



WEST ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL

SVEN GUSTAFSON, PRINCIPAL

1,826

STUDENTS

360

STUDENTS IN CLASS
OF 2021

7

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR
SEMIFINALISTS IN
2020-2021

39

DIFFERENT HOME
LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY
WEST STUDENTS

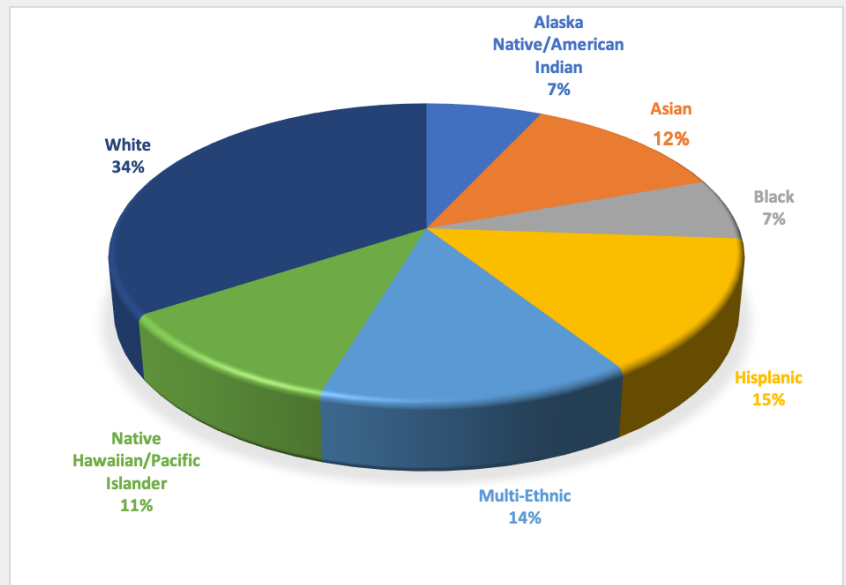
46%

OF STUDENTS 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 abruptly migrated to online learning in March 2020 and remains online at this time. In-person school will resume in January 2021. Students in our blended model attend synchronous classes four days a week via Zoom, with Wednesday dedicated to asynchronous learning. A full course load is currently three classes, completing a semester's work in a single quarter. Families who are uncomfortable returning to school have the option to enroll in the ASD Virtual program, and their classes are delivered asynchronously through APEX or eDynamics. ASD has moved to a 9-week quarter system. As a result, course selection and availability is limited, and scheduling conflicts can prohibit students from taking all the high-level courses they desire. Counselors encourage students to factor academics, mental health, and life balance when choosing courses in this new environment.

75

**GRADUATES EARNED A
SEAL OF BILITERACY ON
THEIR 2018 DIPLOMA**

6

COUNSELORS:

**JOHANNA UTTERBACK, CHAIR
APRIL CHRISTIANSON, CHAIR
CHRIS BREHMER
CINDY CHAPUT
TROY HODGE
MICHELLE YOON**

***EACH ACADEMIC COUNSELOR
SERVICES APPROXIMATELY 275 STUDENTS**

1

MIGRANT EDUCATION COUNSELOR:

ELIZABETH HOWELL

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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>



161

IB EXAMS TAKEN IN 2020

23

SUBJECT AREAS

AP

227

AP EXAMS TAKEN IN 2020

3.7

AVERAGE SCORE

86%

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 HL, I, & II*
- IB Mathematics Studies I & II*
- IB Math Analysis I & II**
- IB Math Application I & II**
- 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)

*until 2019-2020

**new in 2020-2021

ASD VIRTUAL

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

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

4.571-4.054

GPA RANGE OF TOP 10% OF STUDENTS IN THE 2020 GRADUATING CLASS

GPA RANGE

4.0+ = 48
3.5 - 3.99 = 69
3.0 - 3.49 = 68
2.5 - 2.99 = 55
2.0 - 2.49 = 66
BELOW 2.0 = 54

GRADING SCALE

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 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

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS


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)

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