



# Housatonic Valley Regional High School

## School Profile 2024–2025

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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 99% 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 in March 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 eight block schedule that drops two blocks each day.



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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 designated 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 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 are strongly recommended for college-bound students.
Health Education	1	Health 9, 10, 11, 12 (.25 credit each year)
Capstone Assessment	1	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, Agricultural Education, Capstone (beginning with 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 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 2024	Percentage of Class
4.0 and above	17
3.5 to 3.9	35
3.0 to 3.4	31
Below 3.0	17

### 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 21 competitive sports teams at the varsity level.

### Advanced Placement and UConn ECE Courses

Advanced Placement (9):  
 Biology (not offered 24-25)  
 Calculus AB  
 Calculus BC  
 English Language and Composition  
 English Literature and Composition  
 Environmental Science  
 Physics  
 Principals of Computer Science  
 Statistics

UConn ECE (6):  
 Drawing I  
 Environmental Science  
 Equine Science (next offered 25-26)  
 Introduction to American Politics  
 Introduction to Human Rights  
 US History

In 23-24 Calculus I and Calculus II were offered, but not in 24-25.

11th Grade SAT Testing Means by Spring School Day Test Year	2021 (Class of 2022)	2022 (Class of 2023)	2023 (Class of 2024)	2024 (Class of 2025)
Total number of Students	90	78	59	95
Percent taking the SAT	76	91	96	90
EBRW Mean	512	496	478	495
Mathematics Mean	485	463	446	465
Total Mean	997	959	923	960

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



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### College Matriculations Classes of 2022-2024\*

Albertus Magnus College	Keene State College	Skidmore College
American University	Kenyon College	Southern CT State University
Arizona State University	Lehigh University	Springfield College
Bard College	Liberty College	St. Lawrence University
Bentley University	Lincoln Electric Welding Tech. and Training Center	SUNY Cobleskill
Berklee College of Music	Lincoln Tech	SUNY Morrisville
Berkshire Community College	Lynn University	The American University of Paris
Boston College	Maine College of Art & Design	The New School
Brown University	Mansfield University	Trinity College
Champlain College	Marist College	Tufts University
Clemson University	Merrimack College	University of British Columbia
Cleveland Institute of Art	Middlebury College	University of Connecticut - Ratcliffe
Coastal Carolina University	Montana State University	Hicks School of Agriculture
College of Charleston	Mount Holyoke College	University of Connecticut - Storrs
Colorado College	New England Institute of Technology	University of Hartford
Columbia Greene Comm College	North Carolina State University	University of Houston
CT State Naugatuck Comm College	Northeastern University	University of Kentucky
CT State Northwestern Comm Coll	Northwestern Oklahoma State Univ	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Culinary Institute of America	Old Dominion University	University of New England
Davidson College	Pace University	University of New Hampshire
Drew University	Pratt Institute	University of Rhode Island
East Carolina University	Quinnipiac University	University of Saint Joseph
Eastern Connecticut State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont
Emmanuel College	Rogers Williams University	Vassar College
Endicott College	Sacred Heart University	Washington and Jefferson College
Fitchburg State University	Salem State University	Western CT State University
Florida Southern College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Westfield State University
Fordham University	Seton Hall University	Wheaton College
George Washington University	Siena College	WyoTech
Job Corp		



\*As reported at graduation