

WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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School

WRHS is a comprehensive, four-year, public high school enrolling students in grades 9-12. WRHS is accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary Schools. The total number of students is 937, with 219 freshmen, 236 sophomores, 229 juniors, and 253 seniors. WRHS offers access to 10 high school sports, 5 club sports, and 26 clubs: some open to all and others require tryouts, minimum qualifications, or elections. The district's student population is 51% white, 46% Hispanic, and 3% other. 21% of the students are Limited English Proficient. 32% of the students live in low income households. In 2023-24, 28% of students in the district received free or reduced lunch.

Community

The Blaine County School District serves the educational needs of 2,850 students residing in a rural setting, spanning 2661 miles. The community is geographically isolated - the population per square mile is 11. Students from Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey, Bellevue, and Carey attend any of BCSD's three elementary schools (K-5), one PK-8 school, one middle school (6-8), one traditional high school (9-12), one alternative high school (9-12), and one PK-12 school. Located in a recreation, resort, and ranching community of 25,041 (2023) people, the district enjoys a diversified economic base. Median household income is \$81,749 (2023). Per capita income in the past 12 months was \$47,151. Sun Valley Resort is the largest employer in the county (hospitality and leisure). 44% of adults 25 years+ hold a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Schedule

Wood River High School is on a trimester system, with five 70-minute class periods a day. Students earn one credit per class, per trimester, for a total of 15 credits in a year. Two trimesters equate to a full year of course instruction for academic core courses. Exceptions include many electives and CTE courses in which one trimester is the full course.

Grading and Ranking

A—90 to 100 (4.0 GPA)

B—80 to 89 (3.0 GPA)

C—70-79 (2.0 GPA)

D—60-69 (1.0 GPA)

F—0 to 59 (0 GPA)

W= Withdraw

P= Pass

I = Incomplete

NC= No Credit (credit lost due to attendance)

AC=Attendance Contract (credit held until student fulfills agreement)

Unweighted GPA: GPA is computed using standard 4-pt scale quality points:

A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0.

Weighted GPA: One quality point is added to each grade in Advanced Placement courses only:

A = 5; B = 4; C = 3; D = 2; F = 0

Update to Grading Practices: In 2023-24, WRHS stopped using a +/- grading system because GPAs did not reflect the +/- scale. All grades are scored using the 4-point scale quality points.

Ranking: WRHS does NOT rank students.

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Student academic achievement is recognized during graduation using the Laude System:

Summa Cum Laude ("with highest honor") – 4.0 +

Magna Cum Laude ("with great honor") – 3.8 – 3.99

Cum Laude ("with honor") – 3.5 – 3.79

Projected 2025 Graduate GPAs:

4.0+ = 13%

3.75-3.99 = 12%

3.5-3.74 = 16%

3.0-3.49 = 24%

2.5-2.99 = 19%

2.0-2.49 = 10%

1.5-1.99 = 3%

<1.5 = 2%

Curriculum

Graduation Requirements, 54 credits comprised of:

English: 8 Math: 6 Science: 6 World History: 2 US History: 2 American Gov: 2

Economics: 1 World Language: 2 Art: 2 Speech: 1 PE: 2 Health: 1 CTE: 2

Computer Apps: 1 Personal Project*: 1 Electives: 15

**Personal Project meets the state's Senior Project requirement. WRHS' model is robust and includes independent research, interviewing, the project, a reflection paper, and a community presentation, all of which are graded by a teacher panel.*

Academic Rigor: In comparison to other college bound students at WRHS, the academic rigor of our student's courses can be rated as:

"Most Demanding" - 10+ AP and/or DC courses

"Very Demanding" - 8-9 AP and/or DC courses

"Demanding" - 6-7 AP and/or DC courses

"Standard" - 3-5 AP and/or DC courses

"Weak" - 0-2 AP and/or DC courses

AP Classes: AP classes are open enrollment. WRHS offers 17 AP courses each year. It is unusual for sophomores to attempt AP courses. In these circumstances WRHS only allow sophomores to take Human Geography, US History, Spanish Lang, and Computer Science Principles.

AP courses offered: Biology (every other year), Calculus AB*, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, English Lang & Composition, English Literature*, Environmental Science (every other year), American Government, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics I, Physics II, Psychology, Spanish Lang, Statistics*, Studio Art, and US History.

**See below - AP/DC Co-Branded Course*

AP Results: In May 2024, 515 AP Exams were taken by 281 students. 67% of the exams scored a 3 or higher.

Dual Credit: Dual credit courses are open enrollment as long as the student meets the college's requirements - 16 years of age, 2.5+ overall GPA. In 2024-25 WRHS offers 10 dual credit courses, nine academic core courses and one technical education course. As of 2023-24, all in-house dual credit courses are offered with the College of Southern Idaho.

DC courses offered at WRHS: courses taught in-person by a college-approved high school teacher.

Calculus 1, College Algebra, Financial Planning, Human Structure & Function, Introduction to Chemistry,

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Literature and Ideas, Pre-Calculus, Statistical Reasoning, Writing & Rhetoric I, Writing & Rhetoric II

DC courses offered online: courses taught online, offered directly by the college, and navigated by the student outside of high school class time. Course selection varies by student.

Co-Branded (AP/DC) Courses: WRHS offers three AP/DC courses in which a student chooses to pursue college credit or AP designation for the course, not both. The course curriculum follows AP as well as college-course requirements. Students choose to take the AP exam or the DC exam in their second term. Co-branded courses are:

AP Statistics (or DC Statistical Reasoning, MATH 153)

AP Calculus AB (or DC Calculus 1, MATH 170)

AP Literature (or DC Literature & Ideas, ENGL 175)

Honors Classes: WRHS offers four Honors classes in math and English - Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra II, Honors English 9, Honors English 10. Highly motivated students are encouraged by teachers to pursue Honors Math courses. Students are able to earn the Honors English designation if they fulfill specific, additional requirements within the standard English course.

CTE Courses: WRHS offers six CTE (Career & Technical Education) pathways. Students may explore singular courses or pursue a capstone project after completing a minimum of three content-specific CTE courses. CTE pathways include:

Architecture/Engineering

Business, Finance, Media

Family and Consumer Science

Health Professions

Information Technology

Residential Construction

Dual Immersion: BCSD began its Dual Immersion (DI) program in 2001. The program now spans all grades K-12 and is available in one elementary, one middle school, and one high school. It is a program in which students learn core content through both English and Spanish. To earn DI designation at graduation a WRHS student must have participated in the DI program since elementary school and successfully completed five advanced Spanish courses during high school.

Math Curriculum: In 2024-2025 WRHS transitioned to a core math curriculum of Integrated I, Integrated II, and Integrated III. This is a shift from Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II.

Testing

As a Blaine County School District graduation requirement, all students are required to take the SAT or ACT college entrance exam. BCSD offers the SAT to all junior students. The class of 2025 had an average score of 959/1600 (ERW: 491, Math 469). Scoring ranges from:

1500-1600	1 student
1400-1499	6 students
1300-1399	9 students
1200-1299	16 students
1100-1199	29 students
1000-1099	37 students
<1000	124 students

Class of 2024 - Post High School Plans & Info

77% overall plan to attend college or trade school

61% plan to attend 4-yr colleges directly after high school

14% plan to attend 2-yr colleges and/or trade schools

52% of those planning to go to college plan to attend school in-state

2% join the military

5% plan to take a gap year

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9% plan to work or go on a religious mission
 45% are 1st Generation
 14% graduated Summa Cum Laude
 14% graduated Magna Cum Laude
 22% graduated Cum Laude
 12% graduated from BCSD Dual Immersion Program
 27% graduated with an Idaho State Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish & French)
 1 total National Merit Commended Scholar
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 9% National Honor Society Students

Colleges Attended by WRHS Graduates Since 2019:

Alabama, University of	College of Southern Idaho	Lewis & Clark College	Princeton University	Tampa, University of
Arizona State University	College of Western Idaho	Lewis-Clark State College	Puget Sound, University of	Texas Christian University
Arizona, University of	Colorado School of Mines	Linfield College	Purdue University	Transylvania University
Barnard College	Colorado State University	Loyola Marymount University	Reed College	Treasure Valley Community College
Bennington College	Colorado-Boulder, University of	Macalester College	Ringling College of the Arts	Trine University
Boise State University	Columbia University	Maryland Baltimore County, University of	Rochester Institute of Technology	Union College
Boston College	Connecticut College	Middlebury College	San Diego State University	United States Airforce Academy
Bowdoin College	Dartmouth College	Montana State University	San Diego, University of	United States Merchant Marines Academy
Brigham Young University-Hawaii	Delaware State University	Montana Technological University	Santa Barbara City College	United States Naval Academy
Brigham Young University-Idaho	Denver, University of	Nevada Reno, University of	Santa Clara University	Utah State University
British Columbia, University of	Fairfield University	New England, University of	Sarah Lawrence College	Utah, University of
Bucknell University	Fordham University	North Idaho College	Savannah School of Art & Design	Vanderbilt University
California Institute of Technology	Fort Lewis College	Northwest University	Seattle University	Washington, University of
Cal Poly SLO	Hamilton College	Oklahoma Baptist University	Scripps College	Wesleyan University
California-Irvine, University of	Harvard	Occidental College	Soka University	Western Washington University
California-Los Angeles, University of	Idaho State University	Orange Coast College	Southern California, University of	Whitman College
California-Santa Barbara, University of	Idaho, University of	Oregon State University	South Carolina, University of	Williams College
Central Oregon Community College	Indiana University	Oregon, University of	St Lawrence University	Wisconsin-Madison, University of
Chapman University	Johns Hopkins University	Pepperdine University	St Norbert College	Wyoming, University of
Chicago, University of	Johnson & Whales University Culinary	Pennsylvania State University	Stanford University	
Colby College	Lawrence University	Pennsylvania, University of	Sun Valley Culinary Institution	
College of Charleston	Lehigh University	Point Loma	Sweet Briar College	
College of Idaho	Lesley College	Portland State University	Syracuse University	

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