

Western Dubuque High School

2023-2024 PROFILE

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OVERVIEW

Western Dubuque High School is located in Epworth, Iowa, 15 miles west of Dubuque, Iowa. It is one of two high schools in the Western Dubuque County Community School District and it serves approximately 915 students in grades 9-12 from a predominately rural and small-town area. It is fully accredited by the Iowa State Board of Education.

SCHEDULING

Western Dubuque High School has a trimester schedule. Grades 9-12 have 6 courses that meet daily. Classes run from 8:00 A.M. – 3:09 P.M. One credit (.50 of a yearlong course) is earned for a one trimester course that meets 60 minutes daily for 60 days. Our students complete a full semester of curriculum and hours in one trimester and a full year in two trimesters. Students whose high school entry-level math course is Geometry have successfully completed an Algebra 1 class in Junior High, which is comparable to the high school Algebra 1 class. Many college credit courses and a few advanced level courses are available.

GRADING SYSTEM

Western Dubuque High School's system uses A, B, C, D, F, WF, P, I, W, AW.

Key:

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| A = Excellent | W = Withdraw |
| B = Very Good | P = Pass (not in GPA) |
| C = Average work | AW = Admin. Withdraw |
| D = Lowest passing mark | WF = Withdraw Failure |
| F = Fail, no credit | I = Incomplete |

Progress reports or midterm grades are issued on days 20, 30, and 45 of each 60-day trimester. Only the Trimester grades are recorded on the permanent record.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade Point Averages (GPA) are computed at the end of each Trimester. WDHS is on a standard 4.0 scale. High Honor Roll requires a 3.3 or above GPA. Honor Roll requires 3.0 to 3.29 GPA. GPAs computed at the end of each Trimester go on the student's permanent records. There is not weighting of grades.

The following values are given to respective grades when computing Grade Point Average.

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| A = 4.00 | B- = 2.67 | D+ = 1.33 |
| A- = 3.67 | C+ = 2.33 | D = 1.00 |
| B+ = 3.33 | C = 2.00 | D- = 0.67 |
| B = 3.00 | C- = 1.67 | P = 0.00 |

COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

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| Composition I | Farm Business Animal |
| Composition II | Survey of Animal |
| Intro to Literature | Intro to Engineering |
| Pre-Calculus | Princ. Of Engineering |
| Calculus | Civil Engineering |
| Statistics | Employability Skills |
| Math for Liberal Arts | Liberal Arts Academy |
| Accounting I | Automotive Academy |
| Computer Accounting | Diesel Mech Academy |
| Technology Solutions | Nursing Academy |

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Twelve trimesters of attendance or ten or eleven with parental permission, provided all graduation requirements have been met.

2. 58 credits total

English = 8

Math = 6

Science = 6

P.E. = 4

Social Studies = 7

* 2 credits World Geography, 1 credit World History, 2 credits US History, 1 credit US Government, and 1 credit Sociology or Psychology

3. Additional required courses: Health and Personal Finance

It is required that all students be enrolled in a minimum of 5 classes each trimester of attendance. However, seniors may take a minimum of 4 classes with parental permission, providing they meet certain guidelines, which may relate to GPA, ISASP scores, attendance, and discipline.