



2019-2020 Northwest High School Profile

Located in Tunnel Hill in northern Whitfield County near Dalton, Georgia, Northwest Whitfield High School is a 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. 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
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Health/PE	1
Electives	7

Ranking & Averages

The overall alphabetical and numerical averages are listed on the transcript of credits. These are all **unweighted**. Final ranking, including valedictorian and salutatorian selection, is calculated after the seniors' fall semester. 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.

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 2019 Profile:

- Number of Graduates: 323
- Approximately 35% enrolled in four-year colleges
- Approximately 35% enrolled in two-year colleges and technical schools
- Approximately 30% in military or workforce

Extracurricular Activities

NWHS has numerous clubs, sports and activities in which students are encouraged to participate. There are 10 girls and 10 boys athletic teams including football, cross-country, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, swimming, soccer, baseball, fast-pitch softball, tennis, track, golf, and competition cheerleading. 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.

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.

# 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, Literature, Spanish, Calculus, Statistics, US History, US Government, World History, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Art, Other courses offered through GVS with special permission.

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2018-19	14/3.02	1/3.4	4/4.0	1/4.17	# of AP Students	105	122	109	117	111
2017-18	12/3.0	4/3.47	2/3.71	0/-	# of Exams	159	199	176	170	183
2016-17	16/2.95	5/3.56	4/3.93	0/-	# Students w 3+	69	78	64	76	75
2015-16	11/3.09	7/3.55	7/3.80	1/4.0	% with 3+	66.0	64.0	59.0	65.0	68.0
2014-15	9/3.48	3/3.42	5/4.0	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)	