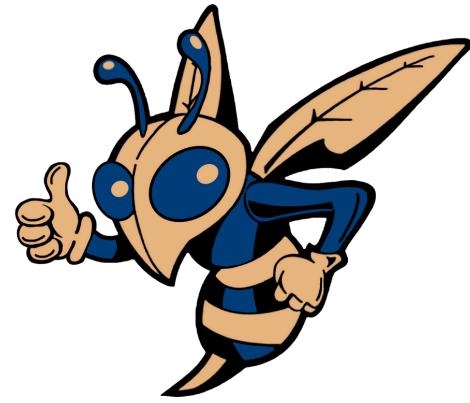




# 2024-2025

## Essex High School Profile



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Our Mission is to engage students in learning that is intellectually vital, personally meaningful, and socially valuable.

### The Community

As a part of the Essex Westford School District, Essex High School (EHS) serves Essex Junction, Essex Town, and Westford. These suburban towns have a combined population of 34,878 and are located ten miles from Vermont's largest city, Burlington. The US Census estimate for Chittenden County in 2020 was 168,865. Most residents within the district are employed in business, education, and other professions. The 2 largest Essex Junction employers are GlobalFoundries Microelectronics plant and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.

### The School

Essex High School is a public secondary school enrolling approximately 1,260 students in grades 9 through 12. Essex High School was ranked #50 among all STEM high schools in the nation by Newsweek in 2020. Essex High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and approved by the Vermont Agency of Education. Essex High School holds memberships in the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC), the New England Association for College Admission Counseling (NEACAC), and the New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC) League of Innovative Schools.

### Grading and Ranking

Essex High School does not weigh grades or rank students. The GPA calculation uses the following grade conversion tables to assign grade point values of 0 to 4.33 to final course grades before averaging. Grades are reported as letter grades and the requirement for passing is 60 and up. Transcripts will display the final letter grade. Honor Roll students have a grade of a B or better in every class, as well as full-time enrollment. The conversion charts below describe our current grading systems.

Decile Distribution Class of 2025	Grade Conversion	Testing Results																																							
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## Class of 2024 Latin Honors

(GPA after semester 1 during their final year)

EHS uses the Latin honors system to recognize graduating students at or near the top of their class.  
**Cum Laude** (GPA 3.7-3.89): **23** **Magna Cum Laude** (GPA 3.9-4.09): **34** **Summa Cum Laude** (GPA 4.1-4.33): **13**

## Curriculum

This list includes the most difficult courses offered at EHS and the minimum number of required credits in each curricular area. Students must earn at least 24 credits to graduate.

**Business Education** .5 Computer Applications credit required  
Personal Finance\*  
Internship\*

**English** 4 credits required  
including Grade 9 and Grade 10 English  
Grade 9 Honors English  
Grade 10 Honors English  
AP Language and Composition  
AP Literature and Composition\*

**Fine Arts** 1 credit required  
Art IV - AP Art

**Health** .5 credit required

**Mathematics** 3 credits required  
Algebra II Honors  
Honors Pre-Calculus  
AP Statistics\*  
AP Calculus (AB)  
AP Calculus (BC) Honors  
AP Computer Science A

**Physical Education** 1.5 credits required including a specific course

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“Program of Studies” in the Academics tab.

**Practical Arts** .5 credit required

**Science** 3 credits required including  
1 credit Physical Science and 1 credit Natural Science  
Advanced Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics  
AP Environmental Science  
Chemistry 200\*  
Designing Solutions for Global Challenges\*

**Social Studies** 3 credits required including  
1 credit World Studies, 1 credit U.S. History, and  
.5 credit American Government  
AP U.S. History  
AP World History  
AP U.S. Government and Politics\*  
AP Economics

**World Languages** 1 credit required  
French, Japanese, and Spanish  
Advanced French Language V\*  
Advanced Spanish Language V\*

\* indicates a course taught at EHS that may be used for Dual Enrollment credit.

## Dual Enrollment

The state of Vermont offers all high school students up to two vouchers for college classes between their 11th and 12th grade years. Students engage in this opportunity based on interest, scheduling conflicts, graduation requirements, or to accrue college credit while in high school. After completion of these courses, EHS credit will be awarded, and the grade will be recorded on the student's EHS transcript. A one-semester dual enrollment class earns .5 credit at EHS.

## Class Schedule

Essex High School uses an A/B block schedule with four, 80-minute blocks per day on a two-day alternating cycle. A 30-minute mid-day "flex block" happens every day and includes advisory and academic support time.

## INTEGRATED ACADEMIES

### The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA)



Offers artistic pathways that provide a challenging and comprehensive academic arts curriculum for students interested in developing their passion and interest in the arts. Authentic learning opportunities, intensive study, guest artist visits, master classes, internships, and off-site visits provide a strong foundation for students who wish to pursue the arts at any level.

### The Global Leadership Program (GLP)



Is an innovative program focused on three core competencies: global studies, cross-cultural competency and leadership development. The program is augmented with an international exchange program that is both virtual and face-to-face. Students also hear from ambassadors, politicians, and authors in the GLP Speaker Series, and learn about critical languages and cultures in the Language and Culture Series.

### The STEM Academy



Students explore their passion for science, medicine, or engineering, using technology and the community to help them grow in their area of interest. Students typically apply for the academy at the end of 9th grade and participate in a STEM advisory. To receive a STEM endorsement students will attend 10 lecture series events, take the STEM internship class and complete a capstone project in their 12th grade year.

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