



Lawrence High School  
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## School and Community

Known as the “Immigrant City”, Lawrence, located 25 miles north of Boston, has always been a multi-ethnic and multicultural gateway city with a high proportion of foreign-born residents. The student body of Lawrence High School is approximately 92% Hispanic, with the remaining 8% split among Caucasian, Asian, and African-American students. English is not the first language for 91% of the student population and 29.6% are classified as English Language Learners. Nearly 95% of the student population qualifies for free or reduced lunch. The Lawrence High School Campus currently houses grades 9 – 12, with a total enrollment of approximately 3300 students.

Approximately 70% of seniors attended 2 year colleges while 25% went on to study at a four year college or university. Lawrence High School is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

### School Update:

During the past 3 years, Lawrence High School has been in a process of restructuring. Between 2007 and 2014, Lawrence High School was comprised of 6 small thematic high schools located on one comprehensive school campus. These thematic schools served approximately 500 students per small school and served grades 9-12.

Beginning during school year 2015-2016, a Ninth Grade Academy was created on campus and served all grade 9 students, approximately 800 students in total. During the current school year, SY 2016-2017, a Tenth Grade Academy has been created, serving all grade 10 students on campus, and the grades 11 and 12 have merged into one Upper School. The Upper School serves all students in grades 11 and 12, a total of approximately 1200 students.

During our year of transition, the graduating class of 2017 will be ranked within the small, thematic school that they attended over the past 3 years. The graduating class size of these 6 small schools will range between 100 and 130 students.

## Academics

The high school calendar year is on a two semester system, and grades are annualized. Students take four years of English and Math and three years of Science, two years of United States History and one year of Social Studies. Additionally, students are required to take a semester of Health and a full year of Physical Education.

Courses are leveled in the subject areas of English, Mathematics, Science, & Social Studies. Students, from grades 9-12 have the opportunity to earn Honors and AP credits in English, Math, Science, History, Foreign Language and Studio Art. Course levels are as follows:

- **College Prep:**  
These courses are designed to prepare students for college and other educational pursuits after high school.
- **Honors and Scholars:**  
Students must be highly motivated and willing to work hard to pursue a detailed and far reaching study of subject matter.
- **Advanced Placement (AP):**  
This is a program of college-level courses and exams for secondary school students sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board. The AP exams are taken in May of the year that the student takes the course. Either college credit or advanced placement status may be granted by the colleges. Any student who enrolls in AP courses must take the AP exam.

Lawrence High School currently offers 11 Advanced Placement courses including AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Economics, AP Spanish Language, AP Studio Art, AP US History, AP European

History, AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1 and AP Spanish Literature. Not all of these courses are offered every calendar year and are on a rotating schedule. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Dual-Enrollment classes offered by Northern Essex Community College.

## Requirements for Graduation

Graduates must satisfactorily complete 110 credits in order to graduate with a Lawrence High School diploma. Additionally, students are required to pass the state MCAS exams in the areas of English, Math, and Science.

English	4 years	Social Studies	1 year
Mathematics	4 years	Physical Education	2 semesters
US History	2 years	Health	1 semester
Science	3 year		

## Current Grading System

Letter Grade	Numerical Avg	Academic GPA	Honors GPA	AP GPA
A+	97 - 100	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	94 - 96	4	4.5	5
A-	90 - 93	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	84 - 86	3	3.5	4
B-	80 - 83	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	74 - 76	2	2.5	3
C-	70 - 73	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67 - 69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	65 - 66	1	1.5	2
F	Below 65	0	0	0

## Class Rank

Class rank is determined by the weighted GPA of the work a student has accomplished at Lawrence High School. The courses used to calculate this GPA are the core courses taken each year in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Health and Science, in addition to all AP level courses.