

SEHOME HIGH SCHOOL
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THE COMMUNITY

Sehome High School is located in Bellingham, Washington. Located on Bellingham Bay with Mt. Baker as its backdrop, Bellingham, in Whatcom County, is the last major city before the Washington coastline meets the Canadian border. Bellingham, the county seat, is 90 miles north of Seattle and 50 miles south of Vancouver, B.C. Bellingham's active waterfront hosts a range of marine activities with significant change on the horizon as area community leaders and residents consider options for development. Bellingham is home to Western Washington University, a nationally recognized and respected, mid-sized comprehensive university of approximately 15,000 students. Located in a district with approximately 11,000 students, Sehome High is one of three traditional high schools. Sehome serves the population living in the western and southwestern section of the city. This area includes attractive residential and multiple dwelling housing along with lakefront and hillside communities.

THE SCHOOL

Sehome High School offers a comprehensive four-year curriculum enrolling 1,245 students in grades nine through twelve. The school opened in 1966 and has maintained and encouraged a rich tradition of academic excellence. Over 76% of the faculty holds masters degrees; many are leaders in their field and have received local, state and national honors. Sixteen of the teachers are National Board Certified. The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction accredit Sehome. Sehome also holds membership in the Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC).

THE CURRICULUM

Sehome's academic program is organized around a six-period day. Sehome uses a modified block schedule where students attend six 55 minute periods three days a week and attend three two-hour periods two days a week. Ninth, tenth and eleventh graders are required to take six classes. Twelfth graders are required to take at least five classes, or less with special permission.

A minimum of 23.0 credits is required for graduation: 0.5 credit=1 semester, 1.0 credit=1 year. 2014-2015 graduation requirements include 4.0 credits English; 3.0 credits Mathematics; 2.0 credits Lab Science; 3.0 credits Social Studies; 1.5 credits Physical Education; 0.5 credit Health; 1.0 credit Occupational Education; 1.0 credit Fine Arts; 2 credits World Language; and 5 credits of electives. Additional requirements include the completion of a High School and Beyond Plan, meeting standard on the Reading, Writing and Math sections of the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE); and End of Course exit exams in Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology.

Sehome High School provides two curricular choices for students in order to provide the most rigorous curriculum available to prepare students for college.

(1) Advanced Placement (AP) is an open-enrollment program. Courses are offered in AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Physics II, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP French Language, AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature, AP US History, AP World History, AP Comparative Government and AP Micro/Macro Economics, AP Human Geography, AP Computer Science Principals, AP Computer Science.

(2) Honors courses are offered in the subject areas of Advanced Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Choir, and Jazz Band.

College in the High School: In collaboration with Everett Community College, Whatcom Community College, and University of Washington, students enrolled in the following classes may earn college credit: Precalculus I &II, Psychology, French 122,123, AP French 221, 222, 223, Spanish 122, 123, AP Spanish 221, 222, 223, and Neuroscience of Addiction.

Running Start: This Washington State program allows high school juniors and seniors to enroll in college classes that earn both high school and college credit. Sehome High School students most commonly attend Whatcom Community College.

Tech Prep: This Washington State program is a technical education alternative to the standard “college prep” sequence of study. High school juniors and seniors enroll in high school courses that are articulated with community or technical college programs that earn both high school and college credit. Students enrolled in the following classes may earn college credit: Engineering Technology I & II; Advanced Engineering Technology; Visual Communications (Photography & Graphics) I & Advanced Visual Communications (Photography & Graphics) II, Video Production and Advanced Video Production.

GRADING AND RANKING

Sehome High School assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system. All credited classes are included in computing grade point average and class rank. Class rank is computed on October 1, February 1 and June 15 using unweighted, final grades in all subjects.

TEST STATISTICS

SAT Profile Class of 2016

	<i>Critical Reading</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Sehome HS Average	574	578	538
Washington State Average	502	510	484
National Average	495	511	484

ACT Profile Class of 2016

	<i>English</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Composite</i>
Sehome HS Average	26.8	26.7	27.8	26.3	27.0
Washington State Average	22.3	23.2	23.6	22.9	23.1
National Average	20.1	20.6	21.3	20.8	20.8

National Merit (Class of 2016): Letters of Commendation: 19

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE HISTORY

227 students graduated in the Class of 2016

73% of the class plans to attend college after graduation. Of that 73%, 34% matriculated to 4-year in-state institutions, 36% matriculated to 4-year out-of-state institutions, and 30% matriculated to 2-year institutions.

The following list indicates those institutions attended by the Class of 2016:

In State:

Bellingham Technical College
 Central Washington University
 Digipen Institute of Technology
 Eastern Washington University
 Gonzaga University
 Seattle Pacific University
 Seattle University
 Skagit Valley College
 The Evergreen State College
 University of Washington
 Washington State University
 Western Washington University
 Whatcom Community College
 Whitman College
 Whitworth University

California Lutheran University
 Cal State Poly University; Pomona
 Cal State Poly University; San Luis Obispo
 Carthage College
 College of Idaho
 Colorado School of Mines
 Cornell University
 Denison University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Fort Lewis College
 Haverford College
 Humboldt State University
 Linfield College
 Loyola Marymount University
 Mesa Community College
 Middlebury College
 Montana State University
 New York University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northwestern University
 Occidental College

Oregon State University
 Pima Community College
 Pomona College
 St Michael's College
 San Diego State University
 Scripps College
 Swathmore College
 Trinity University
 Tulane University
 United States Naval Academy
 University of Arizona
 University of Auckland, NZ
 University of California; Berkley
 University of Montana
 University of Nevada; Las Vegas
 University of Northern California
 University of Oregon
 University of Redlands
 University of Victoria, Canada
 Willamette University

Out of State:

Baylor University
 Boise State University
 Bryn Mawr College