

FEDERAL WAY HIGH SCHOOL

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FWHS AT A GLANCE

Federal Way High School is a comprehensive high school with a two-semester structure and 180-day school year. Students follow an 8 period block schedule with alternating 4 period days. About 1,600 students attend the school of which ~64% qualify for free and reduced lunch. FWHS has made the Washington Post "High School Challenge" list 5 years in a row.

Demographic	% of student body
White	23%
Latino/a	33%
African-American	14%
Asian	11%
Pacific Islander	8%
Multi-racial	11%
Native American	<1%
Language other than English spoken at	38%
Students on choice	20%
Mobility rate (entry/withdraw)	28%

More information at:

fwps.org/info/schools/profiles/senior/fwhs.html

GRADING SYSTEM

A minimum passing grade is a "C". No credit is given for a "D" grade or lower. **Grades and GPA's are not weighted.**

A = 4.0	B- = 2.7	D+ = 0.0
A- = 3.7	C+ = 2.3	D = 0.0
B+ = 3.3	C = 2.0	F = 0.0
B = 3.0	C- = 1.7	

On September 2011, Federal Way Public Schools transitioned to a Standards Based Grading system. In this system "+" and "-" grades are no longer assigned.

CLASS RANK

Class rank is computed semi-annually and cumulatively. All courses that receive a letter grade are used to determine class rank. Rank in class is **not** weighted.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Studio Art/Photo

Cambridge International AS/A Level Examination Classes

AICE classes prepare students for honors level university classes and the British AS and A level exams. PreAICE classes are available to 9th and 10th grade students and consist of the most rigorous classes available at that grade level, preparing students for the British IGCSE exams.

PreAICE Eng Lang/Lit	AICE Eng Lang/Lit
PreAICE Math I/II	AICE Math I/II
PreAICE Biology	AICE Biology I/II
PreAICE Chemistry	AICE Chemistry I/II
PreAICE Physics	AICE Physics
PreAICE Spanish	AICE Spanish
PreAICE French	AICE French
PreAICE Hist/Thinking Skills	AICE U.S. History I
PreAICE World History	AICE U.S. History II
	AICE Economics
	AICE Graphic Design
	AICE Global Perspectives

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A minimum of 23.5 credits, which must include:

- ✓ 8 semesters English
- ✓ 6 semesters Math
- ✓ 5 semesters Science
- ✓ 8 semesters Social Studies
- ✓ 4 semesters Physical Education
- ✓ 2 semesters Occupational Education
- ✓ 1 semester Health
- ✓ 2 semesters Fine Arts
- ✓ 11 semesters Electives

2. Completion of a culminating project and a 13th year plan.

3. Successful completion of Washington State assessments in ELA, Science, and Math.

Academic Data

Senior class of 2016 enrollment: 373
 Mean GPA: 2.87
 Seniors with a 4.0 GPA: 8

Senior class of 2016 SAT (mean) scores through June 2016

	Critical Reading	Writing	Math	Total
Senior Class	407	400	412	1219
Cambridge Seniors	541	527	550	1618

**The SAT is given to every junior and senior at FWHS during the school day*

Cambridge International Examinations

33% of Diploma Candidates earned an AICE Diploma

Exam	Pass rate
AICE Biology	22%
AICE Chemistry	33%
AICE Economics	27%
AICE Eng Lang	80%
AICE Eng Lit	72%
AICE French	87%
AICE Graphic Design	100%
AICE History	39%
AICE Math 12	25%
AICE Physics	25%
AICE Spanish	96%

Cambridge International AS and A Levels are internationally benchmarked qualifications providing excellent preparation for university education. They are part of the Cambridge Advanced stage.

Access to Advanced Classes

Advanced Class	% of student body enrolled
English	41%
Social studies/History	39%
Science	28%
At least one advanced class	52%

College Plans

Approximately 33% of graduates attend a 4-year college or university and 36% of graduates attend a community or technical college.

Class of 2016 college attendance (student reported) spanned over 60 different colleges and universities, including:

*Univ of Washington	*Whitworth
*Duke University	*Rice University
*Pacific Lutheran Univ	*Washington State
*Seattle Univ	*Baylor University
*Western Washington Univ	*Oral Roberts Univ
*Univ of Hawaii	*Univ of Puget Sound
*Gonzaga University	*Univ of Portland
*Univ of Southern California	*Chapman University

Programs and Policies

Cambridge Program: Federal Way is the first west-coast site of the Cambridge Program, which offers students the opportunity to earn the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) diploma. Curriculum for the program and subsequent assessments were developed by the University of Cambridge in England. Cambridge courses emphasize higher order thinking skills, oral skills, writing skills, problem solving, teamwork, inquiry and investigative skills. Students have the opportunity to earn credit at many of the nations' colleges and universities by taking and passing AICE exams. *More information:* <http://www.cie.org.uk/countries/usa>

AVID National Demonstration School: College readiness program that supports and prepares traditionally underrepresented students for college admissions. Over 300 of our students are involved in our AVID program. Out of approximately 4,500 AVID schools only 3% hold the distinct honor of being National Demonstration Schools.

Academic Acceleration: Since the fall of 2010, students who meet standard on state standardized tests have been automatically enrolled in advanced classes. This policy complements the self-selection (open-enrollment) process that has always been in place.

More information: <http://www.fwps.org/info/advanced/>

Standards-based grading: Grades for each subject reflect exactly what students know. They measure each student's progress against known and established milestones — not against how well their classmates are doing. Students are evaluated on a set number of Priority Standards. Grades are calculated using Power Law.

More information: www.fwps.org/cur/sbelsbe-grading