



# Winchester Thurston School

## School Profile 2018-2019

*School Credo: "Think also of the comfort and the rights of others"*

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**Accreditations & Associations**

ACCIS, College Board, Middle States,  
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**CLASS OF 2019: 58 STUDENTS**

**Grades:** Grades of A through F (including + and -) are given in all academic and arts courses. D- is the lowest passing grade. **A+ is not awarded.**

**Rank and GPA.** Winchester Thurston School does not report class rank or release GPAs to colleges

**School and Community:** Founded in 1887, Winchester Thurston School, a coeducational Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 independent day school, has been recognized nationally as a leader in innovative teaching and programs for gifted and talented students. The City Campus includes a Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School and is located in the Shadyside neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

**Unique Curriculum:** Winchester Thurston's **City as Our Campus<sup>sm</sup>** was designated one of the top independent school programs in the nation when the Edward E. Ford Foundation awarded WT one of only four Educational Leadership Grants nationwide. **City as Our Campus** is an extension of Winchester Thurston's core academic curriculum and augments it by providing meaningful, real-world experiences. Through these courses, students connect with leaders from the academic, cultural, scientific, non-profit and business communities in Pittsburgh as they explore new ideas and conduct research.

Winchester Thurston School Fast Facts			
Number of Students (9-12)	260	Number of Seniors	58
Number of zip codes	74	Graduates attending 4-year colleges	100%
Number of countries outside United States	7	Percent of students receiving financial aid	Approx. 34% receive more than \$3.4 million in aid
Percent students of color	36%	Average student financial aid award	\$14,285
Percent international students	4%	Student-Faculty Ratio	7:1
Percent of faculty published or who present annually	32%	Gender	53% Male/47% Female
Number of Faculty	78 (67% with advanced degrees)	Average Class Size	15
School Year	3 trimesters/Block Schedule	City-as-Our-Campus Partners	100+

**Advanced Placement Recognition**

Year	# of Students sitting for AP exams	# of Different AP Exams	# of Students with scores 3 or Above	Total % of scores 3 or Above	National Merit					
					# of National AP Scholars	# of AP Scholars with Distinction	# of Scholars with Honor	# of AP Scholars	# of National Merit Semifinalists	# of Commended
2018	160	328	116	73%	5	29	12	18	4	4
2017	141	307	114	81%	8	29	9	23	5	4
2016	150	333	127	85%	7	34	11	24	3	8
2015	149	315	136	91%	6	29	9	34	7	8



**Winchester Thurston School** actively engages each student in a challenging and inspiring learning process that develops the mind, motivates the passion to achieve, and cultivates the character to serve.

	SAT (51 test takers)			ACT (30 test takers)	
	EBRW	Math	1600		Composite
25 percentile	620	600	1240	25 percentile	26
75 percentile	720	730	1430	75 percentile	33
Average	664	667	1330	Average	30

Testing Data for Class of 2019 as of September 30, 2018

**Winchester Thurston School Curriculum for the Class of 2019**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>AP and Advanced Level Courses. Advanced Level Courses in Purple</b>	
<p><b>English</b> -4 years, 24 credits -In eleventh and twelfth grade, students may take more than one English class per year. (Note: All junior and senior year English courses are advanced) -All students must take Speech: The Art of Public Speaking (1 course, 2 credits)</p>	<p>AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition Banned Books Environmental Literature Lit City Literature from the Margins Song, Stage, and Screen World Literature</p>	
<p><b>History &amp; Social Studies</b> -3 years, 18 credits -One must be a U.S. History course</p>	<p>AP Economics AP European History AP United States History Urban Research and Design: Communities &amp; Civic Engagement</p>	
<p><b>Math</b> -3 years, 18 credits</p>	<p>Advanced Topic in Mathematics (Rotating 3 year cycle) – (Post AP Curriculum) -16/17: Differential Equations -17/18: Multivariable Calculus -18/19: Discrete Mathematics AP Calculus 1 (AB) AP Calculus 2 (BC) AP Statistics</p>	
<p><b>Science</b> -3 years (must be lab science), 18 credits</p>	<p>AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism and Mechanics AP Psychology Research Science</p>	
<p><b>World Languages &amp; Culture</b> -Students must complete the third year of a language at Winchester Thurston or demonstrate proficiency. -Languages offered: Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish</p>	<p>Chinese 4-6 French 4-5 (AP French 5) Latin 4-5 Spanish 4-5 (AP Spanish 5)</p>	
<p><b>Arts (Performing &amp; Visual Arts)</b> -3 Courses, 6 Credits (One course minimum in each department)</p>	<p>AP Art History</p>	
<p><b>Computer Science</b> -2 courses, 4 credits with a number of advanced opportunities (Level 3 and Level 4 courses)</p>	<p><u>Level 3 Courses</u> AP Computer Science Computer Science Innovations 1  <u>Level 4 Courses</u> Computer Science Innovations 2 (Post AP Curriculum) Algorithm Design (Post AP Curriculum)</p>	
<p><b>Other Graduation Requirements</b> -Physical Education: 3 Years, 6 Credits -Health: 1 Course, 2 Credits -Additional Electives: various 24 Credits</p>	<p><b>Malone Schools Online Network (MSON)</b> - MSON courses provide Winchester Thurston students with the opportunity to take special topic courses offered by select private schools around the country. Courses use a blended approach, combining synchronous, real-time video conferencing seminars delivered in high-definition classroom set-ups, with asynchronous instruction such as recorded lectures and exercises students complete outside of the class. -MSON courses cannot be used to meet departmental core requirements. -Courses and grades earned are listed on Winchester Thurston transcripts.</p>	

**City as Our Campus<sup>SM</sup>**

<p>City as Our Campus<sup>SM</sup> amplifies student learning by providing unique educational opportunities with leaders from the academic, cultural, scientific, non-profit, and business community in Pittsburgh.</p>	<p><b>Self-Directed Learning</b> Students are challenged to take control of their learning.</p>	<p><b>Advocating for Change</b> By partnering with various people and organizations from the community, our students have the ability to make significant change.</p>
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**Academic Program Notes**

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The 60 students in the Winchester Thurston School Class of 2018 were offered admission at 98 and matriculated at 40 different colleges and universities

For a detailed listing of courses available to Winchester Thurston School students, course descriptions and more details about The City as Our Campus program, please visit [www.winchesterthurston.org/lifeatwt/upper-school/uscurriculum](http://www.winchesterthurston.org/lifeatwt/upper-school/uscurriculum)

## College Acceptances & Attendance 2015-2018

*Bold indicates where students have enrolled; ( ) indicates the number if more than one*

<b>Allegheny College (3)</b>	<b>Hampton University</b>	<b>Princeton University (4)</b>	<b>College Park (6)</b>
<b>American University (3)</b>	Harvard University	<b>Purdue University</b>	University of Massachusetts,
American University in Bulgaria	<b>Haverford College</b>	Queen's University	Amherst
Arcadia University	High Point University	Quinnipiac University	University of Massachusetts,
The Art Institute of Philadelphia	<b>Hiram College</b>	Reed College	Boston
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh	Hobart and William Smith	<b>Rensselaer Polytechnic</b>	University of Memphis
Baldwin Wallace University	Colleges	<b>Institute</b>	<b>University of Miami</b>
<b>Bard College</b>	<b>Hofstra University</b>	<b>Rhode Island School of Design</b>	<b>University of Michigan (2)</b>
<b>Bates College</b>	<b>Howard University (2)</b>	Rhodes College	<b>University of Minnesota,</b>
Bentley University	<b>Illinois Institute of Technology</b>	Rice University	<b>Twin Cities</b>
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	(2)	Ringling College of Art and	University of Missouri Kansas
<b>Boston College (2)</b>	<b>Indiana University</b>	Design	City
<b>Boston University (5)</b>	<b>at Bloomington (4)</b>	Robert Morris University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
<b>Bowling Green State University</b>	Indiana University of	<b>Rochester Institute of</b>	University of North Carolina
Bradley University	Pennsylvania	<b>Technology (3)</b>	at Chapel Hill
<b>Brown University (4)</b>	<b>Ithaca College</b>	Rollins College	University of North Carolina
Bryn Mawr College	<b>Jacobs University</b>	<b>Rose-Hulman Institute</b>	at Charlotte
<b>Bucknell University (2)</b>	James Madison University	<b>of Technology</b>	University of North Carolina
Butler University	John Carroll University	Rutgers University	at Wilmington
California Institute of Technology	Johns Hopkins University	Saint Louis University	University of Notre Dame
Capital University	Juniata College	<b>Sarah Lawrence College (2)</b>	University of Oregon
<b>Carleton College (2)</b>	Kean University	<b>Savannah College of</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania (7)</b>
<b>Carlow University</b>	Kent State University	<b>Art and Design (2)</b>	<b>University of Pittsburgh (16)</b>
<b>Carnegie Mellon University (15)</b>	Kenyon College	School of the Art Institute of	University of Puget Sound
<b>Case Western Reserve</b>	La Roche College	Chicago	University of Richmond
<b>University (2)</b>	La Salle University	Seton Hill University	<b>University of Rochester (2)</b>
The Catholic University of	<b>Lafayette College</b>	Skidmore College	University of San Francisco
America	<b>Lehigh University</b>	Smith College	University of South Carolina
Chatham University	Loyola University Chicago	Southern Methodist University	<b>University of Southern</b>
Clarion University of	Loyola University Maryland	<b>Spelman College</b>	<b>California</b>
Pennsylvania	Loyola University New Orleans	St. John Fisher College	University of St Andrews
<b>Clark Atlanta University</b>	Lynn University	<b>St. John's University</b>	University of the Pacific
Cleveland Institute of Art	Macalester College	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Tampa
Colby College	Marietta College	St. Olaf College	University of the Arts
Colgate University	Maryland Institute College of Art	<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>University of Toledo</b>
College of Charleston	Marymount Manhattan College	Stetson University	<b>University of Toronto (2)</b>
College of the Holy Cross	Massachusetts College of	Stevenson University	University of Utah
<b>College of William and Mary</b>	Art and Design	Stony Brook University	<b>University of Vermont</b>
<b>The College of Wooster (2)</b>	Massachusetts Institute of	Susquehanna University	<b>University of Virginia</b>
<b>Colorado College</b>	Technology	<b>Swarthmore College (3)</b>	University of Washington
<b>Columbia University (2)</b>	McGill University	<b>Syracuse University (2)</b>	University of Wisconsin, Madison
<b>Columbus College of Art</b>	McMaster University	Temple University	Ursinus College
<b>and Design</b>	Mercyhurst University	<b>Tufts University (3)</b>	<b>Vanderbilt University (2)</b>
<b>Cornell University</b>	Miami University, Oxford	<b>Tulane University (4)</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>
<b>Denison University</b>	Michigan State University	University of Akron	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>DePaul University</b>	Montclair State University	University of Alabama	Virginia Commonwealth
<b>Dickinson College (3)</b>	Moore College of Art and Design	<b>University of Arizona</b>	University
<b>Drew University</b>	Morehouse College	University at Buffalo SUNY	Virginia Tech
<b>Drexel University</b>	Mount Holyoke College	University of British Columbia	Wagner College
<b>Duke University (2)</b>	<b>Muhlenberg College (2)</b>	<b>University of California,</b>	<b>Wake Forest University (2)</b>
Duquesne University	<b>Muskingum University</b>	<b>Berkeley (2)</b>	<b>Washington and Jefferson</b>
Earlham College	New England Conservatory of	<b>University of California, Davis</b>	<b>College (2)</b>
Eckerd College	Music	University of California, Irvine	<b>Washington University in</b>
Elon University	<b>The New School</b>	<b>University of California,</b>	<b>St. Louis (4)</b>
Emerson College	<b>New York University (5)</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>	Wayne State University
<b>Emory University (2)</b>	<b>Northeastern University (3)</b>	<b>University of California,</b>	Waynesburg University
<b>Fashion Institute of Design and</b>	Northwestern University	<b>San Diego (3)</b>	<b>Wellesley College</b>
<b>Merchandising, Los Angeles</b>	Nova Southeastern University	University of California,	<b>West Chester University of</b>
Florida State University	<b>Oberlin College &amp;</b>	Santa Barbara	<b>Pennsylvania</b>
<b>Fordham University</b>	<b>Conservatory (6)</b>	<b>University of Chicago (2)</b>	West Virginia University
<b>Franklin &amp; Marshall College</b>	Occidental College	<b>University of Cincinnati (2)</b>	Western University
Franklin University Switzerland	<b>The Ohio State University</b>	University of Colorado at Boulder	Westminster College
Gannon University	Ohio University	University of Connecticut	Wheaton College MA
<b>Georgetown University</b>	Ohio Wesleyan University	<b>University of Delaware</b>	Williamette University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Otterbein University	University of Denver	Williams College
<b>The George Washington</b>	Pace University, New York City	University of Illinois	Wittenberg University
<b>University (7)</b>	<b>Pennsylvania College</b>	at Urbana-Champaign	<b>Wofford College</b>
<b>Gordon College</b>	<b>of Technology</b>	<b>University of Kentucky</b>	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Goucher College	<b>Pennsylvania State</b>	<b>University of Maine</b>	Wright State University
<b>Grinnell College</b>	<b>University (4)</b>	University of Maryland,	<b>Xavier University (3)</b>
Guilford College	<b>Point Park University (2)</b>	Baltimore County	<b>Yale University (2)</b>
Hampshire College	Pratt Institute	<b>University of Maryland,</b>	Youngstown State University