

# Whitney High School – Home of the Wildcats

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## School Profile 2020-2021

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**Rocklin Community** - The city of Rocklin lies 20 miles northeast of Sacramento. With a population of approximately 69,249, Rocklin boasts the best of both a rural community and a thriving suburban city. Rocklin has been one of the fastest growing cities in California, with approximately 65% growth since 2000, yet it is rich in history and community purpose. While Rocklin is a rapidly growing city, it maintains the small town atmosphere of a closely-knit community dedicated to the best in education, recreation, and family life. Sierra College is located in Rocklin, which provides opportunities for high school students to get a glimpse of college life and enrich their learning experiences while attending Whitney High School. William Jessup, a 4 year university, is within walking distance from Whitney’s campus. Several graduates have taken advantage of this proximity and attended earning B.A. degrees.

**Whitney High School** - Whitney High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school with a current enrollment of 2,092 students, 155 of which are currently participating in completely online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whitney High School is one of the two comprehensive high schools in the Rocklin Unified School District. Since opening its doors in 2005, Whitney High School has established itself as an exceptional academic institution. Historically the academic year has been based on two semesters, each approximately 18 weeks in length. Whitney High School has utilized an eight period rotating block schedule with a 30- minute student support period. This shifted for the 2020-21 school year to a 4X4 block schedule. Students still have up to 8 classes per year, but only 4 each semester, which they attend daily. The curriculum and amount of instruction time per class is the same with both the past and current schedules.

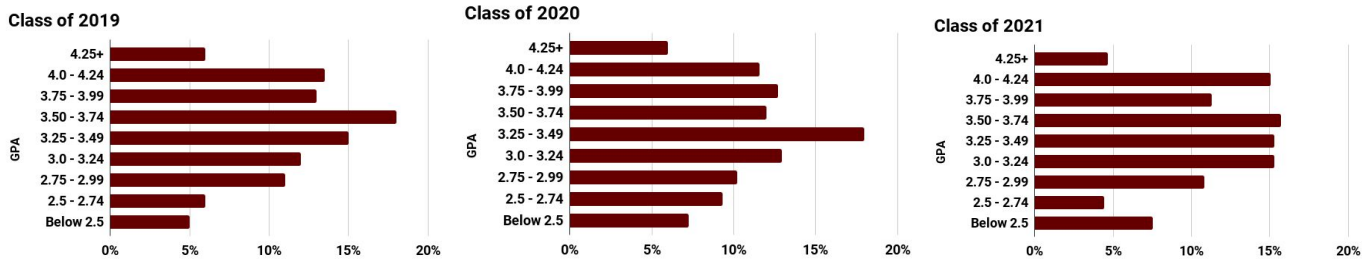
**Grading and Graduation Requirements** - Whitney High School does not rank. Whitney High School uses both a weighted (5.0) and unweighted (4.0) grading scale. The educational philosophy rests on the belief that all students will master the learning associated with the common set of standards in each course. Because of this, Whitney High School does not issue letter grades of “D” or “F.” Any student earning below a 70% in a course or who has not demonstrated mastery will receive a no credit “NC” and will need to retake the course if it is required for graduation. Whitney High School course requirements for graduation are as follows:

Language Arts	4-years	Math	3-years	CTE	1-year	Elective	5-years
Science	3-years	Physical Education	3-years	Visual/Perf. Arts	1-year		
Social Science	3.5-years	World Language	3-years	Health	0.5-year		

In addition to these course requirements, students must complete a minimum of 25-hours of documented community service. The average student completed 81 hours and 18% of the students in the class of 2020 completed 150+ hours and were recognized for their distinguished service. Together, the class of 2020 performed 37,290 hours of community service work.

**Matriculation** - On June 4, 2020, 460 students in the twelfth graduating class at Whitney High School were awarded diplomas. Of the 460 graduates, 87% entered college the year following graduation. Approximately 78% were A-G ready by the time they graduated and of those, 40% of the graduates continued on to a four-year college or university, 47% to community college, and 2% attended tech or trade schools. Students with a weighted GPA of 4.10 ranked in the top 10 % of the Class of 2020.

## GPA Distribution -



## Testing -

### SAT

### ACT

#### Class of 2020

#### Class of 2021 (through 10/20)

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# of Tests Taken	565
High	1560
Low	630
Average	1186

# of Tests Taken	69
High	1550
Low	930
Average	1190

# of Tests Taken	173
High	35
Low	10
Average	26

# of Tests Taken	5
High	30
Low	19
Average	26

## AP, Honors and Advanced Courses

Advanced and Honors courses are offered at all grade levels in Language Arts, Math, Foreign Language, Science, Social Studies, and Art. Whitney High School currently offers 17 AP courses. AP courses are offered in the following subjects: Literature and Composition, Language and Composition, Statistics, Calculus AB and BC, World History, US History, Government, Microeconomics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics I, Environmental Science, Spanish, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Seminar and AP Research.

## Advanced Placement (AP) Courses and Class of 2020 Median Scores

Course	# of Tests	Median Score
Biology	65	3.52
Calculus AB	38	3.16
Calculus BC	25	3.96
Chemistry	34	2.97
Comp Sci Principles	30	3.9
English Lit & Comp	54	3.48
Environmental Science	36	3.28
Microeconomics	79	3.63

Course	# of Tests	Median Score
Physics 1	18	4.0
Psychology	45	3.89
Statistics	47	3.32
Seminar	26	3.5
Spanish	23	3.22
US Govt & Politics	44	3.23
US History	34	3.18
World History	76	3.48

### **Athletics, Honor Societies and Award Winning Programs -**

*Athletics:* Whitney High School hosts a number of athletic teams which participate in the Sierra Foothill League. Student athletes are expected to maintain the highest of academic and moral standards. Whitney High School offers the following sports: Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Stunt, Swim, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Water Polo.

*Honors/Honor Societies:* National Honor Society (NHS), California Scholarship Federation (CSF), Whitney High School Distinguished Scholar Award, Whitney High School Distinguished Community Service Award

*Award Winning Programs:* BITA (Architectural and Structural Engineering), Broadcast (WCTV-19), Culinary, Dance, Digital Art (Graphics), Future Business Leaders of America, Music (choral and instrumental), Publications (yearbook), Theatre

**Changes Due to COVID-19 Pandemic** - In March of 2020, Whitney High School closed its doors and finished the school year with virtual enrichment. Students' final spring semester grades reflected the grades they had earned up until the closure. Fall semester 2020 began with two major changes. Whitney High School moved from an eight period rotating block schedule with a 30-minute student support period to a 4X4 block schedule. Students still have up to 8 classes per year, but only for each term (fall/spring). In addition to the scheduling change, the fall semester began with 100% distance learning which continued through the first quarter. At the time this profile is being written, the second quarter has just begun and WHS has moved into a hybrid learning model in which students attend in-person instruction two or three days per week and work independently on assignments at home on alternating weekdays. It is the plan of the district to move between completely virtual and the hybrid model as needed until it is safe to return to a normal, fulltime, in-person instruction. Our grading policies are unaffected for the 2020-21 academic year.

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