

WESTTOWN SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE



2015-2016

Founded in 1799 by the Religious Society of Friends, Westtown School is operated by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and continues to be recognized as one of the nation's best-known Quaker schools. The 600-acre campus is located in historic Chester County three miles east of West Chester, 25 miles west of Philadelphia, and 20 miles north of Wilmington, DE. Westtown is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges and the Pennsylvania Association of Private Academic Schools.

Each student at Westtown is challenged to realize his or her intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual potential. Truth, openness and honesty are values which undergird the school community. A spirit of inquiry reigns in the classroom and students are encouraged to think creatively, to feel the condition of others, and to listen to their inner selves. Westtown expects students to be critical, independent thinkers who can work with a spirit of cooperation, understanding and tolerance of the views of others.

The Westtown experience is defined by rigorous academic preparation for college, community living, weekly Meeting for Worship, and participation in the Work Program. These shared events reflect and teach the fundamental Quaker values of consensus, non-violent resolution of conflict, and the dignity of physical work.

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spirited Quaker education since 1799

• ENROLLMENT

Coeducational since the school's founding, Westtown's student body consists of 636 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. Students come from 19 states and 19 foreign countries. The Upper School (grades 9-12) enrolls 366 students (82 day students and 284 boarders). 9% are Quakers, 27% are American students of color, and 16% are foreign citizens. Need-based financial aid is received by 51% of students in the Upper School. All Westtown students enroll in college. The 77 members of the class of 2015 enrolled at 57 colleges and universities. The class of 2016 totals 98 (45 boys and 53 girls).

• SCHOOL CALENDAR

Westtown operates on a semester calendar with semesters beginning on September 8th and January 20th. Throughout the school year classes are held Monday through Friday, are 45-90 minutes in length, and rotate on a 10-day schedule.

• GRADING

Westtown grades on an A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60) scale with 60 as the passing grade. Comparative statistics (GPA and rank-in-class) are not calculated. Grade distribution information is provided to colleges for course taken in the junior and senior years.

• CURRICULUM

In 2012-13, the school year transitioned from a trimester to a quarter calendar. In 2013-14, grade reporting was changed to semesters (S1, S2, and Final grades reported) to allow for continuous grading. Quarter grades are considered progress grades and not reported on the transcript.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A minimum of 18 credits is required for graduation including 4 years of English; 2 years of history (including US History); 2 years of one foreign language; 3 years of mathematics; 2 years of lab science; 1 credit of art; 1.75 credits in religion (Bible, World Religions, and a religion elective); and a grade level Seminar program. Most students graduate with many more than the minimum required credits.

Course load: A normal course load for freshmen and sophomores consists of five year-long courses and one or more semester long courses. The minimum requirement for juniors and seniors is four and one-half credits per semester. Students taking Advanced courses are encouraged to be conservative in their course selection since they will need additional time for the amount and rigor of the work. While the academic program offers students both breadth and depth of study across the curriculum, the faculty emphasizes quality of study over quantity, especially in the junior and senior years.

Course levels: The Westtown curriculum is not tracked. All courses are college preparatory; a small number of courses in each department are identified as 'Advanced'. There is no Honors or AP designation. Beginning in 2007-08, courses were no longer designated as 'Advanced Placement' although students may elect to sit for AP exams. All academic departments identify their most rigorous (college level) courses as 'Advanced'.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM:

English: Courses are taught by grade level at Westtown with no tracking. In the second semester, juniors and seniors choose an English elective (a one-term college style seminar) to complete the year's credit.

English for Speakers of Other Languages: English Language and Composition 1,2 and English Literature and Language Seminar (Adv) support the linguistic and academic development of non-native English speakers.

Foreign Language: In French, Spanish, and Mandarin, coursework is offered through the 6th year level. Latin 3 and 4 address Poetry and Advanced Prose; Latin 5 (Adv) is an advanced translation seminar. German was offered at Level 5/6 for the last time in 2013-14.

Mathematics: Courses designated as "Essentials" cover course material at a more measured pace. Algebra 2/Trigonometry (Adv) covers two years of material in one and prepares the student for Calculus. Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus are offered to students who have completed the two-year Calculus sequence.

Science: Westtown is a "Physics First" school, the usual science sequence being Physics 1 (9), Chemistry 1 (10), and Biology 1 (11). In the junior and senior years, students may take Advanced course work in one or more lab subjects.

Art: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking (1,2,3-Adv,4-Adv) may be taken as full year or semester long courses. The full year courses require a substantial commitment to independent work in the studio outside of class.

Music: Applied Music reflects the supervised study of an instrument and performances in master classes and recitals.

Independent Research: A junior or senior with a defined area of academic interest may propose and carry out a supervised semester or year long advanced scholarly research project.

Certificate Programs: Students may choose to participate in an interdisciplinary "Deep Dive" program of study: *Entrepreneurship for Social Change; Global Leadership; and Sustainability Leadership*. The programs include course work, research projects, off-campus study, mentorship, and experiential learning.

Senior Projects: Seniors design and carry out a capstone project for two to four weeks at the end of the third Quarter and during Spring Break. A formal written proposal must be approved in advance; a report or creative project is presented in April for evaluation.

Junior and Senior Seminar: Required weekly seminars address college planning, health, human development, decision-making and the transition to college.

Physical Education: At least one hour of daily participation in a sport or other physical activity is required of all students for the entire school year. Competitive athletics, recreational sports, outdoor education, gardening, performing arts activities in theater and dance, and community service are offered.

WORK PROGRAM

Work Program, in accordance with Quaker values, reaffirms the goodness of service to others and the dignity of all work. Students are exposed to a variety of working experiences, such as janitorial and kitchen jobs. Work Program was originally developed as a response to the labor shortages of World War II. In the decades since that time, the School community has found Work Program to be an important part of the educational process. By taking part in the daily working life of the community, students learn to respect what it means to be part of a community and understand what impact their behavior has on other members of the community.

THE BOARDING REQUIREMENT

Living and learning in community has defined the Westtown School experience for over two hundred years. While students may begin boarding in ninth grade (50 percent of freshmen and sophomores board), juniors and seniors are currently required to live on campus. In 2015-16, boarding became optional for students who enrolled at Westtown prior to eighth grade. Values fundamental to the vision and mission of the school are taught through the residential program, including respect for others, personal responsibility, integrity, equality, simplicity, and service. The experience serves not only as a learning experience in its own right but as valuable preparation for college.

STUDENT CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE

In the letter of recommendation written by the college counselor on behalf of a senior, information is shared concerning any disciplinary event resulting in a suspension from the school during a student's Upper School years. Because boarding schools serve *in loco parentis* for students, expectations concerning acceptable behavior are high and clearly articulated. The violation of a major school rule automatically results in a separation of the student from the school for a period of time as determined by the faculty/student *Discipline Council*.

STANDARDIZED ADMISSION TEST SCORES

Westtown does not record on its transcripts the results of standardized tests. Students are instructed to contact directly the testing agencies to report their scores to colleges and scholarship competitions that require them.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, SAT scores for the class of 2015 are reported as **a range reflecting the middle 50% of the class**. 25% of the class scored higher than the top end of this range and 25% scored lower than the bottom end of the range.

Class of 2015

Middle 50% of all students in the class (including non-native English speakers):

Reading 570-680; Math 540-750; Writing 540-710.
Medians: Reading 620; Math 630; Writing 610.

COMPLETE COURSE LISTING

ENGLISH

Full Year

Outsider in Literature
American Literature
English Language&Composition (Intl) 1, 2

One-Semester

Contemporary World Literature Writing with Power
English Literature/Language Seminar: Intl Students (Adv)

English Electives for 11th & 12th grade (second semester 2014-15)

Contemporary Dramatic Literature Non-Fiction Writing 1, 2
20th Century Literature 1, 2 Poetry 1, 2
Research Non-Fiction British Literature (Adv)
Creative Writing (Adv) American Lit. 1, 2 (Adv)
World Literature 1, 2 (Adv)

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

One-Semester

String Orchestra Craft of Art
Symphonic Band Foundations of Studio Art 2D
Jazz Ensemble Foundations of Studio Art 3D
Choral Arts Drawing 1,2,3,4 (Adv)
Music Theory and History Painting 1,2,3,4 (Adv)
Applied Music 1& 2; 3&4 (Adv) Clay 1, 2, 3,4 (Adv)
Acting 1, 2 Woodworking 1, 2, 3 (Adv)
Outsider in Theater Lit&Perf. Photography 1, 2, 3 (Adv)
Digital Arts 1,2 Printmaking 1,2,3,4 (Adv)
Portfolio Preparation

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv) Mandarin 1, 2, 3, 4 (Adv), 5 (Adv)
German 5/6 (Adv) Latin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (Adv)
Spanish 1, 1/2 (Accel) 2, 3, 4, 5 (Adv), 6 (Adv)

HEALTH AND LIFESKILLS

One Semester (pass/fail)

Health and Lifeskills
Junior Seminar, Senior Seminar
Leadership Seminar
Senior Projects

HISTORY

Full Year

American Cultures US History (Adv)
Peace and Justice From Hiroshima to 9/11
Peace and Justice (Adv) From Hiroshima to 9/11 (Adv)
US History Holocaust & Genocide (Adv)
US History (Int'l)

One-Semester Electives

Microeconomics Macroeconomics
Chinese History Modern India
Latin American History 1,2 World History: 19th&20th Centuries
World History 1300-1800 World History 1800-2000
Modern World History 1,2 Ancient World History 1,2
Modern Europe 1-Russia Modern Europe 2-WW1
History Independent Research (Adv)

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1 Essentials Pre-Calculus
Algebra 1 Pre-Calculus (Adv)
Algebra 1 (Adv) Functions
Geometry Essentials Computer Science (Adv)
Geometry Statistics
Geometry (Adv) Calculus 1
Algebra 2 Essentials Calculus 1 (Adv)
Algebra 2 Calculus 2(Adv)
Algebra 2 (Adv) Linear Algebra (Adv)
Algebra 2/Trigonometry (Adv) Math Independent Research (Adv)
Introduction to Programming

RELIGION

One Semester (or two semesters, half credit)

Bible: Message and Meaning Liberation Theology
World Religions Business and Society (Adv)
Non-Violence and Justice (Adv)
Social and Environmental Justice (Adv)
Religion and Science (Adv)

SCIENCE

Full Year

Physics 1 Biology 1
Physics 1 (Adv) Biology 1 (Adv)
Physics 2 (Adv) Biology 2 (Adv)
Chemistry 1 Scientific Research (Adv)
Chemistry 1 (Adv) Chemistry 2 (Adv)

One Semester

Biology 1: Cell Biology Biology 2: Ecology
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Biology 3: Evolution&Diversity Biology 3: Evolution&Div. (Adv)
Anatomy&Physiology (Adv) Molecular Biology (Adv)
Chemical Reactions (Adv) Adv. Topics in Chemistry (Adv)
Design Engineering 1, 2 Physics 3 Electricity&Mag. (Adv)
Modern Physics (Adv) Digital Electronics and Logic

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GRADE DISTRIBUTION: Class of 2016, FINAL GRADES JUNIOR YEAR

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	A:above 90	High B: 85 to 89	Low B: 80 to 84	High C: 75 to 79	Low C: 70 to 74	High D: 65 to 69	Low D: 60 to 64	Below 60
Contemporary World Literature	35/35	38/38	12/12	6/6	1/1			
English Electives	43/69	40/63	8/32	0/4	0/1			
English Lang. & Comp. Int'l 2	4/10	3/7	0/2	1/2				
English Lit. & Lang Int'l (Adv)	2/3	2/3	0/1					
Writing Seminar (Adv)	5/11	0/1						
U.S. History Int'l	5/13	4/9	0/5					
U.S. History (Adv)	0/12	3/10	0/3	0/1				
From Hiroshima to 911	6/15	5/8	2/2	1/1				
Holocaust & Genocide (Adv)	9/16	1/1						
Latin American History 1	7/11	3/5		0/2				
Latin American History 2	6/14	1/1		0/2				
Ancient World History 1	13/23	3/9	1/4					
Ancient World History 2	12/16	6/16	4/7	0/2				
Macroeconomics	4/9	6/8	0/1					
Microeconomics	6/12	3/5		0/1	0/2			
Spanish 1	1/7	0/6	0/3	0/1				
Spanish Accelerated 1 & 2	2/8	0/3		0/1				
Spanish 2	1/7	2/8	0/10	0/1				
Spanish 3	9/36	6/15	0/3					
Spanish 4 (Adv)	10/13	6/12	1/6					
Spanish 5 (Adv)	2/3	2/6	0/1					
Spanish 6 (Adv)	2/5	0/1						
Latin 1	2/3	0/2	1/3	0/2				
Latin 2	1/19	1/3	0/4					
Latin 3	0/3	1/2	1/2	0/1				
Latin 4 (Adv)	3/4	0/1	1/1	1/1				
Latin 5 (Adv)	2/2							
French 1	2/9	0/3						
French 2	1/7	1/7	1/4	0/1				
French 3	1/8	1/3						
French 4 (Adv)	1/2	4/7	1/2					
French 5 (Adv)	4/7							
Mandarin 1	2/2	0/3	0/1					
Mandarin 2	1/2	0/2	0/1	0/1				
Mandarin 3	1/3							
Mandarin 4 (Adv)	7/7	4/5	2/2					
Mandarin 5 (Adv)	1/4	0/1						
Mandarin 6 (Adv)	2/4							
World Religions	58/76	16/24	3/5	2/3				
Liberation Theology	7/15	2/19	0/3	0/2				
Nonviolence & Social Justice (Adv)	5/13	3/11	2/3					
Social & Environmental Justice (Adv)	4/9	1/3						
Business & Society (Adv)	5/10	7/17	0/4		0/1			

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Algebra 2 Essentials	0/1	1/2	4/5	0/1				
Algebra 2 (Adv)	0/6	1/6	0/6					
Functions with Physics	13/15	0/2	3/8	2/7	1/1	0/1		
Pre-Calculus	12/13	2/5	3/8					
Pre-Calculus (Adv)	6/13	11/13	3/7	2/3		0/1		
Calculus 1	6/18	3/3	1/2					
Calculus 1 (Adv)	4/6	2/7	1/2	0/1	0/1			
Calculus 2 (Adv)	2/9	3/8	1/3					
Statistics	1/8	0/4	0/5	0/1				
Computer Science (Adv)	3/7		0/1	0/1				
Biology 1	16/17	16/19	10/15	2/3				
Biology 1 (Adv)	16/23	6/7	3/5	1/1				
Chemistry 1	5/12	2/10	1/8	0/13	0/6	0/1		
Chemistry 1 (Adv)	4/21	3/8	1/3					
Chemistry 2 (Adv)	4/10	2/3	1/2					
Physics 1	2/27	1/12	0/11	0/5	0/1			
Physics 1 (Adv)	6/31	1/3	1/7	0/1				
Physics 2 (Adv)	3/10	1/4	0/2	0/1				
Design & Engineering	13/30	2/8						
Environmental Science	1/16	0/3	0/1					
3-D Art Foundation	1/7							
Drawing & Printmaking 2	1/1		0/1	0/1				
Drawing & Painting 1,2	4/14	1/10	0/7	0/4				
Digital Arts	11/19	1/5						
Photography 1,2	9/28	1/12	0/1	0/2				
Woodworking 1	4/6							
Clay 1,2, 3	5/15	1/10	0/10	0/1				

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES/RANK IN CLASS

Westtown grades on a 100-point scale with 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, and 69-60=D. Any grade below a 60 is considered failing. Grade point average and rank in class are not calculated due to the nature of the student body, students' varied years of entry, and the school's educational philosophy. The highest grade average earned by a member of the Class of 2016 during the junior year was a 97.83 and the lowest a 68.13. The median grade average for the class was 90.36. Fifty-one juniors earned an end of year average of 90 or better.

The grade distribution includes all major courses offered in the 2014-2015 school year in which members of the Class of 2016 were enrolled. The distribution of grades earned by juniors is followed by the distribution of grades earned by all students in the course. E.g., '2/12' means that 2 juniors earned this grade out of 12 students total earning this grade.

College Choices of Westtown Graduates in the Classes of 2011-2015

Agnes Scott College, GA
 Albright College, PA
 American University, DC (7)
 Arcadia University, PA
 Arizona State University
 Auburn University, AL
 Babson College, MA (3)
 Bard College, NY (10)
 Barnard College, NY (3)
 Bates College, ME
 Beloit College, WI
 Bennington College, VT (2)
 Berklee College of Music, MA
 Boston College, MA (2)
 Boston Conservatory, MA
 Boston University, MA (9)
 Brandeis University, MA (3)
 Brown University, RI (3)
 Bryn Mawr College, PA (6)
 Bucknell University, PA (2)
 California Institute of the Arts
 Carleton College, MN
 Carnegie Mellon University, PA (4)
 Centre College, KY
 Chestnut Hill College, PA
 Chicago College of Performing Arts at
 Roosevelt University, IL
 Christopher Newport University, VA (2)
 Colby College, ME
 Colgate University, NY
 College of Charleston, SC (3)
 College of New Jersey
 College of William & Mary, VA (4)
 College of Wooster, OH
 Colorado College, CO (2)
 Columbia College, IL
 Columbia University, NY
 Connecticut College, CT
 Cornell University, NY (2)
 Dartmouth College, NH
 Davidson College, NC
 DePaul University, IL
 Dickinson College, PA (7)
 Drew University, NJ
 Drexel University, PA (10)
 Duke University, NC (2)
 Earlham College, IN (3)
 Eckerd College, FL(2)
 Elizabethtown College, PA
 Elon University, NC(3)
 Emerson College, MA (2)
 Endicott College, MA
 Eugene Lang College, NY (3)
 Fairfield University, CT (2)
 Flagler College, FL
 Fordham University, NY
 Franklin & Marshall College, PA (10)
 George Mason University, VA
 George Washington University, DC (8)
 Georgetown University, DC
 Georgia Institute of Technology, GA
 Gettysburg College, PA (8)
 Global College at Long Island University
 Goucher College, MD (3)
 Green Mountain College, VT
 Guilford College, NC (10) 10
 Hamilton College, NY (4)
 Hampshire College, MA (2)

Harvard College, MA (2)
 Harvey Mudd College, CA (3)
 Haverford College, PA (12)
 High Point University, NC
 Hobart & William Smith Colleges, NY (3)
 Illinois Wesleyan University, IL
 Indiana University at Bloomington, IN (2)
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 International School of Management,
 Dortmund, Germany
 Ithaca College, NY (2)
 James Madison University VA
 John Cabot University, Rome, Italy
 Johns Hopkins University, MD (4)
 Juniata College, PA
 King's College London, England
 Korea Advanced Institute of Science &
 Technology
 Lafayette College, PA (2)
 Lake Forest College, IL
 Lawrence University, WI
 Lewis & Clark College, OR
 Louisiana State University, LA
 Loyola University Maryland, MD (2)
 Loyola University, LA (2)
 Macalester College, MN (4)
 Maryland Institute College of Art (2)
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 McDaniel College, MD
 McGill University, Canada (3)
 Middlebury College, VT
 Moore College of Art and Design, PA
 Mount Holyoke College, MA (3)
 Muhlenberg College, PA (3)
 Neumann University, PA
 New School for Jazz & Contemporary
 Music, NY
 New York University, Abu Dhabi
 New York University (9)
 Northeastern University, MA (10)
 Northwestern University, IL (5)
 Oberlin College, OH (2)
 Occidental College, CA
 Old Dominion University, VA
 Pace University, New York City
 Penn State University (University Park) (5)
 Pennsylvania College of Technology, PA
 Pepperdine University, CA
 Philadelphia University, PA (2)
 Pomona College, CA (5)
 Princeton University, NJ (4)
 Providence College, RI (2)
 Purdue University, IN (2)
 Quinnipiac University, CT
 Randolph-Macon College, VA
 Rhode Island School of Design, RI (2)
 Rice University, TX
 Richmond The American International
 College, London, UK
 Rider University, NJ
 Rochester Institute of Technology, NY (2)
 Rollins College, FL (4)
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech, IN (4)
 Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ
 Saint Michaels College, VT
 Salisbury University, MD
 San Diego State University, CA
 Sarah Lawrence College, NY (3)

Savannah College of Art and Design, GA
 School of Visual Arts, NY
 Sewanee: The University of the South, TN (2)
 Skidmore College, NY (5)
 St. Lawrence University, NY (2)
 St. Olaf College, MN
 Smith College, MA (5)
 Stetson University, FL
 Swarthmore College, PA (5)
 Syracuse University, NY (3)
 Temple University, PA (3)
 Towson University, MD
 Trinity College, CT
 Trinity University, TX
 Tufts University, MA (5)
 Tulane University, LA (3)
 Union College, NY (2)
 United States Naval Academy, MD
 University of California at Davis
 University of California at Los Angeles (2)
 University of Colorado–Boulder (6)
 University of Connecticut (2)
 University of Delaware (2)
 University of Denver, CO (3)
 University of Hawaii at Hilo
 University of Hong Kong, China
 University of Illinois-Urbana, Champaign (3)
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Massachusetts-Amherst
 University of Massachusetts-Boston
 University of Miami, FL
 University of New Hampshire, NH
 University of New Mexico
 University of North Carolina
 School of the Arts
 University of North Carolina-Wilmington
 University of North Florida
 University of Pennsylvania (7)
 University of Penn, Wharton School
 University of Pittsburgh, PA (8)
 University of Richmond, VA (4)
 University of Rochester, NY
 University of St. Andrew, Scotland
 University of San Francisco, CA
 University of Vermont (3)
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (4)
 Ursinus College, PA (5)
 Vanderbilt University, TN
 Vassar College, NY
 Villanova University, PA (5)
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute, VA
 Virginia Wesleyan College, VA
 Wake Forest University, NC (2)
 Warren Wilson College, NC (2)
 Washington College, MD (5)
 Wellesley College, MA (2)
 Wesleyan University, CT (4)
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania (3)
 Wheaton College, MA (3)
 Wheelock College, MA
 Whitman College, WA
 Widener University, PA
 Willamette University, OR
 Williams College, MA (2)
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA
 York College of Pennsylvania