



Housatonic Valley Regional High School

School Profile 2023–2024

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Core Values and Beliefs

The HVRHS community promotes personal and academic growth, as well as independence of thought and spirit for all its members, within a culture of respect, responsibility and safety. The core values that support this statement include a commitment to 21st century academic expectations which encourage all members to grow to their potential, accept and respect different learning styles, solve problems and think analytically, and communicate their ideas effectively. Members of the school community are also expected to make ethical choices, demonstrate social and civic responsibility, and show pride and care for the school and its environment.

The Community

Housatonic Valley Regional High School stands next to the Housatonic River on a seventy-seven acre site in the foothills of the Berkshires. This comprehensive four-year high school opened in 1939 as the first regional high school in New England. The rural district, an area of 277 square miles with a population of approximately 15,000, includes the towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon.

The High School

Housatonic Valley Regional High School serves the CT Regional School District #1 with approximately 315 students in grades 9–12. The faculty is composed of thirty-seven full-time teachers and one part-time teacher, of whom 92% hold master's degrees or higher. Approximately 35% of our students qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Accreditation

Housatonic Valley Regional High School is accredited by the Connecticut State Department of Education and by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

COVID-19 Statement

HVRHS experienced many changes during the pandemic. Due to Covid, our school shifted to remote learning on March 13, 2020. Fourth quarter grades in 2019–2020 were Pass/Fail and accounted for ten percent of the final grade. In 2020–2021 HVRHS ran on a hybrid schedule of remote and in-person learning, with students broken into three cohorts. Student schedules shifted to four, 79-minute blocks. Since 2021–22 we have been open fully in-person with a modified block schedule that consists of six blocks per day.

Extracurricular Programs

Students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School participate in a wide variety of activities. They may choose from among approximately forty activities which meet on a bi-weekly schedule. HVRHS offers 19 competitive sports teams.



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Area	Credits Required	Specific Course Requirements
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)*	9	3 courses in Math 3 courses in Science 3 courses designated as STEM
Humanities (English, Social Studies, Art, Music)	9	4 courses in English 3 courses in Social Studies which must include 1 credit of US History and .5 credits in Civics or American Politics or Perspectives on Democracy .5 credit in a course designated as "the Arts"
Physical Education and Wellness	1.5	PE 9, 10, 11, 12
World Languages*	1	At least two credits in World Languages are strongly recommended for college-bound students.
Health Education	1	Health 9, 10, 11, 12 (.25 credit each year)
Capstone Assessment	1	(.5 credit in Grade 11, .5 credit in Grade 12)
Advisory**	1	.25 credit each year
LifeSkills**	.75	
Electives	3	

*Credit for a math course or World Language course taken in Middle School will only meet this requirement if the teacher of the Middle School course holds certification to teach grades 7–12.

**Advisory and LifeSkills are required courses but students may graduate without a passing grade

Graduation Requirements

Commencing with the graduating class of 2023 and for each graduating class thereafter, in order to graduate and be granted a diploma, students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits in accordance with the included chart. Successful completion of the course requirements is a prerequisite to the awarding of a Housatonic Valley Regional High School diploma. Special curriculum features include Advanced Placement and Honors, Agricultural Education, Capstone (beginning with the Class of 2023), University of Connecticut Early College Experience, Northwestern Connecticut Community College High School Partnership, and Personalized Learning Courses.

Advanced Placement and UConn ECE Courses

AP: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Physics, Principals of Computer Science

UConn ECE: Calculus I, Calculus II, Drawing I, Environmental Science, Equine Science, Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Human Rights, Introduction to International Relations (not offered 23–24), US History.

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

GPA is calculated on a weighted 4.0 scale. Computed at the end of the sixth and seventh semesters, grade point average is determined by the total quality points earned by the student. Quality points are computed by multiplying the final grade by the weight assigned to that course based upon the level of difficulty. Weights are assigned as follows:

AP, UConn ECE, 5th year language - 1.15

Honors (H) - 1.10

College Prep - 1.05

General - 1.00

Quality points for half- or quarter-year courses are halved or quartered accordingly. PL (Personalized Learning), Physical Education, Audited, and Pass/Fail courses are not calculated as part of GPA. The total of all quality points is then divided by the number of full-year equivalent courses taken by the student. Grades of students who transfer from another high school are also used in determining GPA. A grade of C- is required for passing. NYP (Not Yet Proficient) or NG (No Grade) counts as zero GPA points on the transcript. **Class rank is not assigned.**



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Class of 2023

Number of graduates	77
Post Graduation Plans	
4-year college	50%
2-year college/training	16%
Gap Year	2%
Employment	18%
Military	1%
Other	12%

College Matriculations Class of 2023

Albertus Magnus College	Montana State University
American University	Quinnipiac University
Bard College	Rogers Williams University
Berkshire Community College	Salem State University
Clemson University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Cleveland Institute of Art	SUNY Cobleskill
Colorado College	SUNY Morrisville
CT State Comm. College - Naugatuck Valley	The American University of Paris
CT State Comm. College - Northwestern	Trinity College
Davidson College	University of British Columbia
Emmanuel College	University of Connecticut
Endicott College	University of Connecticut - Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture
George Washington University	University of Hartford
Job Corp	University of New Hampshire
Keene State College	University of Rhode Island
Lehigh University	University of Vermont
Liberty College	Vassar College
Lincoln Electric Welding Tech. and Training Center	Western CT State University
Marist College	Westfield State University

Class of 2024 GPA Distribution Chart

Weighted GPA as of June 2023	Percentage of Class
4.0 and above	18
3.5 to 4.0	37
3.0 to 3.5	33
Below 3.0	12

11th Grade SAT Testing Means by Spring School Day Test Year	2021 (Class of 2022)	2022 (Class of 2023)	2023 (Class of 2024)
Total number of Students	90	78	59
Percent taking the SAT	76	91	96
EBRW Mean	512	496	478
Mathematics Mean	485	463	446
Total Mean	997	959	923

