes

School is in session for 180 days. *In 2020-21, students attend two days a week to begin with and are virtual the other days. Students have the option to attend virtually full-time as well. *Normally as in years past, the class periods are approximately 52 minutes in length. The credit earned in each course is noted on the transcript. Seven full credit classes meet every day all year except for Health/PE and Econ/Gov which are each one semester courses.

Grading System

The grading system is numerical. No weight is given to any courses. Letter grade equivalents and grade points are as follows:

A = 100-90 = 4 pt C = 79-70 = 2 pt
B = 89-80 = 3 pt F = 69-0 = 0 pt

Credit Requirements

All students who graduate will earn 23 credits to earn a diploma as dictated by the Georgia Board of Education. This includes:

English	4	Math	4
Social Studies	3	Science	4
Health/PE	1	Electives	7

Students are also highly encouraged to complete a pathway of 3 classes in one area: vocational, fine arts, or academic

Ranking & Averages

The overall alphabetical and numerical averages are listed on the transcript of credits. These are all **un-weighted**. Final ranking, including valedictorian and salutatorian selection, is calculated after seven semesters. **Only** academic courses are used for ranking. Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) numerical grades **are** weighted an extra 5% only for ranking purposes. This is **not** reflected on the transcript (the transcript may reflect a rank, but it computes **all** courses numerically).

2020 School Race/Ethnicity/Sex/Free or Reduced Lunch:

White: 62% Other: 2%
Hispanic: 31% Male/Female: 52%/48%
Black: 1.5% Free/Reduced: 55%
Mixed: 3.5% Total School Enrollment: 1293

Class of 2020 Profile:

- Number of Graduates: 308
- Approximately 52% enrolled in four-year colleges
- Approximately 12% enrolled in two-year colleges and technical schools
- Approximately 36% in military or workforce

[HTTPS://WWW.WCSQA.NET/NHS](https://www.wcsqa.net/nhs)

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Extracurricular Activities

NWHS has numerous clubs, sports and activities in which students are encouraged to participate. Sports include football, cross-country, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, swimming, soccer, baseball, fast-pitch softball, tennis, track, golf, fishing, archery, and competition cheer-leading. There are a minimum of 24 clubs and activities which are student-run and staff supervised. Many of these compete in local and state competitions or may have required service components.

Special Programs

- Dual Enrollment (DE)—college classes taught at NWHS or at the college
- Work Based Learning—experiential work program off-campus
- Service Learning—class for off-campus community service
- Office/department interns—non-credit office/dept aids chosen for their reliability
- Class Officers—elected by peers
- North Georgia College & Career Academy—sister school providing more CTAE programs and technical college options. Some students attend this program half-time.
- Pathway Certifications—certification testing after completing CTAE pathways
- Edgenuity—online credit recovery program
- Georgia Virtual School (GVS)—online classes that are facilitated by a GVS teacher and which are not normally taught at NWHS

Curriculum: Northwest Whitfield High School offers courses at various degrees of difficulty. Students are recommended for the various levels based upon ability, motivation by teachers and the school counselors, but ultimately parents may place their children in the courses they desire. Students may also take DE courses on a college campus if they meet admissions requirements. Occasionally, students may have trouble scheduling advanced classes that are only offered one period and conflict with other course offerings.

# Required	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
ENGLISH—4	Ninth Lit (CP) Ninth Lit (H)	Tenth Lit (CP) Amer Lit (H)	Amer Lit (CP) Brit Lit (H) or AP Lang	Brit Lit (CP) or World Lit (CP) World Lit (H), DE Adv Comp/DE Lit Types or AP Lit
SOCIAL STUDIES—3	Econ/Amer Gov (H)	World History (CP) World History (H) or AP World History	US History (CP) US History (H), DE US History/DE Social Studies, or AP US History	Econ/Amer Gov (CP) AP US Government, Psychology (CP), or US History in Film (CP) (opt)
SCIENCE—4	Env Science (CP) Biology (H)	Biology (CP) Chemistry (H)	Physical Science (CP) or Physics (CP) AP Physics or Physics (H)	Fourth Science option* (CP) AP Biology or AP Chemistry or Fourth Science option*
MATH—4	Fnd of Algebra Algebra 1 (CP) Algebra 1 (H) Acc Alg/Geom	Algebra 1 (CP) Geometry (CP) Geometry (H) Acc Geom/Alg 2	Geometry (CP) Algebra 2 (CP) Algebra 2 (H) DE Math Dec Making/ DE Pre-Calculus AP Statistics (opt)	Algebra 2 (CP) Math Decision Making (CP) or College Readiness Math (CP) Pre-Calculus (H) or DE Math Dec Making/DE Pre-Calculus AP Calculus or AP Statistics

*Fourth Science options: Forensic Science, Human Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry (CP), Physics (CP), Horticulture, Animal Science, Food for Life, Food Science, Computer Science Principles, Programming, Games, Apps, & Soc, and other science courses on Georgia Virtual School (GVS).

Advanced Courses: There are advanced sections in most subject areas. These are indicated by Acc (accelerated), H (honors), DE or AC (Dual Enrollment), or AP (Advanced Placement) in the course name. At times, a qualified student will not be in an advanced section due to scheduling difficulties. Some students will be allowed to take online advanced courses through Georgia Virtual School (GVS) with special permission.

Advanced Placement Courses: Language, Spanish, Calculus AB, Statistics, US History, US Government, World History, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Art, Drawing, Other courses offered through GVS with special permission.

Dual Enrollment Courses at NWHS through Dalton State College: DE US History/Social Studies, DE College Algebra/Pre-Calculus, DE Adv. Comp/Literary Types

AP SCHOLAR OVERVIEW					AP EXAM OVERVIEW					
Year; # of scholars/ Avg Score	AP Scholar	AP Scholar w/Honor	AP Scholar w/ Distinction	National AP Scholar	AP Exam Overview	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2019-20	16/2.9	4/3.3	5/3.97	1/4.5	# of AP Students	122	109	117	111	133
2018-19	14/3.02	1/3.4	4/4.0	1/4.17	# of Exams	199	176	170	183	219
2017-18	12/3.0	4/3.47	2/3.71	0/-	# Students w 3+	78	64	76	75	73
2016-17	16/2.95	5/3.56	4/3.93	0/-	% with 3+	64.0	59.0	65.0	68.0	54.9
2015-16	11/3.09	7/3.55	7/3.80	1/4.0						

Average SAT (CR + M) Scores (# of test takers)	Average ACT Scores (# of test takers)
2015—Total 961 (144)	2015—Total 20.2 (141)
2016—Total 936 (117)	2016—Total 19.6 (137)
2017—Total 1062 (155)	2017—Total 20.8 (168)
2018—Total 1043 (146)	2018—Total 20.2 (142)
2019—Total 1019 (164)	2019—Total 19.9 (183)