



WEST ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL

SVEN GUSTAFSON, PRINCIPAL

1,854

STUDENTS

415

STUDENTS IN CLASS
OF 2022

5

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR
SEMIFINALISTS IN
2021 - 2022

38

DIFFERENT HOME
LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY
WEST STUDENTS

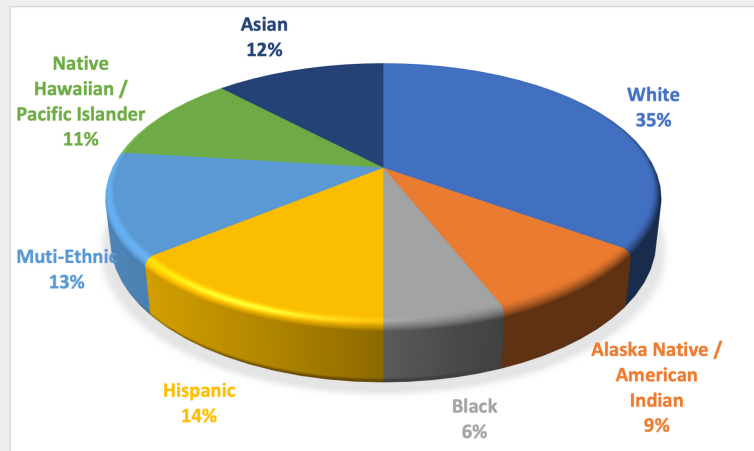
100%

OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

ABOUT

Established in 1953, West Anchorage High School is proud to be the first of eight four-year comprehensive secondary schools in the Anchorage School District. West serves an ethnically and economically diverse population of students hailing from Anchorage's Downtown, Midtown, Westside, and Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson.

WEST HIGH DEMOGRAPHICS



COVID RESPONSE

West Anchorage High School migrated to online learning in March 2020 and remained online through the 3rd quarter of 2020-21. Students had the option to return to in-person school in March of 2021. Students in the "in-person blended" model met 4 days a week with teachers via Zoom (or in person if they chose to return for the 4th quarter) with Wednesday dedicated to asynchronous learning. Students in the ASD's fully virtual program completed classes entirely asynchronously, with classes delivered through APEX or eDynamics. ASD moved to a 9-week quarter system for 2020-21 to accommodate varying risk levels in the community and allow for flexibility of scheduling, with students taking three classes per quarter. Students changed courses each quarter and earned a full .5 credit per quarter class. Some courses were not offered due to quarter format, and some were offered on a more limited basis. Students may not have taken the same number of high-level courses as they would have previously, due to scheduling conflicts. Counselors strongly encouraged students to think carefully about their course loads, and encouraged them to factor in academics, mental health, and life balance when choosing their courses in this new environment. In 2021-22, ASD returned to a full in-person school day based on a semester system, with West offering six periods. Students continue to have access to a fully or partially virtual option depending on their needs and comfort with in-person school.

70

GRADUATES EARNED A SEAL OF BILITERACY ON THEIR 2021 DIPLOMA

6

COUNSELORS:

JOHANNA UTTERBACK, CHAIR
APRIL CHRISTIANSON, CHAIR
CHRIS BREHMER
TROY HODGE
KORTNI LANGE
JOLEEN WHITE

*EACH ACADEMIC COUNSELOR SERVICES APPROXIMATELY 275 STUDENTS

1

MIGRANT EDUCATION COUNSELOR:

ELIZABETH HOWELL

1

INDIAN EDUCATION COMMUNITY COUNSELOR:

BRIAN WALKER

COUNSELOR CASELOADS AND CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.ASDK12.ORG/DOMAIN/3543

OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS

- IB Diploma Program
- Russian & Spanish Immersion
- Highly Gifted Program
- Medical Academy
- Project Lead the Way Engineering

IMMERSION LANGUAGES

West houses the high school portion of the Anchorage School District's language immersion programs for Spanish and Russian. Students in these programs are selected by lottery, and have been learning for a portion of their school day in the immersion language since kindergarten.

HIGHLY GIFTED PROGRAM

The highly gifted (HG) program was designed for students in the top 2% of nationally normed ability and achievement tests. Students take three HG courses in 9th grade (English, Social Studies, Science) and one in 10th grade (English), which are made up exclusively of these advanced students.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

These engineering courses allow students to learn about a broad cross-section of engineering disciplines and practices. Engineering Design introduces students to various kinds of engineering and focuses on design and a unifying theme. Digital electronics explores simple DC circuits to transistors to microprocessors while Computer Science Principles lets students explore programming as well as topics like cyber security and ethical implications of technological advancement.

MEDICAL ACADEMY

The Medical Academy at West Anchorage High School prepares students to enter healthcare professions or college through preparation in science classes: Anatomy & Physiology; Biology; and Chemistry as well as medical classes: Biomedical Science; Health Occupation Essentials; Medical Terminology; First Aid; Emergency Trauma Technician; and Essentials of Athletic Injury Management. Students successfully completing their coursework can apply to graduate with the West Anchorage High School, Medical Cord.

GIFTED MENTORSHIP

The Gifted Mentorship Program is for exceptional high school juniors and seniors to pursue an independent study under the direction of a professional/expert in a field of great interest to the student. High-ability, high-achieving students spend 45-60 hours with their mentor and earn half an elective credit for the mentorship. * This is transcribed at "Advanced Mentorship" with an unweighted grade. <https://www.asdk12.org/giftedmentorships>



192

IB EXAMS TAKEN IN 2021

25

SUBJECT AREAS



148

AP EXAMS TAKEN IN 2021

3.2

AVERAGE SCORE

66%

**OF STUDENTS SCORED 3.0
OR HIGHER**

HIGHLY GIFTED (HG) & HONORS CLASSES

- English I & II, Honors, Gifted
- English I & II, Honors
- Biology I, Honors, Gifted
- Ancient Civilizations/Alaska Studies, Honors, Gifted
- Ancient Civilizations/Alaska Studies, Honors
- World History, Honors

IB COURSES (31) & AP COURSES (12)

- IB Literature HL, I & II
- IB Physics HL, I & II
- IB Biology HL, I & II
- IB Chemistry HL, I & II
- IB Environmental Syst. & Soc.
- IB History of the Americas HL, I & II
- IB Mathematics Studies I & II
- IB Math Analysis I & II
- IB Math Application I
- IB Spanish: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB German: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB French: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB Russian: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB Music
- IB Visual Arts I & II
- IB Theory of Knowledge I & II
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Russian
- AP Spanish
- AP German
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP US Government
- AP Economics
- AP Computer Science
- AP Psychology (ASD Virtual)

ASD VIRTUAL

ASD Virtual School is the district's online distance education program. Students may enroll full time with up to six courses per semester and remain connected with their home school, or part time with one to three courses while continuing classes at their home school. Students may take any corresponding AP exams at their neighborhood school.

<https://www.asdk12.org/virtual>

4.68-4.23


GPA RANGE OF TOP 10% OF STUDENTS IN THE 2021 GRADUATING CLASS

GPA RANGE CURRENT CLASS OF 2022

4.0+ = 57
3.5 - 3.99 = 79
3.0 - 3.49 = 67
2.5 - 2.99 = 80
2.0 - 2.49 = 55
BELOW 2.0 = 77

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G R A D I N G S C A L E

A	AP Courses	5.0
A	IB Higher Level Course	5.0
A	Superior	4.0
B	Above Average	3.0
C	Average	2.0
D	Below Average	1.0
F	Failing	0.0
K	Waiver of PE Credit	

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

4 A D I V I S I O N A T H L E T I C S

- 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

E X T R A C U R R I C U L A R C L U B S

West Anchorage High School has approximately 30 student clubs that vary from academic to cultural.

They include:

- Amnesty International
- Battle of the Books
- Chess Club
- Drama, Debate & Forensics
- Environmental Club
- Gender & Sexuality Alliance
- Interact Club
- Key Club
- Model United Nations
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- Native Youth Olympics
- Partner's Club
- Robotics
- Thespan Society
- Women of West
- You Are Not Alone (YANA)