

West Anchorage High School  
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The first high school built in Anchorage, West Anchorage High School, was established in 1953. West is one of eight four-year comprehensive high schools in the Anchorage School District.

West Anchorage serves an ethnically diverse population of students hailing from portions of Anchorage's downtown, midtown, west side, and Elmendorf Air Force Base. There are over 55 languages spoken by the students.

Outstanding Programs

- International Baccalaureate
- Highly Gifted
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC)
- School Through the Arts (STTA)
- Spanish Immersion
- Alaska Junior Air Force ROTC

Outstanding Features

- Alaska Native Culture Club
- English as a Second Language
- IB Global Speaker Lunch Forum
- Ignition! Leadership Development
- S2S (Student to Student)
- Science Center with Planetarium
- Theatre Program
- TRIO Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search

World Languages

French	German
Spanish	Russian

4A Division Athletics

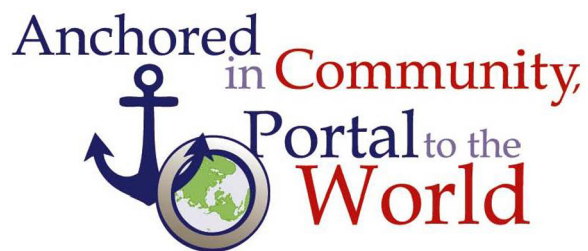
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country Running
- Cross Country Skiing
- Flag Football
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey
- Riflery
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming/Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Advanced Placement (AP)  
International Baccalaureate (IB)  
Highly Gifted and Honors Classes

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP English
- AP French
- AP Physics
- AP Russian
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art
- AP U.S. History
- AP U.S. Government
- IB Biology
- IB Chemistry
- IB English
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies
- IB History of the Americas
- IB Mathematics
- IB Music
- IB Physics
- IB Theatre
- IB Visual Arts
- English Honors 9th Gifted
- English 10<sup>th</sup> Honors Gifted
- Honors History 10<sup>th</sup> Gifted
- Honors World History 9<sup>th</sup> Gifted
- English Honors 9th
- English 10<sup>th</sup> Honors
- Honors History 10<sup>th</sup>
- Honors World History 9<sup>th</sup>

The **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program** is a two-year program for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders that aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

9th–12th Grade  
2011-12 Enrollment: 1,882  
CEEB Code: 020000



☞ Mission Statement ☜

The mission of West Anchorage is to provide a safe, supportive, enriching environment that values diversity while developing the skills and talents to contribute to the local and global community.

☞ Graduation Requirements ☜

½ Credit = 1 Semester

English/Language Arts.....	4.0 credits
Mathematics.....	2.5 credits
Science.....	3.0 credits
Social Studies.....	4.0 credits
Physical Education/Health	1.5 credits
General Electives.....	7.5 credits
<b>TOTAL CREDITS Required</b>	<b>22.5 credits</b>

To receive an *official high school diploma*, West Anchorage graduates must also successfully pass the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

☞ Grading Scale ☜

Weighted A = 5 pts on a 4.0 scale for AP Courses and IB HL Courses

A	AP Courses .....	5.0
A	IB HL Courses .....	5.0
A	Superior .....	4.0
B	Above average .....	3.0
C	Average .....	2.0
D	Below Average .....	1.0
F	Failing .....	
K	Waiver of P.E. credit ...	
W/F	Withdraw failing .....	
W/P	Withdraw passing .....	

Class rank and grade point average are computed each semester. All courses on a transcript are used to determine rank and GPA. AP courses and IB Higher Level classes are assigned an additional mark point with the exception of F.

☞ Placement Tests Scores 2011 ☜

	<i>Average Mean</i>	
ACT	<u>West H.S.</u>	<u>National</u>
Composite	21.7	21.1
English	21.2	20.6
Math	22.0	21.1
Reading	22.0	21.3
Science	21.5	20.9
SAT	<u>West H.S.</u>	<u>National</u>
Reading	551	497
Math	546	514
Writing	532	489

☞ West National Merit Scholars ☜

2007-08 .....	11	Semifinalists
2008-09 .....	8	Semifinalists
2009-10 .....	12	Semifinalists
2010-11 .....	7	Semifinalists
2011-12 .....	9	Semifinalists

☞ Specialty Courses ☜

- Student Government and Yearbook
- Ignition! Leadership Development
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC)
- STTA Arts Based Curriculum

Elective classes include the after-school Health Academy, Construction Academy, Career and Technology Education classes, and coming soon, a planned IT Academy and Russian Immersion classes.

☞ Extracurricular Clubs ☜

West Anchorage has approximately 35 student clubs that vary as much as our students do; from academic and cultural to those full of dance or drums or even laughter. Clubs usually meet during a lunch period during the school week.



Home of the Eagles