

DOVER SHERBORN HIGH SCHOOL



2021 - 2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

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DSHS Guidance COVID-19 Grading Statement

2019-2020 School Year:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dover Sherborn High School shifted to remote learning on Friday, March 13, 2020. Standard letter grades were given for Quarters 1 and 2 and, subsequently, Semester 1. A letter grade was also given for Quarter 3, representing *only* the in-person portion of the second semester. Fourth quarter was graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Final grades for the year were calculated by weighting each grade as follows: Semester 1 (72%), Quarter 3 (18%), and Quarter 4 (10%).

2020-2021 School Year:

Dover Sherborn High School opted to follow a hybrid model of education however families were able to choose a fully remote model of learning. Letter grades were given, though students did not take midyear or final exams. To accommodate a later start of the school year, we adjusted our overall semester grades to reflect a running average of work done each semester.

2021-2022 School Year:

We have returned to in-person learning five days a week. We will publish interim grades in late October and first semester grades in early February. A first quarter grade will therefore *not* necessarily reflect 50% of the first semester grade and should be viewed as an interim grade report.

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. 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.

School Facts

- Dover-Sherborn High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Ninety-five percent of the Class of 2021 students are continuing their education after graduation.
- The high school serves 660 students in grades 9 through 12 and there are 165 students in the Class of 2022.
- Dover-Sherborn is the first *Challenge Success* school on the East Coast to prioritize student wellness and engagement.
- The Dover-Sherborn Schools participate in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunities (METCO), a voluntary program that brings 41 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 world 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, and 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 our [Program of Studies](#) posted on the high school website.

Graduation Requirements*

In addition to meeting state graduation competency requirements, one hundred forty course credits are required for graduation.

Discipline	Minimum numbers of credits required
English	24 credits
Mathematics	24 credits
Lab Sciences	18 credits
Social Studies (including World & U.S. History)	18 credits
World Language	18 credits
Tech, Engineering & Comp Science and/or Fine & 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 for 2021-2022

Dover-Sherborn will operate on a two-semester calendar year this school year. We plan to report interim senior grades in late October and first semester grades in early 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, English and AP Studio Art 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 current weighted GPA in the Class of **2022** at the end of six semesters is a **4.84**.

	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

Counselors work with each student on their caseload for all four years of high school. Students' college applications are 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.* Dover-Sherborn High School subscribes to *Naviance*. Counselors submit all materials electronically, whenever possible, including the end-of-year final transcripts after graduation (June 2nd, 2022).

Ellen Chagnon	Beth Hecker	Robert Williamson	Carol Spezzano	Timothy O'Mara
Director of Guidance	School Counselor (A-D)	School Counselor (E-L)	School Counselor (M-R)	School Counselor (R-Z)

Advanced Placement

Fifteen Advanced Placement courses were offered during the 2020-2021 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 2021, 221 students took 552 examinations.

Course: Percent Earning 3 or Higher

Biology	100%
Calculus AB	100%
Calculus BC	100%
Chemistry	100%
Computer Science	87%
English Language and Composition (grade 11)	95%
English Literature (grade 12)	89%
French Language	100%
Latin	100%
Physics C-Mech	100%
Spanish Language	100%
Statistics	88%
Studio Art 2D	100%
Studio Art Drawing	100%
U.S Government and Politics (grade 12)	96%
U.S. History (grade 11)	87%

2021 Advanced Placement Results

5	191
4	180
3	148
2	30
1	3

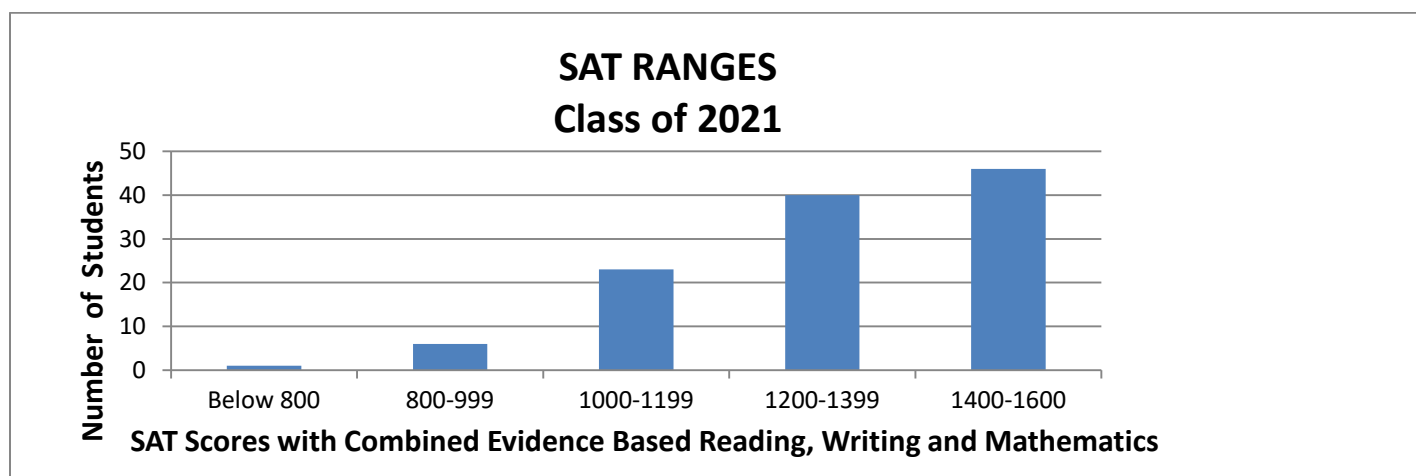
2021 Advanced Placement Awards

AP Scholars with Distinction	54
AP Scholars with Honors	27
AP Scholars	39
Total:	120

College Board Scores

Due to the pandemic, only sixty-eight percent of the *Class of 2021* took the SAT. Of the students who took the SAT, **77% earned a combined score of over 1200**. The mean of the highest scores achieved by these test takers as calculated in Naviance is as follows:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<i>(As of September 2021)</i>
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	642	663	634	
Mathematics	644	678	644	



ACT Mean for the Class of 2021

English: 29.9 Math: 28.5 Reading: 29.4 Science: 28.1 Composite: 29.1 Test Takers: 89

National Merit Recognition for the Class of 2022: Commended Students: 16

Dover-Sherborn High School Post-Secondary Plans

	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Four-Year College	96%	92%	94%
Two-Year College	1%	0%	1%
Other	3%	8%	5%

Class of 2021:

College Bound

- 46% attend out-of-state private colleges & universities
- 21% attend out-of-state public colleges & universities
- 6% attend MA state colleges & universities
- 26% attend MA private colleges & universities
- 1% attend international colleges & universities

Pursuing other Opportunities

- 1% employment/trade
- < 1% plan to attend a GAP year
- 2% Postgraduate Program

2021 Top Schools Attended

Northeastern University	11 students
Boston University	9 students
UMass, Amherst	6 students
Bentley University	4 students
Boston College	4 students
Tufts University	4 students
New York University	4 students
University of Vermont	4 students
Fairfield University	3 students
University of Richmond	3 students
Skidmore College	3 students
UNH	3 students

Class of 2021 Partial Colleges and Universities Acceptance List

American University	Framingham State U	Pitzer College	Union College
Babson College	George Washington U	Pomona College	University of CA-Irvine
Bentley University	Hamilton College	Providence College	University of CA-Los Angeles
Boston College	Harvard College	Purdue University	University of CA-San Diego
Boston University	Harvey Mudd College	Quinnipiac University	University of Dallas
Bryant University	High Point University	Rensselaer Poly Tech	University of Denver
Bucknell University	Indiana U-Bloomington	Roger Williams U	University of Mass, Amherst
Carnegie Mellon University	James Madison U	Salve Regina University	University of Mass, Lowell
Case Western Reserve U	Keene State College	San Diego State University	University of Miami
Claremont McKenna C	Lafayette College	Skidmore College	University of Richmond
Clemson University	Lehigh University	Smith College	University of Rochester
College of Charleston	Marist College	Southern Maine C.C.	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University	Massachusetts College of Art	Stonehill College	University of Toronto
Cornell University	Massachusetts Institute of Tech	Suffolk University	University of Vermont
Curry College	Merrimack College	Syracuse University	University of Virginia
Denison University	Middlebury University	The New School	Villanova University
Eckerd College	Muhlenberg College	The U of Alabama	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Elon University	New York University	The U of Tennessee-Knoxville	Wake Forest University
Endicott College	North Carolina State U- Raleigh	Tufts University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Fairfield University	Northeastern University	Tulane University	Xavier University

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.