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 1,200 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 an eight-period day. Sehome uses a modified block schedule where students attend four 1 hour and 25 minute periods five days a week, alternating between A and B days. Ninth, tenth and eleventh graders are expected to take eight classes. Twelfth graders are required to take at least six classes, or less with special permission.

A minimum of 23 credits is required for graduation: 0.5 credit=1 semester, 1.0 credit=1 year. 2017-2018 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 5.0 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 Smarter Balanced Exam; 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 Psychology, AP Micro/Macro Economics, AP Human Geography, AP Computer Science Principles, 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: Accounting I & II, American Sign Language I, II, III & IV, Engineering Technology I & II; Advanced Engineering Technology; Financial Algebra, Marketing, Marketing Advanced, Medical Terminology, MS- Office Specialist, Psychology of Children, Technical Literacy, Visual Communications (Photography & Graphics) I & Advanced Visual Communications (Photography & Graphics) II, Video Production and Advanced Video Production, Web Design & Advanced Web Design.

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 2017

	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	Math	Mean Total Score
Sehome HS Average	607	587	1194
Washington State Average	571	569	1140
National Average	560	555	1115

ACT Profile Class of 2017

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Sehome HS Average	26.4	26.4	27.2	25.4	26.5
Washington State Average	20.9	21.9	22.1	22.0	21.9
National Average	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0

National Merit (Class of 2018):   Letters of Commendation: 6   Semi Finalist: 1

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE HISTORY

262 students graduated in the Class of 2017.
68% of the class plans to attend college after graduation. Of that 68%, 44% matriculated to 4-year in-state institutions, 32% matriculated to 4-year out-of-state institutions, and 24% matriculated to 2-year institutions.

The following list indicates those institutions attended by the Class of 2017:

In State:
Bellingham Technical College
Bellevue Community College
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Central Washington University
Digipen Institute of Technology
Eastern Washington University
Gonzaga University
Highline College
Pacific Lutheran 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
Out of State:
Arizona State University
Belmont Abbey College
Berklee School of Music
Boise State University

Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
California State Polytechnic
California State University:Los Angeles
Carroll College
College of Wooster
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Conneticut College
Haverford College
Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts
Idaho State University
Los Angeles Valley College
McAlester University
Montana State University
Oregon State University
Parsons School of Design
Pepperdine University
Rice University
San Diego State University
Santa Barbara Community College
Sarah Lawrence College

Scripps College
Southern Oregon University
St Olaf College
Stanford University
Temple University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of British Columbia
University of California;
Los Angeles
University of California;
San Diego
University of Idaho
University of Massachusetts
University of North Carolina
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
Virginia Tech
Willamette University