



WEST ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL

JA DORRIS, PRINCIPAL

1,759

STUDENTS

377

STUDENTS IN CLASS
OF 2026

6

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR
SEMIFINALISTS IN
2025-2026

43

DIFFERENT HOME
LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY
WEST STUDENTS

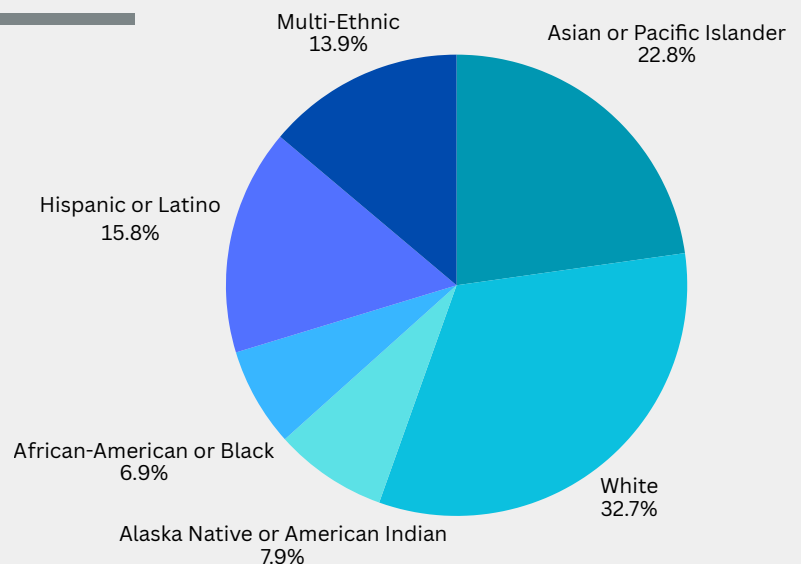
All

STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO
RECEIVE FREE BREAKFAST AND
LUNCH

ABOUT

Established in 1953, West Anchorage High School is proud to be the first of eight four-year comprehensive secondary schools in the Anchorage School District. West serves an ethnically and economically diverse population of students hailing from Anchorage's Downtown, Midtown, Westside, and Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson.

WEST HIGH DEMOGRAPHICS



OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS

- IB Diploma Program
- Russian & Spanish Immersion
- Highly Gifted Program
- Medical Academy
- Project Lead the Way Engineering

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**GRADUATES EARNED A
SEAL OF BILITERACY ON
THEIR 2025 DIPLOMA**

6

COUNSELORS:

SCOTT HENRY, CHAIR
JENNIFFER BOOTHMAN
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JOLEEN WHITE

*EACH ACADEMIC COUNSELOR
SERVICES APPROXIMATELY 275 STUDENTS

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MIGRANT EDUCATION COUNSELOR:

ELIZABETH HOWELL

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INDIAN EDUCATION SUPPORT SPECIALIST

BRIAN WALKER

COUNSELOR CASELOADS AND CONTACT
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT
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IMMERSION LANGUAGES

West houses the high school portion of the Anchorage School District's language immersion programs for Spanish and Russian. Students in these programs are selected by lottery, and have been learning for a portion of their school day in the immersion language since kindergarten.

HIGHLY GIFTED PROGRAM

The highly gifted (HG) program was designed for students in the top 2% of nationally normed ability and achievement tests. Students take three HG courses in 9th grade (English, Social Studies, Science) and one in 10th grade (English), which are made up exclusively of these advanced students.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

These engineering courses allow students to learn about a broad cross-section of engineering disciplines and practices. Engineering Design introduces students to various kinds of engineering and focuses on design and a unifying theme. Digital electronics explores simple DC circuits to transistors to microprocessors while Computer Science Principles lets students explore programming as well as topics like cyber security and ethical implications of technological advancement.

MEDICAL ACADEMY

The Medical Academy at West Anchorage High School prepares students to enter healthcare professions or college through preparation in science classes: Anatomy & Physiology; Biology; and Chemistry as well as medical classes: Biomedical Science; Health Occupation Essentials; Medical Terminology; First Aid; Emergency Trauma Technician; and Essentials of Athletic Injury Management. Students successfully completing their coursework can apply to graduate with the West Anchorage High School, Medical Cord.

GIFTED MENTORSHIP

The Gifted Mentorship Program is for exceptional high school juniors and seniors to pursue an independent study under the direction of a professional/expert in a field of great interest to the student. High-ability, high-achieving students spend 45-60 hours with their mentor and earn half an elective credit for the mentorship. * This is transcribed at "Advanced Mentorship" with an unweighted grade. <https://www.asdk12.org/giftedmentorships>



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ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED

16

SUBJECT AREAS



304

AP EXAMS TAKEN IN 2024-2025

3.6

AVERAGE SCORE

83%

OF STUDENTS SCORED 3.0 OR HIGHER

HIGHLY GIFTED (HG) & HONORS CLASSES

- English I & II, Honors, Gifted
- English I & II, Honors
- Biology I, Honors, Gifted
- Alaska Studies, Honors, Gifted
- Alaska Studies, Honors
- World History, Honors

IB COURSES (33) & AP COURSES (12)

- IB Literature HL, I & II
- IB Physics HL, I & II
- IB Biology HL, I & II
- IB Chemistry HL, I & II
- IB Dance
- IB Environmental Syst. & Soc. (HL)
- IB History of the Americas HL, I & II
- IB Global Politics
- IB Math Analysis I(SL) & II (HL)
- IB Math Applications I
- IB Spanish: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB German: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB French: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB Russian: SL I, SL II, & HL
- IB Music
- IB Visual Arts I (SL) & II (HL)
- IB Theory of Knowledge I & II
- IB Extended Essay
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Russian
- AP Spanish
- AP German
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP US Government
- AP Economics
- AP Computer Science
- AP Psychology (ASD Virtual)

AK CHOICE

The AK Choice Virtual Learning Program is a self-paced, Grades 9-12 online program that empowers students to learn in a digital environment, supported by virtual teachers, and aligned to national learning standards. It is designed for families as an at-home option while maintaining a connection to their neighborhood/choice school. Students may take any corresponding AP exams at their neighboring school. <https://www.asdk12.org/AKChoiceVirtual>

4.38-4.15

**GPA RANGE OF TOP 10% OF
STUDENTS IN THE 2026
GRADUATING CLASS**

GPA RANGE CURRENT CLASS OF 2026

**4.0+ = 65
3.5 - 3.99 = 66
3.0 - 3.49 = 48
2.5 - 2.99 = 66
2.0 - 2.49 = 52
BELOW 2.0 = 59**

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G R A D I N G S C A L E

A	AP Courses	5.0
A	IB Higher Level Course	5.0
A	Superior	4.0
B	Above Average	3.0
C	Average	2.0
D	Below Average	1.0
F	Failing	0.0
K	Waiver of PE Credit	

Class rank and grade point average (GPA) are computed each semester. All graded courses on a transcript are used to determine rank and GPA. AP and IB Higher Level Courses are assigned an additional mark point with the exception of F.

4 A D I V I S I O N A T H L E T I C S

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country Running
- Cross Country Skiing
- Flag Football
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey
- Riflery
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming/Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

E X T R A C U R R I C U L A R C L U B S

West Anchorage High School has approximately 30 student clubs that vary from academic to cultural. They include:

- Amnesty International
- Battle of the Books
- Chess Club
- Drama, Debate & Forensics
- Environmental Club
- Gender & Sexuality Alliance
- Interact Club
- Key Club
- Model United Nations
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- Native Youth Olympics
- Partner's Club
- Robotics
- Thespian Society
- Friends of Feminism
- You Are Not Alone (YANA)