



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 |
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| 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*

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| 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