



Winchester High School

Co-Curricular Clubs & Activities

Involvement with school activities can make a big difference in what you get out of your high school years. Participation will surely help you to develop leadership skills, improve your communication skills, and provide experiences that will allow you to contribute to your high school and community.

Involvement pays off in other ways, too. College admissions directors, the military, future employers, and many other organizations will want to know about your involvement and accomplishments. This includes your activities as well as your academic record. Winchester High School offers one of the most comprehensive co-curricular programs among public high schools in Massachusetts, and the quality of the programs, along with the students participating, have been regularly recognized and honored.

Welcome to the Winchester High School Experience

Academic Opportunities

Students attending Winchester High School may select from over 30 clubs and activities. Some of the academic activities available include: Harvard Model UN, Robotics Club, Math Team, Italian Club, Latin Club, Pan Asian Club, Spanish Club, French Club, Junior Statesmen of America, and the Health Care Occupations Club.

In addition, the National Honor Society is available to students who meet specific academic qualifications.

Performance & Visual Arts Opportunities

The Performance and Visual Arts programs at the high school consist of Band Front/Flag Corps, Curtain and Cue, Dance Club, Drama Club, Fall Play, Film Club, Marching Band, Photography Club, Theatre Light and Sound Crew. Each spring, the Music and Drama Departments proudly present an annual musical in which many students, parents, and community volunteers may be a part of in a number of ways.

Journalism & Writing Opportunities

For those students interested in journalism and writing, the high school offers a wide range. Currently, the following activities are available in journalism. Aberjona Yearbook, *Red and Black* school newspaper, Creative Writing Club, Book Club, and a Literary Magazine of student work.

Service Opportunities

For those students interested in school and community service, there are eight organizations at WHS. They are: Connect and Commit Club, Environmental Club, Peer Alliance Link (PALS), Peer Tutoring – National Honor Society, Student Council, Students United for Receptive Fellowship (SURF), Winchester Wildlife Protection Club, and Youth Enacting Student Support (YEES).

The handling of all class business is governed by the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Officers and Executive Committees. In addition, the Student Council has been established to serve as a liaison between the Winchester High School administration, faculty/staff, and the student body.

Athletic Opportunities

The high school Athletic Department offers twenty-one sports for student-athletes at WHS.

- Fall season includes cross country, field hockey, football, golf, boys and girls soccer, cheering, girls volleyball, and girls swimming.
- Winter Season includes boys and girls basketball, boys and girls ice-hockey, spirit, boys swimming, boys and girls track, wrestling, alpine ski, nordic ski, and girls gymnastics.
- Spring Season includes baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track, boys and girls sailing, ultimate frisbee, and softball.

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Aberjona Yearbook ~ Students in this club plan, design, and produce the WHS yearbook. It's challenging work, but it is definitely worth it.

Art Club ~ If you are interested in expanding your art talents, this is the perfect place to be after school. Instruction is provided and time is allotted for project completion. This is a great club for students who enjoy art but may be unable to schedule it as a course.

Badminton Club ~ This club provides an opportunity for students to compete on the intramural level and against other schools.

Band Front/ Flag Corps ~ This club provides an opportunity for all students, with or without experience, to learn how to twirl a flag or a rifle and to participate with in the marching band at the football games and parades.

Connect & Commit Club ~ This student club is part of the Connect & Commit community service-learning program. Students organize service-learning projects to take action and raise awareness about hunger, homelessness, human needs, environmental issues, human rights and inequalities and other issues. Also, students can sign up for group or individual community service activities at club meetings or through the Connect & Commit office.

Curtain and Cue ~ WHS Drama Club involves students in performance and behind the scenes preparation for a fall play.

Electric Vehicle Club ~ This club has converted a van to run on vegetable oil and recently completed converting a truck to be an electric vehicle. Projects range from working with engineers from the community to design systems to basic auto mechanics. If you are interested in cars or engineering this club will afford you the opportunity to work with professionals from the community to learn more and apply your skill. T h i s c l u b meets on Monday evenings.

Environmental Club ~ The purpose of the environmental club is to increase awareness about environmental issues around the school, increase public awareness around town, and plan group activities that will be enjoyable and educational.

French Club ~ An extension of classroom discussion including social and educational activities.

Harvard Model UN ~ This club will take you to Harvard University where you will participate in a simulation of the United Nations. You will be assigned a country to research and then you will spend a weekend sharing your observations with other students from across the nation.

Health Care Occupations Club ~ This club will give students a chance to hear from those working in the medical field.

Italian Club ~ A club where students study Italian culture. Activities include Italian movies, trip to the North End, Italian food and games. The club web page is now posted on the foreign language department website.

Junior Statesmen of America ~ JSA is a nationwide program to promote political awareness among students and to make students more involved citizens. Students will be involved through debates and mock trials.

Latin Club ~ Latin club has many social activities which include a Classics Day at B.U., winter dance, and a weekend trip to the State JCL Convention.

Literary Magazine ~ Students work with an advisor to produce a magazine fostering creative expression and an appreciation for literary and visual arts.

Marching Band ~ This is an opportunity for musicians to actively participate in parades and perform at football games.

Math Team ~ Math Club provides an opportunity for students to engage in math competitions with other students from WHS and other high schools.

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Directory of WHS Co-curricular Clubs & Activities

Musical ~ This musical performance involves a large number of students who love music, acting and performing. Opportunities are also available to do "behind the scenes" work.

National Honor Society ~ NHS provides a vehicle for recognizing students of outstanding scholarship, character, service and leadership in both their school and community.

** Members must meet eligibility requirements.*

Outdoors Club ~ Outdoor expeditions and outdoor education are the focus of all events. Activities range from hiking, canoeing, or biking to listening to speakers or viewing films on the outdoors.

Pan Asian Club ~ This club celebrates various Asian cultures through crafts, cooking, discussions, film, music, and dance.

Peer Alliance Link (PALS) ~ A student organization that assists incoming freshmen at the beginning of the school year, and helps out at the Grade 8 "step up" day.

Photography Club ~ This club provides time and instruction for those students unable to schedule photography during the school day and for those students who are taking photography but want extra help and time in the darkroom.

Red and Black ~ This is WHS' very own school newspaper. Students write every article printed and it is published monthly. Students report news and express their opinions and concerns on just about everything. This is a good experience for those who are interested in journalism and advertising or who just want to speak out.

Robotics Club ~ The focus of the Robotics Club is to develop a mechanical/electronic proto type vehicle which is entered into a National competition.

Spanish Club ~ Spanish club celebrates Spanish culture through social and educational activities such as an international film festival, evening dinners and field trips.

Spectrum ~ This is the gay/straight alliance group. This club is a place where students can explore and discuss diversity. Through these discussions students support each other and spread knowledge to others in the community. This is a wonderful place to be able to hang out and just talk!

Student Council ~ The Student Council is a group of elected students that help to organize school activities, elections, service projects and community events. Membership is by election. Potential members should be interested in serving their school and community and representing their fellow students as their voice in school policy.

S.U.R.F. ~ Students United for Receptive Fellowship. A group of students who work to build a greater sense of community spirit within WHS.

Theater Light and Sound Crew ~ Students learn how to maintain and use the light and sound systems for stage productions at WHS. Assistance is also provided for school and town groups that are using the auditorium for their productions.

Ultimate Frisbee Club ~ The primary purpose of this club is to organize groups of students to play ultimate Frisbee.

Winchester Wildlife Protection Club ~ This club will work to make a positive impact in wildlife protection and put our good ideas and energy to use in the real world.

Y.E.E.S. ~ Youth Enacting Student Support. This is a support group for all students at WHS. Past activities include the making of a video, membership in the WSAC, and presentations to community groups in Winchester.

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