



Farmington High School Profile

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Farmington Public Schools "Vision of the FPS Graduate"

Farmington graduates will acquire an understanding of the essential knowledge and skills in the core academic disciplines and develop the thinking and learning skills necessary to meet the challenges of local, national and global citizenship in a rapidly changing world.

The School

Farmington High School is a 4-year comprehensive high school with a reputation for academic excellence and an emphasis on preparing its 1,300 students for college. The school challenges all students to participate in a wide variety of rigorous curricular and co-curricular opportunities. The school is accredited through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The current senior class has 330 students.

The Community

Nestled in the Farmington River Valley yet only 15 miles west of the state capital, Farmington provides its 4,100 students with the advantages of a small town as well as access to educational and cultural opportunities in the Hartford region and in nearby Boston and New York City.

Curriculum

The Farmington Public Schools have developed a standards-based curriculum that defines what students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level and in each discipline. Our standards are meant to prepare our students to be productive citizens in a rapidly changing world that demands critical thinking and problem solving.

Graduation Requirements

Credit Requirements	
English.....	4.0
Social Studies.....	3.5
Math	3.0
Science.....	3.0
P.E./ Health	2.0
Applied/Fine Arts.....	1.0
Other	5.5
Total.....	22

Standards Requirements

- World Language
- Literacy
- Science
- Math

Students meet these requirements through their performance on internal assessments, meeting or exceeding "Goal" on BOE approved standardized tests such as CAPT Science, SAT and ACT, or through a portfolio of work.

Grade Point Average/Class Rank

Farmington High School does not rank students. The student's G.P.A. is cumulative and is based on the student's weighted numerical average (0-100) in Advanced Placement, Honors and College Preparatory courses.

Advanced Placement Courses

Over 64% of this year's graduating class will have taken at least one of the following **20 A.P. courses** offered at FHS before graduating:

- English Literature
- English Language
- US History
- US Government/Politics
- European History
- Macro/Micro Economics
- Calculus AB and BC
- Statistics
- Environmental Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics B
- Physics C-Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism
- French Language & Culture
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Studio Art
- Music Theory
- Computer Science w/Java

Other School Highlights

- **Science:** All levels of physics, chemistry, and biology have a double lab period at least once a week. All 9th graders take physics as part of our "Physics First" program. Project Lead the Way is offered to students interested in engineering.
- **Co-Curricular Opportunities include:** Independent study, college partnership programs, Extended Learning Opportunities, Greater Hartford Academies of Science/Mathematics & the Arts, Hartford Symphony Orchestra Partnership.
- **Extra-Curricular Opportunities include:** 60+ faculty sponsored clubs, various honor/service societies, 36 interscholastic sports, 10+ intramural sports.

School Administration

Kathleen Greider <i>Superintendent</i>	Dr. William Silva <i>Principal</i>
Kimberly Wynne <i>Asst. Superintendent</i>	Curt Pandiscio <i>Assistant Principal</i>
Veronica Ruzek <i>Director of Curriculum and Instruction</i>	Lisa Kapcinski <i>Assistant Principal</i>
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Class Profile – Class of 2015

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	ADMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM	ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING
<p><u>PSAT/NMSQT</u></p> <p>National Merit Semi-Finalists: 2 Letters of Commendation: 15 National Merit Finalists: 2</p>	<p><u>SATI</u></p> <p>Participation: 84% of class</p> <p>Critical Reading Mean..... 553 Math 577 Writing 559</p> <p><u>ACT</u></p> <p>Participation: 48% of class</p> <p>Mean Composite.....25.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% of FHS juniors and seniors took one or more AP courses. 422 students took 966 AP Exams in 2015 (in 20 subjects). 73% of the FHS AP exam grades were a three or higher. FHS is nationally ranked by <i>Daily Beast</i>, <i>Newsweek</i>, <i>US News & World Report</i> and <i>Washington Post</i> as one of the best high schools in America.

Student Achievement Highlights ...

- Both SAT participation and achievement surpass state and national averages.
- ACT achievement scores surpass state and national averages.
- The Capstone Program allows students to commit themselves to a challenging independent learning experience focused on a personal passion or a possible career. Capstone students present their work publicly.
- The Voice, Farmington High School's student newspaper, was awarded the silver medal in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Medalist Critique in 2015 for student newspapers. Student authors have regularly been published in the CT Students Writer's Magazine .
- The outstanding Athletic Programs have achieved some of the highest winning percentages for high schools in Connecticut, including many State Championships.
- 70% of all students are involved in the interscholastic athletics program and approximately 70% are involved in clubs and activities.
- Unified sports, physical education, and art programs are accessible to all students.
- The School-to-Career Program received the Farmington Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 2014.
- Students in our exemplary Music Program participated in the Northern Regional Music Festival (91) and the All-State (25), All-Nationals, (4) and All-Eastern State (7) competitions. The school was also selected for the national award of a Best Community for Music Education. Students performed in concert with the University of Connecticut, and Central and Western Connecticut State Universities.

Post Graduate Plans Class of 2015			
Further Education	92%	Employment	5%
Four Year Colleges	80%	Other	1%
Two Year Colleges /Tech./Prep.	12%	Military	2%
Graduates: 332			

Members of the Class of 2015 were admitted to over 250 colleges and universities, including:

American International College	Emory University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Denver
American University	Fairfield University	Rice University	University of Florida
Amherst College	Fordham University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Hartford
Babson College	George Washington University	Russell Sage College	University of Illinois at Urbana
Bard College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rutgers University	University of Maine
Bentley University	Gettysburg College	Sacred Heart University	University of Maryland, College Park
Boston College	Gordon College	Saint Joseph's University	University of Massachusetts
Boston University	Hamilton College - NY	Saint Michael's College	University of Miami
Brandeis University	Hampshire College	Salve Regina University	University of New Hampshire
Brigham Young University, Idaho	High Point University	School of Visual Arts	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Brown University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Siena College	University of Notre Dame
Bryant University	Hofstra University	Skidmore College	University of Pennsylvania
California Polytechnic State University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Smith College	University of Pittsburgh
Carnegie Mellon University	Ithaca College	Southern Connecticut State University	University of Rhode Island
Catholic University of America	James Madison University	St. Lawrence University	University of Richmond
Central Connecticut State University	Johns Hopkins University	Stanford University	University of Saint Joseph
Clemson University	Lafayette College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of San Diego
Colgate University	Lehigh University	Stonehill College	University of South Carolina
College of Charleston	Loyola University Maryland	SUNY Stony Brook	University of Texas, Austin
College of New Jersey	Manhattan College	SUNY-Purchase	University of Vermont
College of the Holy Cross	Marist College	Swarthmore College	University of Virginia
College of William and Mary	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Syracuse University	Vassar College
Columbia University	Middlebury College	Trinity College	Villanova University
Connecticut College	New York University	Tufts University	Virginia Tech
Cornell University	Northeastern University	Tulane University	Wake Forest University
Dartmouth College	Ohio University	Union College	Washington University in St. Louis
Davidson College	Pace University, New York City	University of Alabama	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Dickinson College	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	University of California	Wesleyan University
Duke University	Providence College	University of Chicago	Western Connecticut State University
Eastern Connecticut State University	Quinnipiac University	University of Connecticut	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Elon University		University of Dayton	Yale University