



## WORCESTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019

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- Founded in 1970, Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) is the only Pre-K to Grade 12 college preparatory, coeducational, non-sectarian, independent day school in Worcester County. Located 8 miles west of Ocean City, MD and 125 miles southeast of Baltimore, the campus sits on 45 acres. In addition to the main classroom buildings, the facilities include an Innovation Lab, Library and Media Center, Field House, Performing Arts Center, and a Bird Sanctuary & Childrens' Garden.
- It is the mission of WPS to promote academic excellence through a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and to promote the all-round growth of its students personally, physically, socially and academically through its curricular and extracurricular programs.
- Of the 505 students, 199 are enrolled in the Upper School. The class of 2019 includes 53 students: 33 boys and 20 girls. Average class size is 16 students and the student/teacher ratio is 10:1.
- WPS believes that diversity is a fundamental element of the educational experience. Our students come from diverse ethnic, religious, and racial backgrounds and represent over 45 different cities and towns in MD, DE, and VA. Currently, students of color represent 15% of enrollment.
- Faculty average 18 years of teaching experience. 56% of faculty hold an advanced degree and 10% are WPS graduates.
- WPS is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Independent Maryland Schools.

### GRADING & COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

- WPS does not rank because of the school's selectivity, small class size, and the academically competitive nature of the program.
- A weighted GPA is calculated using only major academic courses. Advanced Placement courses weighted 5 points; honors courses weighted 3 points. A numerical system is used to report grades. Please see the chart at right for the Grade Distribution for the Class of 2019 (after six semesters.)

### SAT AND ACT (25TH – 75TH)

Class	Size	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	ACT
2018 SATr	51	560-660	550-650	*	21-27
2017 SATr	56	580-670	580-660	*	23-29
2016	47	500-640	520-650	520-650	23-31
2015	47	530-660	520-660	550-660	22-29

GPA Range for Class of 2019 Letter Grade/Numerical/4.0 Scale	Number of Students	Percentage of Class
A+ (98 or higher; 3.91 or higher)	7	13%
A (95 – 97.9; 3.79 – 3.90)	10	19%
A- (93 – 94.9; 3.7 – 3.79)	10	19%
B+ (90 – 92.9; 3.44 – 3.69)	11	21%
B (88 – 89.9; 3.22 – 3.43)	4	8%
B- (85 – 87.9; 2.9 – 3.21)	6	11%
C+ to C- (84.9 or below; 2.89 or below)	5	9%

## CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM

- To receive a WPS diploma, students typically earn a minimum of 23 units (1 unit = 1 full year) for graduation. In addition to 20 core academic courses, students also complete 1 unit each in Physical Education and Integrated Technology and .5 units in Music Appreciation and Art Appreciation. Full courses descriptions can be found in the Upper School Academic section of the School's website.
- WPS prides itself on its commitment to education, academic integrity, and personal honor. We believe that the teaching and learning process flourishes in an environment of mutual respect, trust, and discipline where all students are expected to act responsibly, ethically, and honorably. In all our actions at WPS, we encourage students to strive for a life governed by the values of academic honesty and respect for the work of others.
- The words "Cum Laude" come from the Latin phrase meaning "with high praise." In addition to holding a charter membership in the Cum Laude Society, WPS is a proud member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, La Société Honoraire de Français, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, and the International Thespian Society.
- The athletic program at WPS is seen as an extension of our education program. More than 80% of graduating seniors earn at least one varsity letter, and many of our graduates continue to play sport(s) at the collegiate level.
- The fine arts – both visual and performing – are valued at WPS for the skills they develop, the perspectives they encourage, and the vehicles they provide for creative expression. Our goal reaches beyond arts appreciation. We seek to encourage in our students a lasting involvement with and enjoyment of the arts that spans their lives.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### ENGLISH

English 9  
 English 10 (World Literature)  
 English 11 (American Literature)  
 English 12 (British Literature)  
 AP English Languages (11th)  
 AP English Literature (12th)

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

World History I  
 World History II  
 U.S. History  
 Contemporary Issues  
 AP U.S. History

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I  
 Algebra II  
 Geometry  
 Algebra III  
 Statistics  
 Honors Pre-Calculus  
 Calculus  
 AP Calculus I  
 AP Calculus II

### SCIENCE

Physical Science  
 Honors Physical Science  
 Biology  
 AP Biology  
 Chemistry  
 AP Chemistry  
 Physics  
 AP Physics  
 AP Computer Science Principles

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I, II, III  
 Honors French IV  
 Spanish I, II, III  
 Honors Spanish IV

### FINE ARTS

Art Appreciation  
 Music Appreciation  
 Chorus  
 Ensemble  
 Dance  
 Photography  
 Drama

### TECHNOLOGY & ELECTIVES

Integrated Technology  
 Advanced Integrated Technology  
 Digital Engineering  
 Digital Media  
 Yearbook  
 Newspaper  
 Principles of Engineering \*  
*\*new in 2018-2019*



## AP EXAMINATIONS

- In 2018, 98 students (50% of the Upper School) sat for 180 examinations in 9 subjects.
- 67% of exams received a score of 3 or higher.
- Access to AP courses is by faculty recommendation and students rarely carry more than three AP courses per year.

May 2018 Scholar Award Results	Number of Scholars / Average Score	% of AP test takers
AP Scholar	16 / 3.01	16%
AP Scholar with Honor	4 / 3.59	4%
AP Scholar with Distinction	9 / 4.19	9%
National AP Scholar	2 / 4.44	Included in Distinction
Total Scholars	29 / 3.69	30%

## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS • CLASSES OF 2014-2018



American University  
 Arizona State University  
 Auburn University  
 Barnard College  
 Brown University  
 Cabrini University  
 Champlain College  
 Christopher Newport University  
 Clemson University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Colby College  
 College of Charleston  
 College of William and Mary  
 Cornell University  
 Davidson College  
 Dickinson College  
 Drexel University  
 East Carolina University  
 Eastern Shore Community College  
 Eckerd College  
 Elizabethtown College  
 Flagler College  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida State University  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin and Marshall College  
 Frostburg State University  
 Furman University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Gettysburg College  
 Harvard University  
 High Point University  
 James Madison University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Loyola University Maryland

Marymount Manhattan College  
 Merrimack College  
 Michigan State University  
 Middlebury College  
 North Carolina A&T State U  
 Northeastern University  
 Northwestern University  
 Oklahoma City University  
 Queens University of Charlotte  
 Radford University  
 Randolph-Macon College  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Roanoke College  
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
 Salisbury University  
 San Diego State University  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 School of Visual Arts  
 Smith College  
 St. Mary's College of Maryland  
 Stanford University  
 SUNY Maritime College  
 Susquehanna University  
 Swarthmore College  
 The College of Wooster  
 The Culinary Institute of America  
 The George Washington University  
 Towson University  
 Tufts University  
 Tulane University  
 United States Merchant Marine  
 Academy  
 University of Alabama  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Chicago  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Florida  
 University of Hartford  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
 University of Maryland, College Park  
 University of Miami  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of North Carolina,  
 Wilmington  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Richmond  
 University of Rochester  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of South Carolina  
 The University of Tampa  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 The University of the Arts  
 University of Utah  
 University of Virginia  
 Villanova University  
 Virginia Military Institute  
 Virginia Tech  
 Virginia Wesleyan University  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington and Lee University  
 Washington College  
 Washington University in St. Louis  
 West Virginia University  
 Winthrop University