

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

2021 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for graduation from Bellingham High School, a student must earn 30 credits (pass 46 classes) and complete a High School and Beyond Plan. Students choose and complete a graduation pathway that aligns with their High School and Beyond Plan and post-high school goals. Passing state tests is one pathway to graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES	CREDITS
English	4.0
English 101.....	1.0
English 102.....	1.0
Additional English.....	2.0
P.E.	1.5
Health	0.5
Science/Science Lab	3.0
Math	3.0
Algebra I.....	1.0
Geometry.....	1.0
Algebra II.....	1.0
Social Studies	3.0
Social Studies Elective....	0.5
World History.....	1.0
US History.....	1.0
Civics.....	0.5
Career & Tech Ed	1.5
World Language	2.0
Fine Arts	2.0
Art, Music or Drama	
Other Courses	9.5

Total minimum credits - 30

GRADING INFORMATION

A	Excellent
B	Above average
C	Average
D	Below average
F	Failure
I	Incomplete
P	Pass
NC	- Withdrew with no penalty
W	- Withdrew with no penalty

GRADE POINT CALCULATIONS:

A+ = INVALID	A = 4.0	A- = 3.7
B+ = 3.3	B = 3.0	B- = 2.7
C+ = 2.3	C = 2.0	C- = 1.7
D+ = 1.3	D = 1.0	D- = INVALID

As of 2020 Bellingham Public Schools does not class rank students.

GRADES NOT CALCULATED IN GPA:

P, I, NC, W

COVID

For spring semester 2020, Bellingham Public Schools temporarily suspended traditional A-F grade marks due to the COVID-19 emergency school closure. High school courses earned marks of either "A" or "Incomplete."

ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Bellingham offers a full-range of extracurricular activities. Athletic competition is within the Northwest 2A League.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP COURSES

AP Biology	AP Lang/Comp
AP Envi. Sci	AP Lit/Comp
AP Physics	AP U.S. History
AP Chemistry	AP World History
AP Calculus AB	AP Human Geography
AP Studio Art	AP Psychology
AP Statistics	AP Computer Science
AP German	AP Micro/Macroeconomics
AP Spanish	AP European History

Availability of AP classes varies each year.

COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

College Writing	German 3/4
Psychology	Spanish 3
AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish
AP Psychology	

RUNNING START

Access to college level classes at Bellingham Technical College, Northwest Indian College, Skagit Valley College, or Whatcom Community College.

THE BELLINGHAM RAIDERS

SCHOOL

We are excited about the opportunities available to the students at Bellingham High School. The program is one that values hard work and respect. In fact, our Collective Commitments as a school include: **Respect this Place, Respect and Care for Each Other and Do Your Best Work!** Our goal is to equip our students by giving them tools, knowledge and experiences that allow them to maximize their potential.

Student Population

Bellingham High School services the educational needs of approximately 1200 students in grades 9-12.

Accreditation

Bellingham High School is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

Grading

Grades are assigned according to the grading scale and numerical equivalents listed on the Official Transcript. Grade point average is unweighted and includes all grades except the following grade ratings: P, I, NC, W. A .5 credit is granted for a passing grade (A through D) for each semester-long course. Grades for courses taken at college level are entered from the college transcript and receive equivalent credit according to the following formula: 3 college quarter credits = .60 high school credit and 5 college quarter credits = 1.0 high school credit

School Year

The school year is 180 days in length and is divided into two 18 week semesters. The school week is divided into block days of 4 periods/80 minutes plus 30 minutes of study time or advisory every day. There is a total of eight periods. Seniors with six out of eight periods are considered at full time status.

COMMUNITY

Bellingham, Washington is located in the northwest corner of the state approximately halfway between Seattle and Vancouver B.C. On the west Bellingham is bounded by Puget Sound, and on the east by the foothills of Mt. Baker that roll into the wilderness area of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Once a congregate of three small communities drawing sustenance from forestry, fishing and food processing, Bellingham has a population of over 81,000.

Bellingham is easily accessible via Interstate 5 that bisects the city. The area is also served by Bellingham International Airport and serves as the southern terminus of the Alaska State Ferry system.

The Bellingham School District includes four high schools, including one alternative high school, encompassing grades 9-12, four middle schools serving grades 6-8 and fourteen elementary schools with grades K-5. Bellingham is the home of Western Washington University, a nationally recognized and respected, mid-sized, comprehensive university of approximately 11,000 students. It is also served by Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College that provide traditional transfer programs, certificate programs and a broad range of vocational training programs.

ADMINISTRATION

Linda Miller - Principal
Chris Carlson - Assistant Principal
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Chad Larsen - Activities/Athletic Director

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