

# Farmington High School Profile 2018-2019



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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, established in 1882, is a 4-year comprehensive high school with a reputation for academic excellence and an emphasis on preparing its 1,213 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. FPS is a National P21 Exemplar School District. The current senior class has 290 students.

### The Community

Nestled in the Farmington River Valley yet only 15 miles west of the state capital, Farmington provides its 4,200 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

<u>Credit Requirements</u>	
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

- Literacy
- Math
- Science
- World Language

Students meet these requirements through their performance on internal assessments, meeting or exceeding "Goal" on Board of Education approved standardized tests such as the NGSS, 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 75% of this year's graduating class will have taken at least one of the following **22 AP courses** offered at FHS before graduating:

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

### Vision of the Graduate

- **Critical Thinking and Reasoning:** Students access, interpret, and evaluate ideas and information, draw evidence-based conclusions, synthesize new learning with prior knowledge, and reflect critically on learning.
- **Communication and Collaboration:** Students participate effectively in a variety of teams, actively listen and respond to the ideas of others, share responsibility for outcomes, articulate ideas clearly in multiple formats and use technology tools to enhance communication.
- **Problem Solving and Innovation:** Students identify problems, analyze data, ask questions, utilize a variety of resources, think flexibly, make connections and seek practical, innovative and entrepreneurial solutions to a variety of problems.
- **Self-direction and Resourcefulness:** Students explore interests, take initiative, set goals, demonstrate persistent effort, adapt to change with resiliency, and exhibit ethical leadership and responsible citizenship.

### School Administration

**Kathleen Greider**  
Superintendent  
**Kimberly Wynne**  
Assistant Superintendent  
**Veronica Ruzek**  
Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
**Laurie Singer**  
Director of Special Services

**William Silva**  
Principal  
**Lisa Karcinski**  
Assistant Principal  
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**Mary Lundquist**  
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### School Counselors

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## Class Profile – Class of 2018

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM	ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING
<p><b>PSAT/NMSQT</b></p> <p>Letters of Commendation: 21 National Merit Semi-Finalists: 12 National Merit Finalists: 1</p> <p>The PSAT is administered to all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.</p> <p>The SAT is administered to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.</p>	<p><b>SAT I</b></p> <p>Participation: 100% of class Math Mean: 585 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Mean: 593</p> <p><b>SAT SUBJECT TESTS</b></p> <p>Participation: 18% of class</p> <p><b>ACT</b></p> <p>Participation: 36% of class Mean Composite: 26.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 73% of FHS juniors and seniors took one or more AP courses.</li> <li>• 67% of juniors took the AP US History course.</li>   <li>• 445 students took 1091 AP Exams in 2018 (in 23 subjects, 22 which were offered at FHS).</li>   <li>• 73% of the FHS AP exam grades were a three or higher.</li>   <li>• FHS is nationally ranked as one of the best high schools in America.</li>   <li>• AP Scholar Awards: AP Scholars (77) , AP Scholars with Distinction (71), AP Scholars with Honor (40), National AP Scholars (17).</li> </ul>

### Academic and Extracurricular Highlights

- **Activities:** Approximately 70% of all students were involved in the 80+ faculty sponsored clubs, various honor/service societies, and 10+ intramural sports offered.
- **Athletics:** 67% of all students were involved in the athletics program which offers 36 interscholastic sports.
- **AVID:** Advancement Via Individual Determination is an elective program designed to prepare students for academic success.
- **Capstone:** 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.
- **Extended Learning Opportunities:** Opportunities include independent study, college partnership programs, internships, and specialized learning opportunities such as the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, Hartford Symphony Orchestra Partnership, Bristol Technical Education Center, and community partnerships for experiential learning.
- **Journalism:** The Voice, Farmington High School’s student newspaper, was awarded the gold medal in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association’s Medalist Critique in 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- **Music:** Students in our exemplary music program were selected for Northern Regional Music Festival (90) and CT All-State (26), All-Eastern States (5), and All-Nationals (4) competitions. The school program received national awards as a “Best Community for Education” and “CT Exemplary K-12 Music Program”. Students performed in concert with the University of Connecticut, Hartt School and Western Connecticut State University.
- **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.
- **Theater:** The drama department was nominated for 16 HALO awards and won 2.
- **World Language:** All students meeting the WL graduation standard reach the Intermediate Oral Proficiency Level as defined by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Students also have the opportunity to earn the Connecticut Seal of Biliteracy.

### Post Graduate Plans Class of 2018

<b>Further Education:</b>	92%		
Four Year Colleges:	78%	<b>Graduates: 290</b>	Employment: 2%
Two Year Colleges /Tech/Prep:	14%		Military: 2%
			Other: 4%

*Members of the Class of 2018 were admitted to over 250 colleges and universities, including:*

American University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts
Bentley University	Hamilton College, NY	Rutgers University	University of Michigan
Berklee College of Music	High Point University	Sacred Heart University	University of New Hampshire
Binghamton University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Salve Regina University	University of Rhode Island
Boston College	Hofstra University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of North Carolina
Boston Conservatory, Berklee	Howard University	Siena College	University of Notre Dame
Boston University	Indiana University, Bloomington	Smith College	University of Pennsylvania
Brandeis University	James Madison University	Southern Connecticut State University	University of South Carolina
Bryant University	Johns Hopkins University	Springfield College	University of Richmond
Carnegie Mellon University	Lafayette College	Stonehill College	University of Rochester
Central Connecticut State University	Loyola University	Stony Brook University	University of Saint Joseph
Clark University	Marist College	Syracuse University	University of South Carolina
College of Charleston	Michigan State University	Trinity College	University of Vermont
College of the Holy Cross	Mount Holyoke College	Tulane University	University of Wisconsin
Connecticut College	New York Institute of Technology	Tunxis Community College	Villanova University
Cornell University	New York University	Union College	Virginia Tech
Dickinson College	Northeastern University	United States Naval Academy	Wake Forest University
Eastern Connecticut State University	Ohio State University	University of Alabama	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Elon University	Pace University, New York City	University of California	Wesleyan University
Fairfield University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Chicago	West Virginia University
Florida State University	Princeton University	University of Colorado	Western Connecticut State University
Fordham University	Providence College	University of Connecticut	Westfield State University
George Washington University	Quinnipiac University	University of Delaware	Wheaton College
Georgetown University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maryland	Worcester Polytechnic Institute