



## PROFILE

**SCHOOL:** Hanover High School is a comprehensive public high school of approximately 760 students. The school provides a broad range of offerings in English, math, social studies, languages, science and technology, in addition to an array of courses in the fine and applied arts. Approximately 14% of the student body consists of tuition students from outside the school district. The class of 2011 has 91 % of its students now attending or scheduled to attend four-year colleges, while another 6% will attend a two-year college or have other plans for post-secondary study.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Hanover High School is an active learning community that provides broad academic and co-curricular programs. We engage students' minds, hearts, and voices so that they become educated, caring and responsible adults.

All students are given the opportunity and encouragement to use their

- minds to pursue excellence, academic challenge, and personal success
- hearts to respect and care for the emotional and physical well being of themselves and others, and for the environment
- voices to contribute to the democratic process and the common good.

**PHILOSOPHY AND SCHOOL GOVERNANCE:** Hanover High School is dedicated to the philosophy that students learn responsibility by being given the opportunity to exercise responsibility, that they learn decision making by having the opportunity to make decisions, and that they make the strongest commitment to education when they are given real power in managing that education. In keeping with the school's philosophy, students form a majority on the school governing body (the Council), which includes staff and community members; this assembly has decision-making responsibility for many aspects of the school's daily operation. A sense of activism and community is fostered among students, faculty and staff through the weekly Common Ground (homeroom/advisory) meetings. Students at the high school are free to manage their own time when not in classes (there are no required study halls), and an open campus pass system allows students in good standing, with their parents' permission, to attend to needs off the school's premises. Students returning from college invariably point to these innovations, which foster maturity and responsibility, as a reason for their ready adjustment to college and for the significant success they achieve there. These same innovations would also appear to contribute to the high percentage of Hanover graduates who go on to complete their college education.

**FACULTY:** Of the 92 professional staff at Hanover High School, 89% hold at least a Master's degree, while 13% hold a Master's degree + 60 credits or a doctorate.

**ACCREDITATION:** Hanover High is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

**COMMUNITY:** Hanover High School serves the bi-state Dresden School District which includes the towns of Hanover, New Hampshire and Norwich, Vermont. As the home of Dartmouth College, the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical

Center, and a number of small high tech firms, Hanover and its environs offer cultural, educational and recreational benefits not often available in a town of approximately 11,000 residents.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- **Honors Courses:** Honors classes, our most rigorous offerings, have requirements that are significantly beyond the scope of the usual college preparatory work. These courses, designated (H) on transcripts, do **not** receive weighted grades. Hanover High School offers honors at every level in mathematics, science and foreign languages, and in the junior and senior year for English. The social studies department offers open enrollment in its rigorous senior electives; however, it does not designate courses as honors since it holds the belief that classes should represent a microcosm of the entire student body.
- **Career and Technology Courses:** Juniors and seniors may take a wide range of vocational, technical and business courses at the Hartford (VT) Area Career and Technology Center.
- **Senior Bridges Program:** Seniors may undertake an independent, interdisciplinary learning project, which culminates in a public presentation; credits and course hours for these projects are determined on an individual basis.
- **The Dresden Plan:** Assists students who are talented or who have strong interests in developing academic credit-earning experiences through community mentors, independent study, senior challenge, internships, work/study, or volunteer service courses.
- **AP Opportunities:** While Hanover High School does not offer AP courses as such, a number of classes include preparation for the national AP exams.
- **Dartmouth College Courses:** Each year approximately 30 - 50 junior and senior Hanover High School students take Dartmouth College courses. If scheduling allows, students may take courses that are not offered at HHS for enrichment or advanced study in a subject area. Students who have successfully completed all the advanced course work in a given field and have received permission from the relevant department at both the High School and the College, may enroll in Dartmouth College courses. These courses are so designated on student transcripts; like Honors courses, they are **not** weighted.
- **March Intensive:** Four days in March of diverse course offerings taught by staff and community members. Courses provide opportunities for meaningful learning experiences (study one subject in depth) that are different from what already exist in the school's curriculum offerings. Students experience learning for learning's sake and may take a risk in studying something without fear of grades. This is not a graduation requirement.

## GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Graduation Requirements

The Dresden School District requires 20 units of credit for graduation, with each full unit representing a year's work. All courses, whether semester long or full year, receive a grade and ½ credit per semester.

### Individualized Courses

The term “**individualized**” in a course title indicates that the course’s curriculum has been modified or reduced.

## GRADING

The following letter grades appear on transcripts; each is assigned a numerical value as indicated:

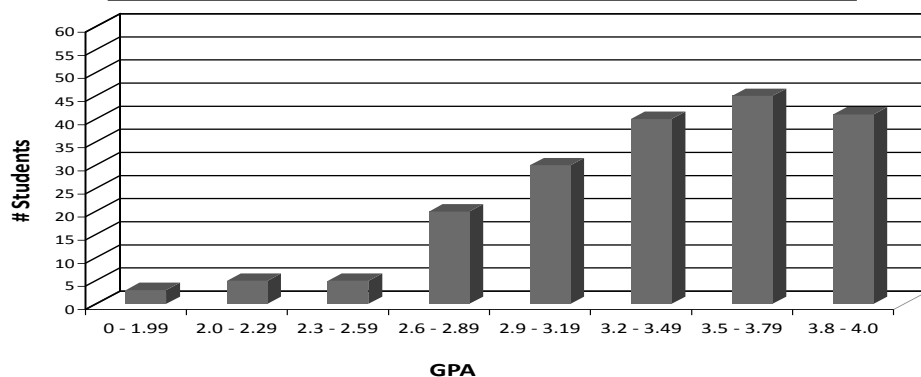
<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Numerical Value</u>
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
NC (No credit)	0 (calculated in GPA)
INC (Incomplete)	0 (not calculated in GPA)
W (Withdrew in good standing)	0 (not calculated in GPA)
WF (Withdrew failing)	0 (calculated in GPA)
P (Passing)	0 (not calculated in GPA)

The Grade Point Average (GPA), which is based on a 4.0 scale, is calculated using **unweighted** grades.

## RANK IN CLASS

As a matter of school policy (effective 2002-2003 school year) students are not numerically ranked.

**GPA - Class of 2012 - 176 Students as of September 2011**



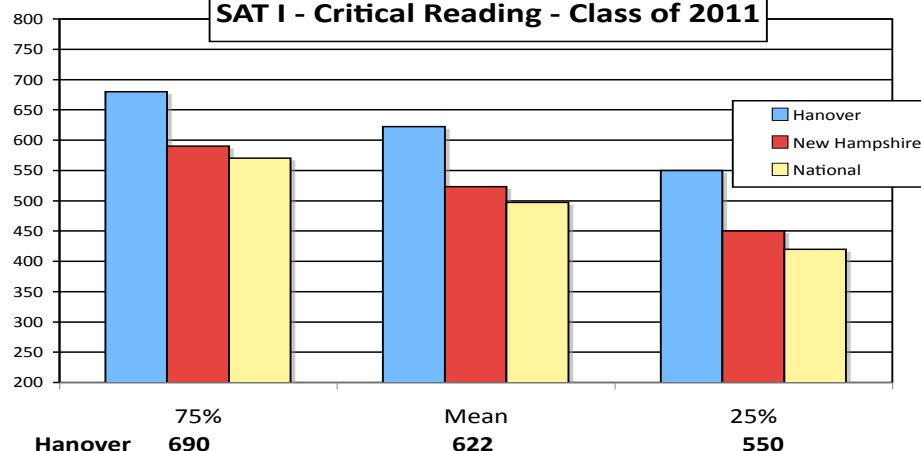
Top 10% - 3.92 and above  
 Top 20% - 3.81 and above  
 Top 30% - 3.74 and above  
 Top 40% - 3.61 and above  
 Top 50% - 3.51 and above  
 Top 60% - 3.30 and above  
 Top 70% - 3.15 and above

## *National Merit Scholarship Program Class of 2011*

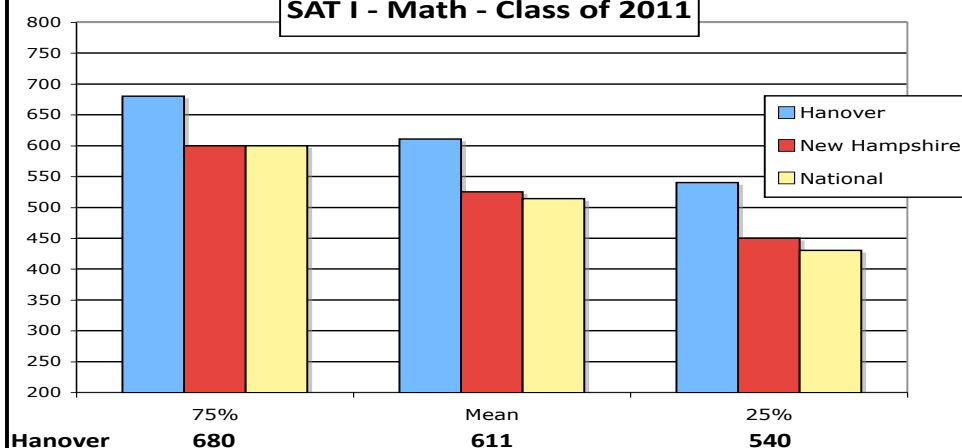
Commended - 17  
 Semifinalists - 14  
 Finalists - 14  
 Merit Scholarship Recipients - 4

Class of 2012 – 177 students  
 86% took PSAT  
 Class of 2011 – 175 students  
 93 % took SAT

**SAT I - Critical Reading - Class of 2011**



**SAT I - Math - Class of 2011**



**SAT II Lit – Class of 2011**

Mean: 670  
 75%: 740  
 Median: 660  
 25%: 610  
 36 students

**SAT II Math IC – Class of 2011**

Mean: 660  
 75%: 730  
 Median: 660  
 25%: 600  
 36 students

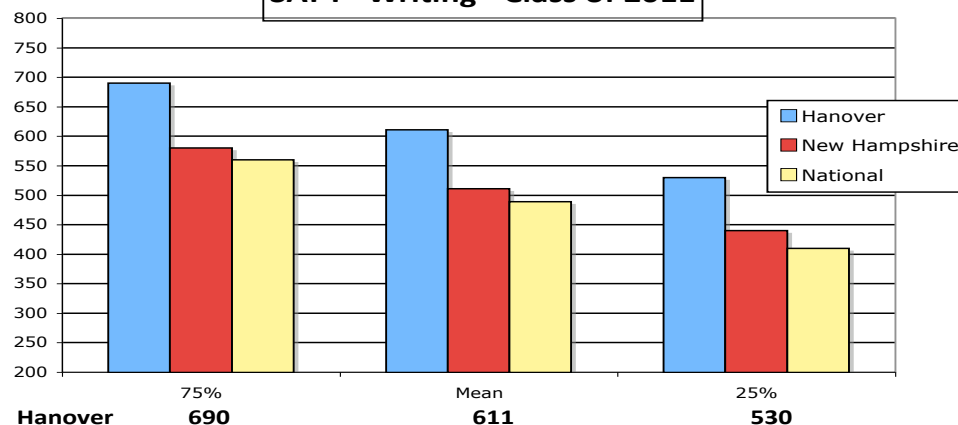
**SAT II Math IIC - Class of 2011**

Mean: 718  
 75%: 780  
 Median: 720  
 25%: 670  
 46 students

**SAT II Chemistry - Class of 2011**

Mean: 670  
 75%: 730  
 Median: 680  
 25%: 610  
 52 students

**SAT I - Writing - Class of 2011**



# DATA SHEET: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL PLANS CLASS OF 2011

	Male	Female	Number	% of Total
Number of graduates	83	105	188	
Number planning to attend 4-yr colleges	71	100	171	91%
Number planning to attend 2-yr colleges (Tech schools, Jr. colleges, etc)	3	1	4	2 %
Number planning to attend Prep School for post graduate courses	2	1	3	2%
GAP year	3	1	4	2%
<b>Total # planning post secondary education</b>			182	97%
<b><u>Four-year college data</u></b>				
Number of different colleges applied to			234	
Number of different colleges graduates will attend			94	
Number of graduates who will attend private 4-yr colleges			118	63%
Number of graduates who will attend public 4-yr colleges			53	28%
Total applications filed and processed			2,047	
Defer college one year			4	
<b><u>Students not enrolling in formal post secondary education programs</u></b>				
Work	1	1	2	1%
Armed forces	1	0	1	<1%
Not reported/AmeriCorps/Travel/Other	1	2	3	2%
<b>Total</b>			6	3%

## Number of Graduates Attending Four and Two Year Colleges

Amherst College	1	*Ohio Technical College	1
Boston College	1	Princeton University	3
Boston University	1	*River Valley Community College	1
Brown University	1	Saint Anselm College	2
Champlain College	2	Saint Mary's College of CA	1
Clark Atlanta University	1	San Diego State University	1
Clark University	1	Santa Clara University	2
Clarkson University	1	Skidmore College	4
Coastal Carolina University	1	Springfield College	1
Colby College	1	St. Lawrence University	5
Colgate University	1	St. Olaf College	1
College of Atlantic	1	Stanford University	1
College of William & Mary	1	Swarthmore College	1
Colorado College	1	Syracuse University	1
Colorado School of Mines	1	The Culinary Institute of America	1
Colorado State University	1	The George Washington University	1
*Community College of Vermont	1	The University of Iowa	1
Connecticut College	2	The University of N. Carolina	1
Converse College	1	Tisch School Of The Arts	1
Cornell University	2	Trinity College	1
Dartmouth College	7	Tufts University	2
Denison University	1	Union College	1
Dickinson College	1	United States Air Force Academy	1
Elon University	4	University of Chicago	1
Endicott College	3	University of Colorado at Boulder	1
Eugene Lang College	1	University of Hawaii at Manoa	1
Gettysburg College	1	University of Miami	2
Hamilton College	1	University of Michigan	3
Hampshire College	2	University of New Hampshire	12
Harvard University	2	University of Oxford, England	1
Hobart & William Smith Colleges	2	University of Redlands	2
Hofstra University	1	University of San Diego	1
Ithaca College	4	University of St. Andrews, Scotland	1
Keene State College	4	University of Toronto	1
Kenyon College	1	University of Vermont	19
Lafayette College	1	University of Washington	1
*Landmark College	1	Wagner College	1
Lewis & Clark College	3	Wake Forest University	1
Loyola Marymount University	1	Washington University, St. Louis	1
Ludwig-Maximilians University	1	Wellesley College	3
Lyndon State College	1	Wentworth Institute of Technology	1
Marymount University	1	Wesleyan University	1
McGill University	3	Western Carolina University	1
Middlebury College	4	Western New England University	1
Mount Holyoke College	2	Wheaton College	2
New York University	1	Yale University	3
Northeastern University	1		
Occidental College	1		
		<b>*2 Year College or vocational-technical</b>	
		<b>Total: 175</b>	

# COLLEGE AND SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES \* CLASS OF 2011

## (RANKING BASED ON GPA AT END OF SENIOR YEAR)

### First Fifth of the Class

#### (Top 10%)

American University	Brown University	Dartmouth College	Rice University	University of Michigan	Washington University
Amherst College	Bucknell University	Duke University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire	Washington & Lee University
Arizona State University	Carleton College	Georgetown University	Smith College	University of Notre Dame	Wellesley College
Barnard College	Colby College	Hamilton College	St. Olaf College	University of Pennsylvania	Wesleyan University
Bates College	Colgate University	Harvard University	Swarthmore College	University of Rochester	Williams College
Boston University	College of William & Mary	Johns Hopkins University	Trinity College	University of St. Andrews	Yale University
Bowdoin College	Colorado School of Mines	Middlebury College	Tufts University	University of Vermont	
Brandeis University	Connecticut College	McGill University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Virginia	
Brigham Young University	Cornell University	Princeton University	University of Chicago	Vassar College	

#### (Second 10%)

American University	Colgate University	Hamilton College	Middlebury College	The University of North Carolina	Vassar College
Bates College	Colorado College	Hampshire College	Mount Holyoke College	Tufts University	Washington University
Beloit College	Connecticut College	Harvard University	Oberlin College	University of Chicago	Wesleyan University
Boston College	Cornell University	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Pitzer College	University of Michigan	Yale University
Bowdoin College	Dartmouth College	Ithaca College	Pomona College	University of New Hampshire	
Brandeis University	Dickinson College	Kenyon College	Smith College	University of Oxford	
Brown University	Duke University	Lafayette College	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania	
Bucknell University	Elon University	Lewis & Clark College	St. Lawrence University	University of Vermont	
Colby College	Georgetown University	McGill University	The George Washington University	University of Wisconsin	

### Second Fifth of Class

Adelphi University	Dartmouth College	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Purchase College	Union College	University of Vermont
Barnard College	Dickinson College	Ithaca College	Queens University	University of British Columbia	University of Washington
Bates College	Drexel University	Keene State College	Quinnipiac University	University of Maine	Wake Forest University
Boston College	Elmira College	Lafayette College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts	Wellesley College
Carleton College	Emory University	McGill University	Rollins College	University of Miami	Wesleyan University
Clark University	Endicott College	Middlebury College	Smith College	University of Michigan	Wheaton College
Clarkson University	Eugene Lang College	Mount Holyoke College	St. Lawrence University	University of New Hampshire	Whitman College
Colby College	Fairfield University	New York University	Stonehill College	University of North Carolina	
Colgate University	Gettysburg College	Northeastern University	Syracuse University	University of Richmond	
Connecticut College	Goucher College	Pennsylvania State University	The George Washington University	University of St. Andrews	
Cornell University	Hamilton College	Plymouth State University	The University of North Carolina	University of Toronto	

### Third Fifth of the Class

Allegheny College	College of The Atlantic	Humboldt State University	Occidental College	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Oregon
Alfred University	Connecticut College	Ithaca College	Ohio University	Susquehanna University	University of Redlands
American University	Denison University	Johnson State College	Ohio Wesleyan University	Syracuse University	University of Rhode Island
Amherst University	Dickinson College	Johnson & Wales University	Plymouth State University	The George Washington Univ.	University of Rochester
Bard College	Elon University	Keene State College	Quinnipiac University	The Ohio State University	University of San Francisco
Bennington College	Emmanuel College	Kenyon College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Tisch School of the Arts	University of Vermont
Boston University	Endicott University	Lake Forest College	Roger Williams University	Trinity College	University of Wisconsin
Bryant University	Emerson College	Lehigh University	Salve Regina University	Tulane University	Villanova University
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Fairfield University	Lyndon State College	Santa Clara University	Union College	Wake Forest University
Centre College	Franklin & Marshall College	Marquette University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Colorado	Wellesley College
Clark University	Gettysburg College	Marymount Manhattan College	Skidmore University	University of Connecticut	Wheaton College
Clemson University	Green Mountain College	Mount Holyoke College	Smith College	University of Denver	Willamette University
College of Charleston	Grinnell College	New York University	Springfield College	University of Massachusetts	
College of Holy Cross	Hampshire College	Northeastern University	St. Lawrence University	University of New Hampshire	

### Fourth Fifth of the Class

Acadia University	Dillard University	Hood College	Ohio Wesleyan University	State University of New York	University of New Hampshire
Bentley University	Drew University	Ithaca College	Pace University	The College of Wooster	University of Pittsburgh
Bethune-Cookman University	Drexel University	Johnson State College	Plymouth State University	The University of Arizona	University of Puget Sound
Bryant University	Duquesne University	Keene State College	Providence College	The University of Montana	University of Redlands
California University of PA	Elmira College	Lewis & Clark College	Quinnipiac University	Tougaloo College	University of Rhode Island
Centre College	Elon University	Linfield College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Trinity College	University of San Diego
Champlain College	Endicott College	Loyola Marymount University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Tuskegee University	University of Vermont
Chapman University	Lyndon State College	Lyndon State College	Roger Williams University	Union College	Washington & Lee University
Clark University	Furman University	Mansfield University of PA	Saint Michaels College	University of Colorado	Wentworth Institute of Tech.
Coastal Carolina University	Gettysburg College	McGill University	Santa Clara University	University of Connecticut	Wheaton College
Colby Sawyer College	Hawaii Pacific University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Skidmore College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Whitman College
Colorado State University	High Point University	Montana State University	Southern NH University	University of Maine	Willamette University
Creighton University	Hobart & William Smith Coll.	Northeastern University	St. Lawrence University	University of Massachusetts	Xavier University of Louisiana
Denison University	Hofstra University	Ohio University	St. Olaf College	University of Miami	

### Last Fifth of the Class

Alfred University	Eastman School of Music	Landmark College	Roger Williams University	University of Cincinnati	Wagner College
Arizona State University	Elmira College	Loyola University	Saint Anselm College	University of Colorado	Western Carolina University
Champlain College	Elon University	Ludwig-Maximilians University	Saint Mary's College of CA	University of Maine	Western New England Univ.
Clarkson University	Endicott University	Lyndon State College	St. Lawrence University	University of Massachusetts	West Virginia University
Coastal Carolina University	Goucher College	Marist College	State University of New York	University of New Hampshire	Widener University
Community College of VT	High Point University	New England College	The Culinary Institute of America	University of North Carolina	Worcester State University
Converse College	Hofstra University	Ohio Technical College	The Hartt School	University of Rhode Island	Xavier University
Daniel Webster College	Ithaca College	Plymouth State University	The University of Arizona	University of South Carolina	
East Tennessee State University	Keene State College	River Valley Community College	The University of Maine	University of Vermont	

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