

THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Washington-Liberty is a public high school serving grades 9-12. The school resides in Arlington, Virginia, an urban suburban, largely residential community located just across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. Washington-Lee opened in September of 1924, and since graduating its first class in 1925, has received strong support from parents, citizens and the county government. Arlington County prides itself on the excellence of its schools and enjoys a close cooperation between the school system and community businesses and services. In July of 2019, Washington-Lee became Washington-Liberty and is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and our highly diverse student population offers a broad world perspective and fosters an enriched learning environment.

PARTNERSHIPS

Washington-Liberty has many partnerships with local and regional organizations. Among these are:
Grace Community Church Woof! Dog Training Center
The Flower Shop at Poppy Seed Rye

SAMPLING OF ACTIVITIES

Academic Support for Student	Animal Allies
Generals Against Gun Violence	Girls Who Code
Pickleball Club	Red Cross Club
Spanish Club	Student of Color Club
W-L Filmmaker Society	WL Investment Fund
Yoga Club	W-L Victory Garden Club
Model United Nations	Model General Assembly
Mental Health Alliance Club	Ceramics Club
Esport	

2025 SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

Seniors	670
Juniors	706
Sophomores	695
Freshmen	602

2025 ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION

Total Student Population

American Indian/Alaska Native	0.00%
Asian	9.52%
Black/African American	9.44%
Hispanic	32.75%
Two or More	8.47%
White	39.54%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.00%

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS 2024-25

Academics

97 Seniors Received IB Diplomas
3 students – VA Academic Governor's School
4 students – VA World Language Governor's School
193 AP Scholars
86 AP Scholars with Honor
120 AP Scholars with Distinction

Band

District Band Assessment – Symphonic Band – Superior Rating
All District Band – 1 student
Senior Regional Orchestra – 1 student

Choir

District Choral Assessment-Chamber Choir-Superior Rating
All District Choir - 10 Students
All Virginia Choir – 1 Student

Orchestra

District Orchestra Assessment - Chamber Choir - Superior Rating
All District Orchestra – 1 student
Senior Regional Orchestra – 1 student

Virginia Music Educators Association 2024 Blue Ribbon School – Washington – Liberty High School.

Literary & Arts

Penman Literary Magazine Annual
VHSL First Class
Crossed Sabres Quarterly Newspaper
VHSL Trophy Class
VHSL First Class
Daily Dispatch Broadcast
VHSL Second Class

Sports 2024-25

Girls Soccer State Semi-Finalists
16 Better Sports Club Athletes of the Year
1 Better Sports Club Coach of the Year
6 All-State First Team Members
5 Northern Region Individual Champions
53 First Team All-Region Athletes
Girls Track Region Champions
3 Region Champion Runner-Up Teams
31 First Team All-District Athletes
4 District Coaches of the Year
5 Liberty District Championship Teams
11 Washington Post "All Met" Athletes

WASHINGTON-LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

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ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Mr. Alexander Duncan, III, Principal
Ms. Suzanne Paul, Dean of Students
Ms. Katlyn Bennett, Assistant Principal – 9th & 10th A-F
Mr. Tim Straka, Assistant Principal – 9th & 10th G-M
Ms. Vica Irving, Assistant Principal – 9th & 10th N-Z
Ms. Maggie Hsu, Assistant Principal – 11th Grade
Ms. Timica Shivers, Assistant Principal – 12th Grade
Mr. Justin Bolfek, Director of Student Activities
Mr. Kevin Healy, Assistant Director of Student Activities
Ms. Julie Cantor, International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator
Ms. Dara Williams, Director of Counseling

COUNSELING SERVICES PERSONNEL

Mr. Dewey Cashwell, Counselor
Mr. Alain Poutre, Counselor
Ms. Elizabeth “Lizzy” Palmer, Counselor
Ms. Bridgette Wanzer, Counselor
Ms. Alysha Damratowski, Counselor
Ms. Atiya Rehman, Counselor
Ms. Jessica “Jessie” Osher, Counselor
Ms. Megan Grasso, Counselor
Ms. Regla Perez-Pino, Counselor
Ms. Erin Gagen, Counselor
Ms. Carolea “Tyler” Wynnnyk, Counselor
Ms. Nicole Low, Counselor
Mr. Ronald Valdez, EL Counselor
Ms. Irma Medrano, EL Counselor
Ms. Elyse Catino, College and Career Counselor
Ms. Alex Ostrander, Intervention Counselor
Mr. James Sample, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Standard Diploma – 22 credits

English	4
Math	3
Science	3
History & Social Sciences	3
Health and Physical Education	2
Economics and Personal Finance	1
World Language (WL), Fine arts, or Career & Tech Edu.	2
Electives	4

Advanced studies diploma – 26 Credits

English	4
Math	4
Science	4
History & Social Sciences	4
Health and Physical Education	2
Economics and Personal Finance	1
World Languages (or 2 of 2 Languages)	3
Fine/Practical Art (FA) or Career & Tech. Edu (CTE)	1
Electives	3

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade Point Averages are computed beginning with Grade 9. All subjects whether passed or failed are included in the computation. Courses designated AP, IB or DE (Dual Enrollment) on a transcript receive an extra quality point (with the exception of Theory of Knowledge). Valedictorian status is awarded to all students earning 4.0 or above. All valedictorians are ranked #1.

	Reg Points	AP/IB/DE Points
A	4.0	5.0
B+	3.5	4.5
B	3.0	4.0
C+	2.5	3.5
C	2.0	3.0
D+	1.5	2.5
D	1.0	2.0
E	0.0	0.0

IB EXAMS 2025

In 2025, 111 diploma candidates and 372 course candidates were assessed, representing 1351 assessment components in 40 subject areas. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of diploma candidates earned the IB Diploma. Eighty percent (80%) of all students tested scored at least four or better (four is considered passing).

IB COURSES

Group 1: Language A English A Lit HL English A Lang & Lit SL Spanish A Lang & Lit HL	Group 3: Individuals & Societies Business & Mgmt. SL Economics SL Geography SL Global Politics SL History HL Philosophy SL Psychology HL, SL Social Anthropology HL, SL
Group 2: Language B Arabic AB SL (Ab initio) French B HL, SL French AB SL (Ab initio) Latin HL, SL Mandarin B HL, SL Mandarin AB SL (Ab initio) Spanish B HL, SL Spanish AB, SL (Ab initio)	Group 4: Experimental Sciences Biology HL, SL Chemistry HL Computer Science HL, SL Design Technology SL Environmental Systems SL Physics SL Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL
Group 5: Mathematics Math A&A HL, Math A&I SL	Group 6: Arts SLFilm HL, SL Theater HL, SL Visual Arts HL, SL The Core Theory of Knowledge

GRADING SYSTEM CONTINUED.

*Beginning with the 24-25 SY, the following courses now offer a .5 extra weight when calculating weighted G.P.A.

Theater Arts III	Symphonic Band
Chamber Choir	Chamber Orchestra
Advanced Choir	Advanced Band
Advanced Theatre Arts IV	

2025 SUMMARY OF GRADUATES

% of Class went to Post Secondary Education.....	87.34%
Attended 4 year colleges.....	77.7%
Attended 2 year colleges, tech, business school.....	12.12%
Military service.....	1.58%
Employed full-time.....	2.1%
Gap year.....	3.86%
Other.....	2.63%

CLASS OF 2025 SAT MEAN SCORES

Reading & Writing	Math
616	603

CLASS OF 2025 ACT MEAN SCORES

English	Math	Reading	Science	STEM
33.1	31	31.1	30.7	16.3

2025 GPA RANGE

High	Low	Median
4.64	.73	3.9

AP EXAMS 2025

In May of 2025, 1,292 students completed 2,090 test. Seventy-four percent (74%) of the students scored at least a three or better.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology	English 11 Language
European History	English 12 Literature
Spanish Language	Music Theory
French Language	Statistics
African American Studies	Chemistry
Human Geography	Physics I
Psychology	Computer Science A.
US History	Computer Science Princ
World History	US Government
Physics C Elec. & Magn	
Physics C Mechanics	