

Waterville Senior High School

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WATERVILLE, MAINE

Waterville, a city of 15,600, is located in Kennebec County, 52 miles south of Bangor, and 80 miles north of Portland. Professional and related services, together with wholesale and retail trade, are the major employing groups. Waterville is the location of Colby College, Thomas College, and medical facilities serving central Maine.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Waterville Senior High School community believes that education enriches people's lives. We promote personal improvement and excellence in academics, the arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities in a safe, respectful environment. Our mission is to provide opportunities for students to acquire knowledge, to develop skills, and to foster attitudes necessary for learning. Our programs and services assist students in becoming lifelong learners, ethical and responsible citizens, and productive workers. We strive to produce students who are able to think critically and independently, to adapt to new situations, to make responsible choices, and to show respect for all.

Waterville Senior High School

Class of 2009

Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Enrollment: 627 students in grades 9-12
157 current senior class

Faculty: 57 professionals, 18 support staff
6 technical support staff

High School Code: 201-075

Classes meet on an every other day block schedule for approximately 80 minutes.

Classes earning 1 credit meet for the entire school year.

Classes earning .5 credit meet for 1 semester (1/2 the school year).

Classes earning 1.5 credits meet for 1 and 1/2 blocks.

133 Number in Graduating Class
55% Enrolled in 4 year colleges/universities
19% Enrolled in 2 year programs
61% Maine Schools
23% New England Schools (Excluding Maine Schools)
16% Outside New England Schools
17% Employed/Seeking Employment
3% Enlisted in Military Service
2% Other/Undecided
4% Post-Grad Public and/or Private

SAT Reasoning Test Class of 2009

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	# of scores
Class of 2009	479	471	464	139
Seniors retaking				
Class of 2009	512	525	507	45
Maine 2009	468	467	455	
National 2009	501	515	493	

Graduation Requirements

Successful completion of a minimum of 22 course units for Class of 2009.

4 English ½ Health
3 Mathematics 1 Physical Education
2 Science 7½ Electives
3 Social Studies Computer Literacy
1 Visual & Performing Arts
.5 Career Preparation (Beginning with the Class of 2011)

Grading and Class Rank

Passing grade is 60. A letter grade followed by an * or an "F" indicates the student has failed for non-attendance.

Class Rank is computed at the end of five, six and seven semesters. Letter grades are converted to a grade point value of 0-4.4. All courses receive equal value and all courses are included except those subjects graded on a pass/fail basis.

Beginning with the Class of 2007, the State of Maine required that all students take the SAT in the Spring of their junior year.

Advanced Placement Program 2009

47 students sat for 80 exams in 11 subjects.

AP Courses Offered:

Statistics, Biology, Calculus, Comparative Government, English Literature and English Language, Art History, U.S History, World History, Economics, Chemistry, Physics and Studio Art.

Ability Grouping for English, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies

Indicated by last digit in course number:

Accelerated - 8
High - 1
Average - 2
Remedial - 3

Curriculum

English:

English 9, 10
American Literature 11
Modern English Workshop 9, 10, 11, 12
World Literature 12
Advanced Placement English Language & Literature
Humanities (see Social Studies)

Modern and Classical Language:

French 1-5
Spanish 1-5
Latin 1-4

Mathematics:

Pre-Algebra
Algebra IA
Algebra IB
Tech-Prep Geometry
College Math
Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Advanced Mathematics
Calculus
Advanced Placement Calculus AB
Advanced Placement Statistics

Science:

Physical Science
Biology
Advanced Placement Biology
Chemistry
Advanced Placement Chemistry
Physics
Advanced Placement Physics
Human Anatomy
Intro to Forensics

Social Studies:

Modern World History and Geography
Advanced Placement World History
United States History
United States History Through A Mainer's Eyes
Advanced Placement U.S. History
Advanced Placement Economics
Advanced Placement American Government
American Studies
Humanities

A rigorous interdisciplinary, double-block college preparatory course: an approved alternative to World Literature and Government.

Comparative Governments and Economics
Mock Trial/Government
Psychology
College Psychology

Visual & Performing Arts:

Strings
Band
Chorus
Advanced Placement Art History
Masters Art
Film Making
Advanced Placement Art Studio

Wellness:

Physical Education
Health

In addition to the aforementioned, elective courses are offered in the departments of English, Business, and Visual and Performing Arts. The Jobs for Maine Graduates Program was initiated in 2002-2003. State-of-the-art technology provides opportunities for individualized instruction in an increasing number of courses. In the junior and senior years, students may attend the Mid-Maine Technical Center for technical and career oriented programs.

College Courses: With endorsement of the guidance staff and approval of the college admissions staff, select seniors may enroll in a course at area colleges.

Independent Study: Under the supervision of a faculty member, a student may study in an area not included in the curriculum or in an area which is an extension or enrichment of the curriculum.

Alternative Programs and Support Services: Programs are offered to meet the special needs of students including an Alternative School, and a Teen Parent School.

Student Activities Program

Waterville Senior High School sponsors teams in 20 sports with equal opportunities for male and female students. Other activities include Student Government, National Honor Society, two school publications, Drama Club, Key Club, and several special interest clubs.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Girls' Basketball - State Championship 2007, 2008, 2009
Field Hockey - Eastern Regional Runner-up 2003; State Championship 2007
Girls' Tennis - Eastern Maine Championship 2006, 2007
Cheering KVAC Champions 2009, 2010
Boys' Track and Field - State Championship 2006, 2007, 2008
Girls' Track and Field - State Championship 2007, 2008, 2009
Golf - State Championship 2006
Girls Soccer State Championship 2009
Ice Hockey State Championship 2009
Girls' Indoor Track State Championship 2009
Girls' Swimming - KVAC Championship 2006, 2007
Vocal Traction - A group of young men and women dedicated to singing diverse musical genres
Placed 3rd at MMEA State Vocal Jazz Festival 2009
Concert Band - Gold Medal rating at the Great East Festival 2006.
Three students accepted for Kennebec Valley Honors Band 2005, 2006; one student accepted to All-State Band 2007
Concert Choir-- Gold Rating and 2nd place at the Fiesta-val Festival in Williamsburg, VA 2009
Jazz Band - Placed 3rd in their division, Berklee HS Jazz Festival 2005; tied for 3rd Place in their division at the State Jazz Festival 2005.
Drama - 1st Place in MPA Regional One Act Play 2004, 2005.
Kennebec Valley Business Education League 2007-2008 Competitions:

1st Place: Accounting I & II, Basic Business Skills, Computer Applications

2nd Place: Keyboarding I, Business Math

3rd Place: Business Terminology and Record Keeping

Science Olympiad - 1st Place in Maine, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999,