

Western Reserve Academy has been ranked the #1 private high school in Ohio and among the country's best boarding schools. Our innovative college-preparatory curriculum features programs of distinction that prepare our students for an increasingly interconnected world. Last year, we moved beyond Advanced Placement courses, ushering in a fully Independent Curriculum, with 24 College Level (CL) courses. Our CL courses are our new highest-level courses and are rooted in progressive, research-based principles and a thoughtful commitment to balance and a student-centered classroom.

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OUR PROGRAM OF STUDY

WRA offers an innovative college preparatory program committed to enabling academic excellence and to developing well-rounded students. Structured beginning-level courses comprise the workload for younger students, while older students are provided with the opportunity to supplement our traditional offerings with advanced work and with a myriad of electives. Monday through Friday, students attend 75-minute class periods on a seven-day rotating schedule. The longer periods allow for more in-depth exploration of the subject matter and extended time for lab work. Attending classes six days per week, our students participate in an innovative Saturday Academy, which is designed to extend, enrich and support student learning in ways that are not possible in the weekday schedule.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses at WRA earn either a full or a half credit. To graduate, a student must complete the equivalent of 21 credits, carrying a minimum load of six courses at all times. The following department requirements must be met for graduation (the numbers following indicate the minimum number of credits required per department).

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH: Four-year sequence and successful completion of the Junior Writing Exam. (4)

MATHEMATICS: One credit at the Precalculus level or higher, and three years of math at WRA. (3)

LANGUAGE: Successful completion of a full-year, third-level, credited language course at the high school level.

SCIENCE: Three full credits in lab science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics required. (3)

HISTORY: Three full credits in history: Introductory History Seminar, Intermediate History Seminar, and U.S. History. (3)

ARTS: Two or three courses in any combination of the fine and performing arts classes. (1.5–3) Note: All freshmen are required to take one full-year course.


HEALTH: All students must earn a half-credit in health. (1/2)


PHYSICAL EDUCATION: All students earn physical education by athletic participation or weight training at WRA for each academic year. (1/2)


LITERACIES: Learning to Code and Learning to Make (Freshmen). Learning to Communicate and Learning to Live Well (Sophomores).


SATURDAY ACADEMY: Students must successfully complete two ECHO modules for each year of enrollment at WRA and attend required Class Seminars.


WRA FAST FACTS


**GRADES: 9–12**

**66% BOARDING STUDENTS**

**GIRLS: 44%**

**BOYS: 56%**

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 12 STUDENTS**

**FROM 20 COUNTRIES & 24 STATES**

\$5.26M **TOTAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID**

1826 **YEAR ESTABLISHED**

7:1 **STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO**

91% **FACULTY HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES**

100% **MATRICULATION RATE**

GPA COMPARISON	
WRA SCALE	4.0 SCALE
7.0	4.31
6.5	4.0
6.0	3.69
5.5	3.38
5.0	3.08
4.5	2.77
4.0	2.46
3.5	2.15

GRADING SYSTEM

Western Reserve Academy uses a 1-7 grading scale, with 7 as the highest mark. It is our belief that such a scale allows us to make finer distinctions, among highly talented students of above-average ability. Our policy of not reporting class rank also hinges upon this same belief: because of the highly selective nature of admission to WRA, as well as the diverse abilities and talents of our student body, numeric class rank would present a distorted image of performance among our students.

We do, however, recognize a responsibility to provide data that enables others outside our community to evaluate a student’s performance relative to his or her peers. For that purpose, we offer the distribution of grade point averages below. Although we do not believe that there is exact equivalence to a 4.0 scale, we also provide a breakdown that allows for possible conversion to such a scale.

GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2019*

	RANGE	NUMBER of students	PERCENT of students (Cumulative)
Highest Honors	7.0	3	2.9
	6.50 – 6.99	19	21.5
High Honors	6.00 – 6.49	26	47.1
Honors	5.50 – 5.99	19	65.7
	5.00 – 5.49	16	81.4
	4.50 – 4.99	11	92.2
	4.00 – 4.49	6	98.0
	3.50 – 3.99	2	100.0

*Cumulative grade point averages are calculated at the end of junior year and the distribution includes only students who have completed at least one year at WRA. The Class of 2019 numbered 102 in May 2018.

DISCIPLINE REPORTING POLICY

WRA does not directly report disciplinary actions. If colleges inquire about discipline issues, students are expected to self-report, answering truthfully questions regarding disciplinary violations. Students and college counselors will work together to address questions about serious disciplinary infractions.

WRA Signature Programs

Beyond Reserve

Beyond Reserve is a collection of elite, intensive summer internships for students to explore career aspirations alongside Reserve’s accomplished alumni and friends. Students have researched at Baylor College of Medicine Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic and many more institutions.

- **Saturday Academy**
- Saturday Academy sets WRA apart from other schools, providing students with immersive opportunities to pursue passions and areas of academic aptitude in depth alongside our expert and nurturing faculty. You might investigate forensic science, critique Nietzsche, or learn the chemistry of cooking in dozens of offerings to match students’ interests.

- **Compass**
- Compass is a self-directed, faculty-guided yearlong seminar that invites students to design and execute a project of significant intellectual and social resonance around the themes of Civic & Global Engagement, Science & Technology, Arts & Culture, or Entrepreneurship. Through Compass projects, students have developed a sensory room in an Ohio public school to support children with autism, launched a bow tie company that sources sustainable fabrics, led an awareness campaign to thwart human trafficking and more.

SCORE DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

ACT Score Distributions for the Class of 2018					
	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp.
25 – 75%	27–35	27–35	29–34	26–34	27–34
Mean	30	30	31	30	30

SAT Score Distributions for the Class of 2018			
	EBRW	Math	Total
25 – 75%	610–710	590–790	1200–1480
Mean	652	680	1332

National Merit Scholarship Competition			
Class	Number	Semifinalists	Commended
2019	102	6	9
2018	95	3	5
2017	117	8	4
2016	102	2	10

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Last year marked the most transformative change to WRA's academic program in the school's history, with the launch of a multi-faceted Independent Curriculum and moving beyond Advanced Placement courses. The curriculum allows for deeper exploration of subjects, optimizes our Wang Innovation Center and aligns WRA with a growing cohort of top independent schools that have moved beyond an AP curriculum. Students may still take Advanced Placement exams on WRA's campus.

ADVANCED COURSES

- English**
CL Seminars in Literature, Composition and Rhetoric

Fine & Performing Arts
CL Music Theory
Honors Dance
Advanced Digital Engineering & Fabrication (half credit)

History
CL United States History
CL Art History
CL Economics
CL Government
CL Philosophy

Mathematics
Math 22 Honors Geometric and Algebraic Reasoning
Math 32 Honors Intermediate Algebraic Reasoning
Math 33 Accelerated Algebraic Concepts
Math 42 Honors Precalculus
Math 43 Accelerated Precalculus/Calculus A
CL Calculus AB
CL Calculus BC
CL Statistics
CL Calculus Based Probability and Statistics
CL Linear Algebra (half credit)
CL Advanced Topics in Geometry (half credit)
CL Multivariable Calculus (half credit)
CL Topics in Non-Euclidean Geometry (half credit)
CL Computer Science

- Modern & Classical Languages**
Honors French III
CL French Language and Culture
CL Latin Literature
CL Mandarin Chinese
Honors Spanish III
CL Spanish History and Literature
CL German Language and Culture

Science
Advanced Astronomy (half credit)
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
CL Pathobiology of Human Disease
CL Advanced Topics In Chemistry
CL Advanced Physics
CL Astronomy

FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION

College matriculation for the Classes of 2014 - 2018. One hundred percent of the Class of 2018 was admitted to one or more four-year colleges and/or universities. Institutions with five or more matriculants are listed in bold print.

The University of Akron
The University of Alabama
Allegheny College
American University
American University of Paris
Amherst College
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Bellarmino University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College

Boston University

Bowdoin College

Bowling Green State University
Bradley University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Cambridge

Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Centre College
Champlain College
College of Charleston

University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati
The Citadel
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
Colby College

Colgate University

University of Colorado

Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia College
Columbia University
Concordia University
Connecticut College

Cornell University

Davidson College
University of Dayton

Denison University

DePaul University
DePauw University
University of Detroit Mercy
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Eckerd College
University of Edinburgh
Elon University
Emerson University

Emory University

University of Florida
Florida Southern College
Florida State University

Fordham University

Furman University
University of Glasgow
Gannon University

The George Washington University

Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
University of Glasgow
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
University of Hartford
Harvard University
Haverford College
Heidelberg University
High Point University
Hiram College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

College of the Holy Cross
Howard University
University of Illinois-Chicago

University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign

Illinois Institute of Technology
Imperial College London
Indiana University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
University of Kentucky

Kenyon College

King's College London
Lake Forest College
Lee University
University College London
Loras College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
Marietta College
Marist College
University of Maryland
Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Miami University

University of Miami
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Minerva Schools at KGI
Mount Allison University
Mount Holyoke College

New York University

The University of North Carolina
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio University

The Ohio State University

Ohio Wesleyan University
The University of Oklahoma
University of Oxford
University of the Pacific

Pennsylvania State University

University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh

Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Principia College
Providence College
Purdue University
Queen's University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
University of Richmond
Roanoke College
University of Rochester
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Royal Holloway, University of London
Rutgers University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Sewanee: The University of the South
Sierra Nevada College

University of Southern California

Southern Methodist University
University of St Andrews
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
University of Sunderland
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The University of Tampa
Temple University
Tennessee Technological University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The University of Texas-Austin
The University of Texas-Dallas
University of Toronto
Trinity College
Trinity University

Tufts University

Tulane University
United States Military Academy

United States Naval Academy

University College London
University of Utah

Vanderbilt University

Vassar College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Viterbo University
Wake Forest University
Walsh University
University of Washington
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis

Wellesley College

Wesleyan University

West Liberty University
Wheaton College
College of William and Mary
Williams College

University of Wisconsin

The College of Wooster

Wright State University
University of Wyoming
Xavier University
Yonsei University