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2016 – 2017 School Profile

Ranked #1 "Best Public High School" by *Boston Magazine*

Dover-Sherborn Regional High School offers the benefits of a top-notch private school education to its public constituents. Consistently ranked among the top public schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the nation, Dover-Sherborn has long had a national reputation for academic excellence. This small, comprehensive regional school is located in the town of Dover, about 20 miles west of Boston. It serves the small, semi-rural residential towns of Dover and Sherborn, whose communities strongly support public education and are truly dedicated to educating its youth and inspiring a passion for learning.

The Dover-Sherborn faculty is dedicated to providing students with the skills and knowledge needed in a competitive, global marketplace and with experiences that will assist and encourage them to become future leaders. Dover-Sherborn has cultivated a student/faculty exchange program with Hangzhou, China, and our math and physics teams continually earn top honors at state and regional competitions. Annually over ninety-five percent of our graduates attend four year colleges and universities. To date, all students have passed the required state exit exams, the MCAS.

Mission Statement

Dover-Sherborn High School is a community of learners whose goal is to inspire academic excellence and a commitment to personal and civic responsibility. We engage in the learning process with honesty, creativity, dedication, and respect, and seek to provide an atmosphere of freedom and trust in a safe and nurturing environment.

School Facts

- Dover-Sherborn High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Ninety-six percent of the Class of 2016 students are continuing their education after graduation.
- The high school serves 657 students in grades 9 through 12 and there are 160 students in the Class of 2017.
- Dover-Sherborn High School subscribes to *Naviance*. Counselors submit all materials electronically, whenever possible, including the end-of-year final transcripts after graduation (June 1st, 2017).
- The Dover-Sherborn Schools participate in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunities (METCO), a voluntary program that brings 40 students from the City of Boston to the Dover, Sherborn, and Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools.
- The Dover Sherborn Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex/gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homelessness.

Curriculum Information

Though Dover-Sherborn offers three levels of courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign languages, students are not tracked. Most departments offer a variety of courses that are heterogeneously grouped. Students are expected to enroll in a minimum of 36 credits annually. The schedule is based upon an eight-day rotation. All primary courses (and most electives) meet six times out of the eight day cycle and all classes meet for nearly an hour each. In general, 6 credits are earned for successful completion of a year-long course & 3 credits are earned for successful completion of a semester course. Laboratory sciences may meet up to two additional periods each cycle. Any questions regarding courses listed on a student's transcript should be directed to the Guidance Office or consult the *Program of Studies*, posted on the high school's webpage at: <http://www.doversherborn.org/page.cfm?p=1236>

Graduation Requirements

In addition to meeting state graduation competency requirements, one hundred forty course credits are required for graduation. The minimum numbers of credits required per discipline are as follows:

- English: 24 credits
- Mathematics: 24 credits
- Lab Sciences: 18 credits
- Social Studies: 18 credits (including World & U.S. History)
- World Language: 18 credits
- Technology and Engineering & Fine and Performing Arts: 18 credits
- Wellness (Health & Physical Education): 12.5 credits
- Community Service: 40 hours

*Students must also earn a passing score in all MCAS Graduation/Competency Determination requirements

Grading System

Dover-Sherborn operates on a two semester calendar year that includes four grading terms, plus mid-year and final exams. Senior grade reports are mailed to colleges after the first grading term in mid-November and again, after the first semester during the first weeks of February. The minimum passing grade is 65. GRADES on transcripts and report cards are literal and the numerical equivalents are:

A = 93-100	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77-79	D = 65-69	P = Pass
A- = 90-92	B = 83-86	C = 73-76	F = Below 65 Failing	F = Fail
	B- = 80-82	C- = 70-72		

Grade Point Average

The Dover-Sherborn GPA is based on a **weighted 4.0 system** and includes only mathematics, science, world language, social studies, AP Art and English courses taken at Dover-Sherborn High School. Summer school courses are not factored into the weighted GPA. The highest attainable weighted GPA is **4.87**. The highest weighted GPA in the Class of **2017** at the end of six semesters is a **4.85**.

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
ADVANCED PLACEMENT	5.00	4.58	4.17	3.75	3.33	2.92	2.50	2.08	1.25	0
HONORS	4.80	4.40	4.00	3.60	3.20	2.80	2.40	2.00	1.20	0
COLLEGE PREPARATORY	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.00	0

Policy on Rank-In-Class

With approval of the Dover-Sherborn School Committee, Dover-Sherborn High School does not compute a "Rank-in-Class" for its students.

Counselor Information

Each student's college application is supplemented by a personal letter written by the student's school counselor. This descriptive letter is a comprehensive report that includes teacher feedback, information from student records and reports, and the counselor's personal knowledge of the student. Counselors make every effort to provide accurate student profiles for each senior. *Should you have any questions about any student, our counselors welcome the opportunity to speak with you.*

Advanced Placement

Fourteen Advanced Placement courses were offered during the 2015-2016 academic year. Advanced Placement courses are typically offered during the junior and senior year and students maximize their educational opportunities within the confines of the master schedule and graduation requirements. *All students receiving Advanced Placement credit are expected to take the AP examination in May.*

In the spring of 2016, **201** students took **480** examinations.

Course: Percent Earning 3 or Higher

Biology	100%
Calculus AB	100%
Calculus BC	100%
Chemistry	100%
English Language and Composition (grade 11)	94%
English Literature (grade 12)	91%
French Language	100%
Latin Vergil	100%
Physics C-Mech	100%
Spanish Language	100%
Statistics	80%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	90%
U.S Government and Politics (grade 12)	99%
U.S. History (grade 11)	98%

2016 Advanced Placement Results

5	202
4	161
3	91
2	24
1	2

2016 Advanced Placement Awards

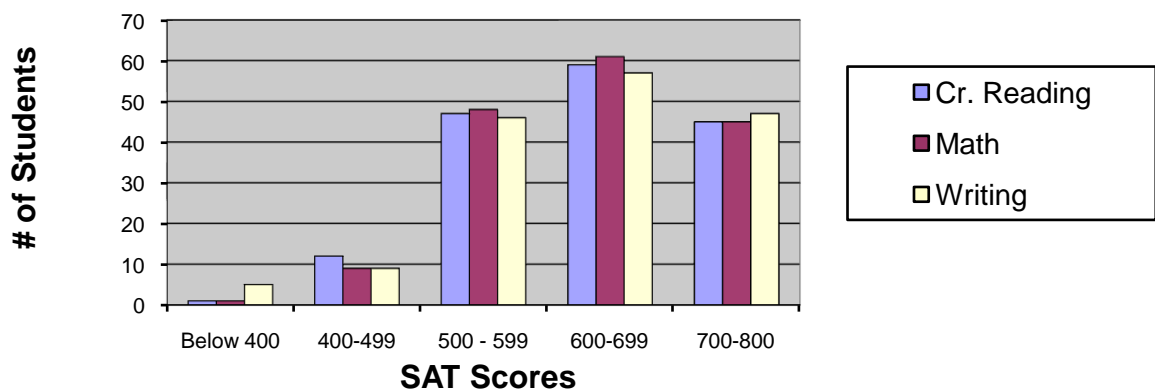
AP National Scholars	6
AP Scholars with Distinction	44
AP Scholars with Honors	22
AP Scholars	<u>39</u>
Total:	111

College Board Scores

Ninety-four percent of the *Class of 2016* took the SAT I and **59% scored over 600 in the verbal section, 60% scored over 600 in the math section and 59% scored over 600 in the writing section.** The mean of the highest scores achieved by these test takers as calculated in Naviance were as follows:

Class of:	2014	2015	2016
Critical Reading	623	622	627
Math:	643	638	636
Writing:	634	637	627

SAT SCORES Class of 2016



ACT Mean for the Class of 2016

English: 27.2 Math: 27.7 Reading: 27.7 Science: 26.3 Composite: 27.4 Test Takers: 80

National Merit Recognition for the Class of 2016

Semi-Finalist: 5 Commended: 20

Dover-Sherborn High School Post-Secondary Plans

	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Four -Year College	97%	96%	95%
Two Year College	1%	1%	1%
Other	2%	3%	4%

Class of 2016:

96% attend two and four year colleges & universities

- 59% attend out-of-state private colleges & universities
- 16% attend out-of-state public colleges & universities
- 9% attend MA state colleges & universities
- 14% attend MA private colleges & universities
- <1% attend international colleges & universities
- 1% plan to attend a GAP year
- 0% plan to attend the military
- <2% other (trade, workforce)

2016 Top Schools Matriculated

UMASS, Amherst	7 students
UVM	6 students
Boston College	5 students
Brown University	4 students
NYU	4 students
Conn College	4 students
Wake Forest	4 students
Providence	4 students
High Point	4 students
Georgetown	3 students
Middlebury	3 students
Colby College	3 students
Elon University	3 students

Class of 2016 Partial College and University Acceptance List

Babson College	Fairfield University	Oberlin College	University of Delaware
Bentley University	Emory University	Occidental College	University of Denver
Berklee School of Music	Fordham University	Princeton University	University of Findlay
Boston College	George Washington U	Providence College	University of Maryland
Boston University	Georgetown University	Purdue University	University of Mass, Amherst
Bowdoin College	Georgia Institute of Tech	Queen's University	University of Miami
Brandeis University	Gettysburg College	Quinnipiac University	University of Michigan
Brown University	Hamilton College	Rensselaer Poly Institute	University of New Hampshire
Bucknell University	Haverford College	Rice University	University of Notre Dame
Carnegie Mellon U	High Point University	Rochester Institute of Tech	University of Rochester
Clark University	Hobart & William Smith College	Saint Michael's College	University of Richmond
Colby College	Ithaca College	Savannah College of Art/Design	University of Saint Andrews
Colgate University	Johns Hopkins University	Skidmore College	University of Southern California
College of Charleston	Kenyon College	Stonehill College	University of Tampa
College of the Holy Cross	Lehigh University	Suffolk University	University of Vermont
College of William and Mary	Loyola Univ, Maryland	Syracuse University	University of Virginia
Connecticut College	Massachusetts Institute of Tech	Trinity College	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Mc Gill University	Tufts University	Villanova University
Dartmouth College	Merrimack College	Tulane University	Wake Forest University
Denison University	Miami Univ, Oxford	Union College	Washington U, St. Louis
Dickinson College	Middlebury College	U of California, Berkeley	Wellesley College
Drexel University	Muhlenberg College	U of California, Los Angeles	Wesleyan University
Duke University	New York University	University of Chicago	Williams College
Elon University	Northeastern University	U of Colorado Boulder	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Emerson College	Northwestern University	University of Connecticut	Yale University