

DOVER SHERBORN HIGH SCHOOL



2020 - 2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

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DSHS Guidance COVID-19 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:

For the 2020-2021 school year, Dover Sherborn High School has opted to follow a hybrid model of education. Students attend school in-person for two days each week and learn remotely for three days. Standard letter grades will be given, though students will not be taking midyear or final exams. To accommodate a later start of the school year, we have adjusted our overall semester grades to reflect a running average of work done each semester. 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.

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-two percent of the Class of 2020 students are continuing their education after graduation.
- The high school serves 676 students in grades 9 through 12 and there are 169 students in the Class of 2021.
- 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 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 for our Hybrid Schedule 2020-2021

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 a five-day rotation. All primary courses (and most electives) meet two times out of the five-day cycle and all classes meet for eighty minutes 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. 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.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Minimum numbers of credits required</u>
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 2020-2021

Dover-Sherborn will operate on a two-semester calendar year this school year. Senior interim grade reports are sent to colleges halfway through the first semester in mid-November and again, after the first semester ends 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, English and AP 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 **2021** at the end of six semesters is a **4.87**.

	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 4th, 2021).

Ellen Chagnon Director of Guidance	Beth Hecker School Counselor (A-F)	Robert Williamson School Counselor (F-L)	Carol Spezzano School Counselor (L-S)	Timothy O'Mara School Counselor (S-Z)
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Advanced Placement

Fourteen Advanced Placement courses were offered during the 2019-2020 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 2020, 223 students took 484 examinations.

<u>Course:</u>	<u>Percent Earning 3 or Higher</u>
Biology	100%
Calculus AB	78%
Calculus BC	94%
Chemistry	100%
English Language and Composition (grade 11)	95%
English Literature (grade 12)	84%
French Language	100%
Physics C-Mech	87%
Spanish Language	100%
Statistics	72%
Studio Art 2D	89%
Studio Art 3D	100%
U.S Government and Politics (grade 12)	87%
U.S. History (grade 11)	94%

2020 Advanced Placement Results

5	160
4	147
3	127
2	44
1	5

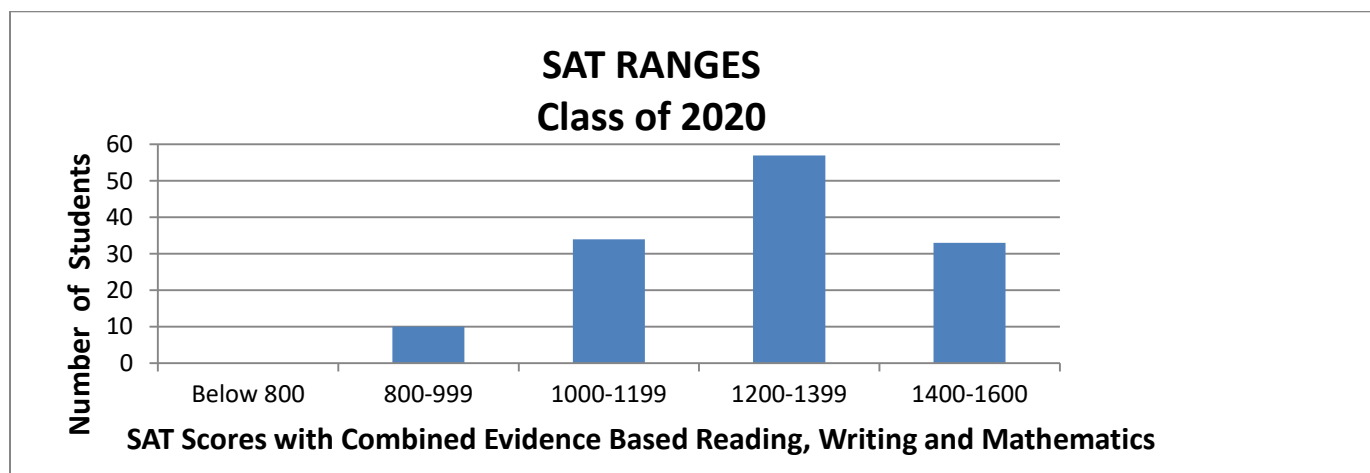
2020 Advanced Placement Awards

AP National Scholars	4
AP Scholars with Distinction	37
AP Scholars with Honors	20
AP Scholars	40
Total:	101

College Board Scores

Eighty-one percent of the *Class of 2020* took the SAT. Of the students who took the SAT, **67% earned a combined score of over 1200**. The mean of the highest scores achieved by these test takers as calculated in Naviance were as follows:

<u>Class of:</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u> (As of September 2020)
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	660	642	663
Mathematics	670	644	678



ACT Mean for the Class of 2020 - as calculated in Naviance

English: 30.0 Math: 29.4 Reading: 31.3 Science: 29.8 Composite: 30.2 Test Takers: 51

National Merit Recognition for the Class of 2021

Semi-Finalist: 6 Commended: 15

Dover-Sherborn High School Post-Secondary Plans

	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Four-Year College	93%	96%	92%
Two-Year College	1%	1%	0%
Other	6%	3%	8%

Class of 2020:

College Bound - 92%

- 54% attend out-of-state private colleges & universities
- 13% attend out-of-state public colleges & universities
- 9% attend MA state colleges & universities
- 21% attend MA private colleges & universities
- 3% attend international colleges & universities

Pursuing Other Opportunities

- 5% employment/trade
- <1% military
- < 1% plan to attend a GAP year

2020 Top Schools Attended

UMass, Amherst	7 students
Boston College	5 students
Fairfield University	4 students
U of Colorado-Boulder	4 students
Colby College	3 students
Northeastern University	3 students
Denison University	3 students
Emmanuel College	3 students
George Washington U	3 students
St. Lawrence University	3 students
University of Richmond	3 students
Villanova University	3 students
Worcester Poly Institute	3 students

Class of 2020 Partial Colleges and Universities Acceptance List

Babson College	Fairfield University	Pomona College	University of Connecticut
Bentley University	Framingham State U	Princeton University	University of Maine
Boston College	Franklin & Marshall College	Providence College	University of Maryland
Boston University	Furman University	Queens University	University of Mass, Amherst
Bowdoin College	George Washington U	Quinnipiac University	University of Mass, Boston
Brigham Young University	Hamilton College	Rice University	University of Mass, Lowell
Champlain College	Harvard College	Santa Clara University	University of Minnesota
Chapman University	High Point University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Notre Dame
Clemson University	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Skidmore College	University of Richmond
Colby College	Kenyon College	St. Lawrence University	University of Rochester
Colgate University	Lafayette College	Suffolk University	University of Pennsylvania
College of the Holy Cross	Loyola University-Chicago	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
Colorado College	Massachusetts College of Art	The College of William and Mary	Vanderbilt University
Connecticut College	MA College of Pharmacy & Health	The U of Tennessee-Knoxville	Villanova University
Dartmouth College	McGill University	The University of Texas-Austin	Wake Forest University
Denison University	Middlebury College	Trinity College-Dublin	Wellesley College
Eckerd College	New York University	Tufts University	Wentworth Institute of Tech
Elon University	Northeastern University	Tulane University	Wheaton College
Emmanuel College	Occidental College	United States Naval Academy	Williams College
Emory College	Pennsylvania State U	U of Colorado Boulder	Worcester Polytechnic Institute