



# Housatonic Valley Regional High School

## School Profile 2025–2026

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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 350 students in grades 9–12. The faculty is composed of thirty-seven full-time teachers and one part-time teacher, of whom 100% hold master's degrees or higher. Approximately 35% of our students qualify for free/reduced lunch. The daily class schedule operates on an eight block rotation that drops two blocks each day.

### 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.



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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 electives designated as STEM .5 credits in Financial Literacy - Class of 2027 and after
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 .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 are strongly recommended for college-bound students.
Health Education	1	Health 9, 10, 11, 12 (.25 credit each year)
Capstone Assessment	.5	Successful completion of Capstone
Advisory**	1	.25 credit each year
LifeSkills**	.75	Not a graduation requirement
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 courses, Agricultural Education, Capstone Project (since the Class of 2023), University of Connecticut Early College Experience, CT State Community College High School Partnership, and Personalized Learning Courses.

### 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.**

### Grading Scale

Letter	100	4.0
A	90	4
B	80	3
C	70	2
NYP	Below 70	0

UConn ECE and AP Classes are exceptions and graded on a college scale of A–F where D is equal to a 1.0 and F to 0.0.



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### Class of 2025 GPA Distribution Chart

Weighted GPA as of June 2025	Percentage of Class
4.3 and above	11
4.0 to 4.29	19
3.5 to 3.9	30
3.0 to 3.4	19
Below 3.0	21

### Extracurricular Programs

Students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School participate in a wide variety of activities. They may choose from among approximately forty activities like Student Government Association, Class Council, FFA, Rainbow Alliance, Academic Bowl, AFS, Housatonic Musical Theater Society, Yearbook, Art Garage, Travel Club, Robotics, etc. HVRHS offers 23 varsity sports.

### Advanced Placement and UConn ECE Courses

Advanced Placement (7):  
 Calculus AB  
 English Language and Composition  
 English Literature and Composition  
 Environmental Science  
 Physics  
 Principals of Computer Science  
 Statistics

UConn ECE (6):  
 Drawing I  
 Environmental Science  
 Introduction to American Politics  
 Introduction to Human Rights  
 Principles of Biology  
 US History

For the 25–26 school year  
 AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, and  
 ECE Equine Science are not running

11th Grade SAT Testing Means by Spring School Day Test Year	2022 (Class of 2023)	2023 (Class of 2024)	2024 (Class of 2025)	2025 (Class of 2026)
Number of test takers	82	58	90	86
EBRW Mean	496	478	495	506
Mathematics Mean	463	446	465	491
Total Mean	959	923	960	998

Post-Graduation Plans As reported at Graduation	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Number of Students	90	78	59	96
4 Year College	45%	50%	57%	50%
2 Year college/training	18%	16%	12%	12.5%
Gap Year	9%	2%	5%	2%
Employment	11%	18%	12%	12.5%
Military	1%	1%	0%	4.2%
Other	11%	12%	14%	16.7%



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### College Matriculations Classes of 2022–2025\*

Albertus Magnus College  
American University  
Arizona State University  
Bard College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College School of Music  
Berkshire Community College  
Boston College  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Brown/RISD dual degree program  
Champlain College  
Chapman University  
Clemson University  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston  
Colorado College  
Columbia Greene Community College  
Cornell University  
CT State Comm. College - Naugatuck  
CT State Comm. College - Northwestern  
Culinary Institute of America  
Davidson College  
DePaul University  
Drew University  
East Carolina University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ (AZ)  
Emmanuel College  
Endicott College  
Fitchburg State University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida Southern College  
Fordham University  
George Washington University  
Hair on Hudson Cosmetology School  
Harvard University  
High Point University

Job Corp  
Keene State College  
Kenyon College  
Lehigh University  
Liberty College  
Lincoln Electric Welding Tech. and Training Center  
Lincoln Technical Institute (CT)  
Linemen Institute of New England  
Lynn University  
Maine College of Art & Design  
Manhattanville University  
Mansfield University  
Marist College  
Marymount University  
Merrimack College  
Middlebury College  
Missouri State University  
Montana State University  
Montclair State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount Saint Mary College  
New England Institute of Technology  
New York University  
Niagara University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University  
Pratt Institute  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island College  
Rogers Williams University  
Sacred Heart University  
Salem State University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Seton Hall University

Siena College  
Skidmore College  
Southern CT State University  
Springfield College  
St. John's University  
St. Lawrence University  
SUNY Cobleskill  
SUNY Morrisville  
SUNY Potsdam  
Syracuse University  
The American University of Paris  
The New School  
Thomas Jefferson University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
Universal Technical Institute (PA)  
University of British Columbia  
University of Connecticut - Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture  
University of Connecticut - Storrs  
University of Hartford  
University of Hawaii-Manoa  
University of Houston  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maine - Orono  
University of Massachusetts - Amherst  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina - Wilmington  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Saint Joseph  
University of Vermont  
Vassar College  
Washington and Jefferson College  
Western CT State University  
Western New England University  
Westfield State University  
Wheaton College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
WyoTech



\*As reported at graduation