



West Anchorage High School
Home of the Eagles

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Grades:
9th – 12th Grade

Enrollment:
1,768

Principal:
Rick Stone

School Colors:
Orange and Black

School Mascot:
Eagle

West was the first high school built in Anchorage in 1953. It is one of eight four-year comprehensive high schools in Anchorage. West serves an ethnically diverse population of students and portions of Anchorage's downtown, midtown, west side, and Elmendorf Air Force Base. There are over 40 languages spoken by the students.

Outstanding Features/Programs

English as a Second Language
International Baccalaureate Program
School Through the Arts
Highly Gifted Program
Spanish Immersion Program
Integrated Reading Team
Four World Languages – Russian,
German, Spanish and French
Debate, Drama, Forensics Team
Alaska Junior Air Force ROTC Program
International Club/Junior Bridge Builders
Five Computer Labs with Internet Access
National Honor Society
Science Center with Planetarium
Career Resource Center
School Business Partnership Program
Special Education Services
We the People Program
\$11.3 Million in Scholarships Awarded
Gifted Mentorship Program
Gay-Straight Alliance
Native Culture club
Specialized Reading Program
TRIO and Upward Bound
Educational Talent Search
Rare-T
Anime Club

Achievements/Awards

- Consistently claims the highest number of National Merit Scholars in the state of Alaska.
- Four-time State Champion Air Force Junior ROTC Drill Team.
- State Champion Debate Drama and Forensics Team.
- West High Band Program holds awards from national competition.
- First Alaska high school to compete at the International Arts Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- State Champion We the People Team, and 11th place in the nation in competition in Washington D.C.
- Two-time State Champion tennis team and cross country girls running team in the fall of 2007 and the fall of 2008.
- West has had many state champions in the Russian Olympiada, two who have received medals in Moscow at the International Competition.

Advanced Placement and Honors Program:

Advanced Placement courses are offered in Biology, English, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Chemistry, Calculus, Physics, Statistics, Spanish, French, Russian, and Studio Art. In addition, Honors courses are offered in English 9 and 10, and Honors History 9 and 10. Honors classes are designated by the word Honors or the initial AP for Advanced Placement.

Schedule:

West has a rotating schedule. Students attend all six classes Monday and Friday, and attend four 80-minutes classes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Extracurricular Athletic Teams

Athletics: football, cross country running, flag football, swimming and diving, volleyball, tennis, wrestling, hockey, basketball, cross country skiing, cheerleading, track and field, soccer, baseball, softball, gymnastics, riflery, bowling.

Faculty Profile

5..... Administrators
105..... Teachers
28.5..... Support Staff

Graduation Requirements

22.5 credits required:
4 English,
4 Social Studies
2.5 Math
3 Science
1.5 P.E./Health
7.5 Electives

Diploma Requirements:

Same as graduation requirements and pass all three sections of the High School Graduate Qualifying Exam.

Marking System:

Credits are earned on a semester basis (1/2 each semester) with letter grades. Grade point average is computed each semester (A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1, F-0). Class rank is computed for each class, grades 9-12, and includes all grades for all classes on a cumulative basis, with weighting of grades for AP and some Higher Level IB courses only.

West High Mission Statement:

The mission of West Anchorage High School is to provide a safe, supportive, enriching environment that values diversity and encourages students and staff to take responsibility for learning while developing the skills and talents to contribute to the local and global community.



Anchorage School District

Educating all students for success in life

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