

## Just The Facts

<i>School Population</i>	580 students
<i>School Hours (M,T,Th,F)</i>	7:40—2:20
<i>Wednesdays</i>	7:40—1:30
<i>School Colors</i>	Blue & White
<i>School Mascot</i>	Gerry General
<i>Faculty</i>	61
<i>Town Populations:</i>	
<i>Hamilton</i>	7,764
<i>Wenham</i>	4,987
<i>Number of school-sponsored clubs/activities</i>	22
<i>Number of athletic Programs</i>	26
<i>Average class size</i>	18.9
<i>Schedule</i>	5 day/7 Block rotating schedule
<i>College placement</i>	97%

For directions to Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School: please visit our website at [www.hwschools.net/hwrhs](http://www.hwschools.net/hwrhs)

## MEET OUR STAFF

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### Guidance and Counseling Department



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## Mission Statements:

### HWRHS

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Community strives to create a passion for learning in a reflective environment that promotes respect, individuality and quality achievement.

### HWRSD

The Mission of the HWRSD is to educate our children to become young adults who are of good character and demonstrate mastery of the knowledge and skills needed to be successful members of our global economy and engaged citizens of the 21st Century.

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### Expectations for Learning

By working to reach their greatest potential, Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School students will learn to:

- Live as life-long learners
- Express themselves effectively
- Acquire essential knowledge & skills
- Respect themselves and others
- Navigate within a variety of communities

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## Available Services

- ◆ Individual and group counseling
- ◆ Academic advising
- ◆ Post-Secondary planning
- ◆ Scheduling
- ◆ Student registrations/withdrawals
- ◆ Test administration & coordination—PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject, AP
- ◆ Classroom presentations
- ◆ Transition and orientation programs
- ◆ Referrals on an as needed basis
- ◆ Parent information
- ◆ Student record maintenance
- ◆ Teacher consultation
- ◆ Consultation with outside agencies & professionals
- ◆ Conflict resolution
- ◆ Scholarship information
- ◆ Access and assistance with Naviance, a web-based service designed for students and parents.

The primary function of the Guidance and Counseling Department is to assist students in making informed decisions that will help them grow personally and excel academically, as well as to prepare students for the post-secondary environment. The counselors assist students with their academic planning throughout their years at Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School, culminating with post-secondary planning during junior and senior years.

## Graduation Requirements

Students must accumulate 24 credits in order to meet graduation requirements. A semester course receives .5 credit, a year-long course receives 1 credit.

### Subject

English - 4  
Social Studies - 3  
Mathematics - 3\*  
(\* 4-Class of 2018 and beyond)  
Science - 3  
Foreign Language - 2  
Health Science - 2.75\*  
(\*2-Class of 2019 and beyond)  
Fine/Applied Arts - .5  
Engineering Technology - .5  
Additional Semester of either Fine/Applied Arts or Engineering Technology - .5

### Additional Requirements:

- \* The Massachusetts Department of Education also requires that all students reach the proficient level in both English and Math MCAS, as well as pass Science MCAS competency testing to be eligible for a high school diploma.
- \* Satisfactory completion of a student portfolio (through Class of 2017)
- \* 50 hours of community service (Class of 2018 and beyond)

### **GUIDANCE PUBLICATIONS**

All publications are available at  
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