

WHITCOMB HIGH SCHOOL

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School and Community

Whitcomb High School is a public middle level through graduation school with an enrollment of approximately 109 students in grades seven through twelve. Bethel is a small community with a population of 2,030. Families work in many different capacities: industry, manufacturing, sales, education, medical, and farming. The town is relatively self-sufficient with most people living and working in the general vicinity. The school offers a comprehensive curriculum and a variety of co-curricular activities that enhance the academic environment. Students have the opportunity to participate in Interscholastic Athletics, Drama Club, Yearbook, National Honor Society, Our Voices Xposed (OVX), Student Council, Educational travel opportunities (Washington, D.C., Curricular Trips, Study Abroad, People to People), Hoop Band (Pep Band for Basketball), and more. The student body is socioeconomically diverse, including low and middle-income families, and many aspiring first-generation college students.

Other Educational Opportunities

Students may participate in various Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at Randolph Technical Career Center. Full year CTE programs offer seven credits for satisfactory completion. Qualified juniors and seniors may dual enroll in Vermont college courses (including Vermont Technical College, the Community College of Vermont, Johnson State College, Castleton University, Lyndon State College, Norwich University, the University of Vermont, and Dartmouth College (NH)). Qualified seniors may attend Early College programs where a year of college courses are completed during their senior year. Students may also volunteer as a teacher assistant or student mentor in the elementary school, have outside employment for work-study credit, and develop personalized learning internships. Online courses in supplemental subjects are also available.

Grading Procedure

Students at Whitcomb are given a numerical average of their high school grades, to calculate a grade point average on a 100 point scale. Courses are offered in modified block format (85-minute, every-other day, year-long). Numerical grade averages are determined by multiplying each final grade by the amount of credit awarded for the class. The results for each class are then added together and divided by the number of credits attempted. All subjects are included in the calculation. Grades are not weighted. Students are not ranked, but placement in the closest decile is given for college placement purposes. We are currently transitioning to Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements or PBGR's and students in the class of 2020 will graduate under this system.

Grade Equivalents

A = 100-92

B = 91-82

C = 81-72

D = 71-70

*F = 69-0

*No credit given for grades below 70.

Honors mark: 84 average, no grade below 80

Graduation Requirements

Courses are offered in all core subjects. Students must earn a minimum of 22 and ½ credits to be eligible for graduation. Specific requirements include:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Minimum Credits</u>
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science (must include 1 Biology)	3
Social Studies (must include U.S. History & World History)	3
Physical Education (must include 0.5 Health)	2
Fine Arts	1
On Your Own	½
Senior Project	1
<u>Electives</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	22 ½

Community Service Requirement 40 hours

Highest Level Courses - Advanced Studies available in all subjects by Independent Study

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>COURSES</u> - (*AP Exam Available)
English Language Arts	American Studies (Eng)
Mathematics	Pre-Calculus
Sciences	Chemistry; Physics; Anatomy & Physiology
Social Studies	American Studies (U.S.); AP U.S. Government*
World Languages	French 4*; Spanish 4*

Mean SAT Results Classes of 2015-2018				Mean ACT Results Classes of 2012-2014	
89 total students /54 test-takers (61% took test)				42 total students /5 test-takers (12% took test)	
	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>		
Critical Reading	465	507	505	Combined Score	24
Math	453	481	495		
Writing	439	N/A			

Sample of colleges graduates attended in 2014 - 2017: University of Vermont, Bentley University, Saint Anselm College, Champlain College, Vermont Technical College, Norwich University, Lyndon State College, Castleton University, Emmanuel College, Johnson State College, Southern Maine Community College, Green Mountain College, University of New Hampshire, Community College of Vermont, White Mountains Community College, Plymouth State University.

Post High School Plans (2015-17): 63 Total in graduating classes

33 went on to four-year college
12 went on to two-year college
15 went on to work/undecided
3 went on to military

Accreditation

Whitcomb High School has completed the school approval process through the Vermont Agency of Education.

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