



WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Outstanding Accomplishments 2011-2012

- WHS was ranked #1 high school in Fairfield County and #2 in Connecticut by Newsweek
- Weston Public Schools was included on the College Board's National AP District Honor Roll
- 54% of all applications submitted by the WHS Class of 2012 were accepted by "most competitive" and "highly competitive" colleges and universities
- Combined SAT scores were 1794, with an average of 608 in writing, 597 in math, and 589 in critical reading
- WHS has two finalists and 15 commended students for the National Merit Scholarship Program
 - 94% of the 474 AP exams taken in the spring of 2012 were scored at a three or better
 - WHS graduated three National AP Scholars, 30 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 11 AP Scholars with Honors
 - WHS ranked as one of the top schools in CT on the CT Academic Performance Test
 - Weston Public Schools ranked as one of the top districts in CT on the CT Mastery Test
 - A WHS French V student ranked 1st in the State and 3rd nationally on the 2011 National Concours written contest
 - Full-day kindergarten was approved for the 2012-2013 school year
 - Eight Spanish students received gold medals on the National Spanish Exam
 - A WHS junior was identified last spring as a Governor's Scholar
 - HES won the Bronze Award from the "Let's Move" campaign for the Healthier U.S. Schools Challenge
- 126 WMS students were identified by their team teachers as "Spotlight Students" to exemplify their positive contributions and strong academic performance/commitment to their classroom studies
 - Two eighth-grade students were recognized as Scholar Leaders by Connecticut Association of Schools for strong academic performance, active participation in community service, and positive influence on school climate
- Weston Public Schools established a partnership with Columbia University Teachers College to implement AIM (Academic Innovation and Measurement), a K-12 approach to teaching 21st century skills
 - The HES Learning Garden was planted and used as an outdoor classroom
 - WMS Math Olympiad team earned 10th place in the statewide competition last spring
 - WMS Mock Trial team advanced to the semifinal round in the statewide Mock Trial competition
- After being recognized at the regional and state level, three 6th grade students had their project on *The Holocaust: The Impact on Eastern European Jews* recognized at the national level of the National History Day competition
 - A WMS seventh-grade student participated in the statewide National Geography Bee
 - Student participants on the Math Counts Team placed 6th in a regional math competition
 - A WIS student won the Connecticut Higher Education Trust writing contest
- Three seventh-grade students received 2nd place and two received 3rd place honors in the Cablevision Educational Access competition for their documentary videos

- Seven fifth-graders received a Silver Pin in the Math Olympiad competition and the WIS Math Olympiad Team received an Achievement Plaque for being in the top 10% of all teams internationally
 - The WMS Mock Trial team earned 2nd place at the state level competition
 - A WIS student finished 2nd in the Barnes and Noble Writing Contest
- WHS American Cancer Society Relay for Life was awarded the most successful new relay in all of New England for Spring 2011, grossing \$115,000
 - WHS Student Government Co-President created www.westonhsgov.com
- WHS was featured on CBS News Sunday for its Teen Peaceworks Dance-A-Thon, which raised funds for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center
 - Nine WHS band students and three choir students performed in the Western Region Festival
- 10 WHS students participated in the 2nd Tier All-State Auditions; three students were selected to participate in the All-State Band; one student was selected to the All-State Choir Ensembles
 - WHS Interstellar Elevators band won a cash prize at the NAMM convention in Anaheim, CA in "School Jam"
 - Nine WIS students were chosen for the Connecticut Music Educators Association Elementary Honors Choir
- Many WHS band students hold Principal Chair positions in the Norwalk Youth Orchestra and the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestra
 - Three WHS students are members of the initial performing ensemble, Acoustic Weston
- WHS UNICEF club raised funds to donate money to a school in Kenya for much needed school supplies
- The sophomore class raised funds for Casa Hogar, an orphanage in Ecuador, as their service project
- WHS established a partnership with The Met, a Big Picture School, that resulted in an evening seminar for students interested in business and entrepreneurship
- WHS established three new courses for next year: Economics and Entrepreneurship; Anatomy and Physiology; and Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- WHS is a fully certified Project Lead the Way School and WMS added Project Lead the Way to its curriculum
 - The WHS spring musical *Guys and Dolls* was a huge hit and played to audiences over 500
 - Over 75 WHS students participated in Builders Beyond Borders working Latin America in February and April
 - Over 100 WIS students participated in the school-wide play, *Broadway Through the Years*
- WMS began airing a daily, student-facilitated *Morning Show* to deliver morning announcements, positive character messages, and video enrichment opportunities for students and staff
 - 50 middle school students participated in this year's sold-out Short Wharf production of *Annie, Jr.*
 - 150 eighth-grade students voluntarily participated in our Career Mentorship experience
- The WMS Jazz Bands, Chamber Orchestra, and Chamber Singers received a 1st place honor and best overall at the Music in the Parks Adjudication Festival in addition to receiving the Esprit de Corps Award
- Three WIS students won the Westport County Playhouse Holiday Family Traditions writing contest
 - The second-grade Larrabee Book Sale raised money for Save the Children
- The Mitten Project drive at HES garnered 475 new hats and mittens for Bridgeport Rescue Mission
- WHS was awarded the Michaels Achievement Cup by the CIAC for best overall athletic department in the State of Connecticut for medium-sized schools
 - Girls swimming and diving and boys tennis won state championships
 - Boys skiing, girls outdoor track and field, boys tennis, and boys lacrosse won SWC championships
 - WHS has 39 All-State athletes and 719 athletes earned academic awards while participating with a 3.0 GPA or higher