



# Watertown High School School Profile 2016-2017



School Code: 070-882

## Mission Statement:

The learning community of Watertown High School is committed to creating an environment in which all of our students can DREAM.

We strive to create a nurturing environment in which all students are challenged to be independent thinkers who are capable of adapting and contributing to an ever changing society.

Students will leave WHS with an ambitious belief in themselves and the skills and knowledge to make their dreams a reality.

## District Officials

Superintendent: Dr. Bridget Carnemolla  
Dir. of Student Services: Mrs. Donnah Rochester  
Dir. of Curriculum: Ms. Janet Parlato

## School Officials

Principal: Mr. Paul Jones  
Assistant Principal: Mr. Thomas Hogrefe  
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Nicole Cote

## School Counselors

Department Head: Mrs. Jessica Keating  
School Counselor: Mrs. Megan Chunis  
School Counselor: Mrs. Christine Sales  
School Counselor: Mrs. Meghan Robinson  
Department Secretary: Mrs. Sue Bohan

## Athletic Department

Director: Mr. Paul Catuccio

## Principal's Message

Watertown High School is an academically rigorous, NEASC accredited, public secondary high school in Litchfield County, Connecticut. With just under 900 students in the building, we are extremely proud of the opportunities that are students are afforded and the accomplishments which they earn on a daily basis. Students are encouraged to D.R.E.A.M. at Watertown High School: demonstrate determination, respect themselves and others, expect excellence, accept responsibility, and make good choices. The end goal, for all students, is to pursue a post-secondary plan that fits the future they have envisioned.

In order to facilitate the D.R.E.A.M. mentality, our students can design their academic program with 14 different Advanced Placement level and 27 honors level courses. Beyond the 14 Advanced Placement level courses, students also have the opportunity to propose Independent Study programs, with the intent of taking the Advanced Placement examination in that subject area. Finally, students are given the opportunity to earn college level credit during their time at Watertown High School, through early college experience programs sponsored by both the University of Connecticut and local community colleges. The advantages of earning college and honors level credit in high school are endless and our students are pursuing these opportunities as they arise.

Beyond the world of academia, Watertown High School has a variety of Athletic and extracurricular opportunities to ensure that our graduates are well rounded and dedicated to all aspects of their lives. We recognize the competitiveness in college admissions and, with that understanding; we know that our students have the utmost potential for success both in their steps after high school and wherever their lives take them after that. Thank you in advance for considering the admission of Watertown High School graduates.

Paul Jones  
Principal, Watertown High School

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## Our Community

Watertown is a diverse community of approximately 22,000 individuals and 8,000 households. The town serves as a suburb of Waterbury, an adjacent city of over 100,000. The town supports a primary school (K-2), two elementary schools (3-5), a middle school (6-8), and the high school (9-12).

## Our School

Watertown High School is a comprehensive four-year high school that currently serves 862 students.

## Our Accreditation

Watertown High School was initially accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1956 and was most recently reaccredited in 2005. The visiting NEASC committee reported that "the climate of Watertown High School is positive, respectful and supportive."

## Our Faculty

Watertown High School's 85 outstanding educational professionals carry an average of over 12 years teaching experience in Connecticut. Over 70% of our educators possess a Master's degree or higher. The visiting NEASC committee specifically commended our faculty for their "dedication and resourcefulness."

## Our Curriculum

Watertown High School offers an extensive curricular and co-curricular program including academic, fine, and applied arts, service, and special education opportunities in order to promote a wide range of student interests and abilities. Students may take a maximum of seven classes per semester and must graduate with a minimum of **23** credits: a single year-long class yields one credit, a semester-long class yields 0.5 credits.

## GPA

Watertown High School provides both an unweighted and weighted GPA, based on final grades in all subjects, with the exception of pass/fail courses, physical education, and musical performance courses. The point values are based on the course level and final grade received.

## Class Rank

Watertown High School only reports exact class rank directly to colleges, universities, and scholarship applications as requested. A student's class rank is computed to determine the relationship of his/her academic achievement to that of the rest of the class. The highest ranking student in a class is placed number 1 and the second highest ranking student is placed number 2. This process continues until the last student in the class is ranked. In determining class rank, courses are weighted according to level of difficulty. In calculating class rank, each final grade for a course has points added to the grade:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Advanced Placement	20 points
Honors	15 points
College Preparatory	10 points
Fundamental Studies	5 points

## Grading System

A passing grade at Watertown High School is a 70 or above. High honor roll students achieve an average of at least 90 with no grade below an 85. Honor roll students have an average of at least an 85 with no grade below a 75.

## Graduation Requirements of Class of 2017

<u>Credits</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
4.0	English
3.0	Math
3.5	Social Studies (to include 0.5 of Civics, 0.5 of Making of a Nation and 1.0 of U.S. History 2)
2.0	Science (to include 1.0 of Biology)
1.0	Capstone
1.0	Physical Education
0.5	Health
0.5	Computers
<u>7.5</u>	<u>Electives</u>
23	Total Credits

In addition to course and credit requirements, performance standards in academics, social and civic areas must be met in order for a student to qualify for graduation from Watertown High School. Academic expectations are met through school wide rubrics; which include Inquiry, Information Literacy, Communication, and Depth of Knowledge. The social expectation is met through the Capstone Project and the civic expectation is met through 20 hours of community service.

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## Our Students

Total Enrollment: 856

Grade	Total Per Class
9	217
10	227
11	201
12	211

171 members of our graduating class of 2016 took the SAT. Their mean scores were:

Test Takers	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
171	485	467	489

30 members of our graduating class of 2016 took the ACT. Their mean scores were:

Test Takers	Writing	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite
30	21.3	20.7	23.1	22.6	22.1

154 students took 256 Advanced Placement examinations in 14 subject areas.

### Advanced Placement Examinations

Biology  
Calculus BC  
Computer Principals  
English Lang. & Composition  
Music Theory  
Psychology  
Studio Art 2D & Drawing  
U.S. History  
Calculus AB  
Chemistry  
Computer Science A  
English Lit. & Composition  
Physics 1  
Statistics  
U.S. Govt. & Politics  
World History

### Honors Level Courses

English I  
American Literature  
Algebra II  
Calculus  
Integrated Biology  
Chemistry  
Global Issues  
American in the Modern Era  
French II, III, IV, V  
Advanced Ceramics  
Advance Drawing & Painting  
Advanced Piano Study  
Wind Ensemble  
English II  
Geometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Integrated Science  
Biology  
Human Anatomy  
Making of a Nation  
Economics  
Spanish II, III, IV  
Advanced Photo  
Advance Sculpture  
Chamber Choir

### UConn Early College Experience (ECE)

Spanish 5  
Chemistry

## Outstanding Accomplishments 2015-2016

- The WHS Theater productions (*Beauty and the Beast* and *Footloose*) received 17 nominations for the 2016 Halo Awards. These awards are sponsored by the Seven Angels Theater and simulate the Golden Globes for High School Theater.
- Watertown High School won Best Comic Female Performance in a Play, Best Scenic Design, and Best Props Design and/or Management in a Play for *Beauty and the Beast* at the 2016 Halo awards.
- Watertown High School won Best Specialty Ensemble in a Musical for *Footloose* at the 2016 Halo awards.
- Watertown High School and the Watertown Rotary recognized 40 students for Student of the Month.
- Watertown High School's DREAM program recognized 30 students with prizes. Over 400 DREAM tickets were handed out in the 2015-2016 school year.
- Six Watertown High School Students were accepted into the Northern Region Choir and one student was accepted into the Northern Region Band
- Two Watertown High School Students were accepted into All State Choir and one student was accepted into All State Band.
- Three Watertown High students were recognized with Honorable Mentions at the 2016 Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards.
- One Watertown High student won the Silver Key prize for their art work at the 2016 Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards.
- One of Watertown High Schools current seniors won the Governor's Scholarship

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## Members of the Class of 2016 were Accepted to the Following Colleges, Universities, and Technical Programs:

*74% of Watertown High School graduates matriculated to a four year university*

*19% of Watertown High School graduates matriculated to a two year university*

*5% of Watertown High School graduates matriculated to a technical school*

*2% of Watertown High School graduates entered a United States Military Branch*

Albertus Magnus College  
Albright College  
American University  
Anna Maria College  
Arcadia University  
Assumption College  
Barry University  
Bay Path University  
Becker College  
Bentley University  
Boise State University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bridgewater College  
Bristol Technical Education  
Center  
Brooklyn College  
Bryant University  
Central Connecticut State  
University  
Clark University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Curry College  
Eastern Connecticut State  
University  
Eckerd College  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical  
University  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College  
Fairfield University  
Fisher College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida Southern College  
Florida Southwestern State  
College  
Franklin Pierce University  
Full Sail University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Harvard University  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Hood College  
Hudson County Community  
College  
Iona College

Ithaca College  
Johnson and Wales University  
Keene State College  
Keystone College  
King's College  
Lasell College  
Long Island University  
Lyme Academy  
Lynn University  
Manhattan College  
Marymount Manhattan  
Marymount University  
Marywood University  
MCPHS  
Mercy College  
Merrimack College  
Mitchell College  
Mount Ida College  
Mount Saint Mary's College  
Mount Saint Vincent College  
Naugatuck Valley Community  
College  
New Haven University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern Connecticut  
Community College  
Northwestern University  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University  
Penn State  
Pensacola Christian College  
Plymouth State University  
Porter and Chester  
Post University  
Pratt Institute  
Providence College  
Purchase College  
Quinnipiac University  
Rochester Institute of  
Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Sacred Heart University  
Salve Regina  
SCAD  
Seton Hall University  
Simmons College  
Southern Connecticut State  
University

Southern Maine Community  
College  
Springfield College  
St. John's University  
St. Michael's College  
State college of Florida Sarasota  
Stetson University  
Suffolk University  
SUNY Broome Community  
College  
SUNY Cobleskill  
The College of Holy Cross  
Towson University  
University of Maine  
UMass Amherst  
UMass Boston  
UMass Lowell  
University of Connecticut  
University of Hartford  
University of Hartford/ Hartt  
School of Music  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Scranton  
University of St Josephs  
University of Tampa  
University of Vermont  
Valparaiso University  
Virginia Tech  
West Virginia University  
Western Connecticut State  
University  
Western New England University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Yale University