



Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is a four-year, comprehensive vocational high school located in Haverhill, Massachusetts. It serves 11 member communities, including Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, and West Newbury through a regional agreement established in 1967. The high school serves students in grades 9-12 and enrollment is approximately 1300. These communities are largely residential, made up of a wide range of socio-economic groups, and local industry comprises light manufacturing and tourism. Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

MISSION STATEMENT

Whittier has a unified commitment to excellence in meeting the educational needs of individuals in the Whittier District, while being accountable to its member communities. This commitment is to enable students to be successful in their chosen technical pursuits and to become productive members of society.

FACULTY

The WRVTHS faculty consists of over 120 teachers. All staff meet Highly Qualified status as recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

CURRICULUM

WRVTHS integrates traditional academic content, career and vocational/technical education, and supporting elective offerings to provide students with a well-rounded educational background that prepares them for success in a variety of post-secondary settings. Curriculum options include multi-leveled courses, articulation opportunities for college credit, and cooperative educational working internships with community businesses and industry. Grade 9 students participate in Freshman Exploratory classes to prepare all students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make a successful transition from middle school to a vocational area of study. Students in grades 10 and 11 focus their educational study on meeting academic standards and vocational competencies to earn their diploma and trade certificates. In grade 12, students have an opportunity to pursue employment opportunities through cooperative education agreements with area businesses or to continue their vocational studies in-house. Whittier is a one-to-one school using iPads to enhance our curriculum.

SCHEDULE

WRVTHS uses a 4 quarter schedule with mid-year and final exams factored into final averages. Students in grades 9 – 12 are expected to pass their four major content area classes and their vocational/technical area of study each year. Classes meet for periods that range from 42 to 126 minutes per day, and vocational studies are scheduled for five full days in a 10 day cycle.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must take and pass four years of English, mathematics, social studies and science, which are considered to be core academic subjects. These courses are a requirement for promotion to the next grade level and for graduation. All students must also participate in four years of the physical education/health program. In 2021-23, PE credits were enveloped within the student's vocational credits, although a separate grade was provided for the transcript. Students must pass their vocational technical areas each year to be eligible for promotion and graduation.

COVID 19 STATEMENT

During the 2020-21 school year, students were scheduled in classes by a leveled track based on the majority of recommendations. However, some students were not able to enroll in requested leveled classes due to Covid 19 safety protocols during the 2020-21 school year.

LEVELS OF STUDY

Whittier Tech offers Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory 1, and College Preparatory 2 level classes. An additional level of general study is also offered. Early College is offered through Northern Essex Community College. All courses noted with a level placement on a transcript are included in GPA calculation.

VOCATIONAL STUDIES

Advanced Manufacturing	Auto Body	Auto Technology
Business Technology	Carpentry	Culinary Arts
CAD Drafting	Construction/Craft Laborer	Cosmetology
Dental Assisting	Design/Visual Communications	Early Childhood Education
Electrical	Electronics/Robotics	Engineering Technology
Health Assisting	HVAC	Hospitality
Marine Service Technology	Marketing Education	Masonry
Medical Assisting	Metal Fabrication	Plumbing and Heating

CLASS RANK

WRVTHS computes and reports to colleges class rank based on a weighted 4.0 scale:

Grade	Level 5 (AP and Early College)	Level 1 (Honors)	Level 2 (CP 1)	Level 3 (CP 2)	Level 4 (General)
A+	5.3	4.7	4.3	4.0	3.7
A	5.0	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3
A-	4.7	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0
B+	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7
B	4.0	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3
B-	3.7	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0
C+	3.3	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7
C	3.0	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3
C-	2.7	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0
D+	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7
D	2.0	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.4
D-	1.7	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.1
F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

GRADUATE SURVEY RESULTS 2019 - 2023

YEAR	4 YR. PUBLIC	2 YEAR PUBLIC	4 YEAR PRIVATE	2 YEAR PRIVATE	TRADE SCHOOL	WORK	MILITARY	OTHER
2019	53	85	45	0	10	85	11	0
2020	43	87	50	4	22	100	8	1
2021	45	67	34	0	15	100	6	0
2022	62	78	31	1	10	101	3	0
2023	55	77	44	1	8	117	8	7