



## Sehome High School

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## Community

Bellingham, Washington is a coastal city located in the northwest corner of the state, approximately halfway between Seattle and Vancouver, BC. Bellingham is bordered on the west by the Puget Sound and on the east by the foothills of Mt. Baker and the Snoqualmie National Forest. Once a congregate of three small communities drawing sustenance from forestry, fishing, and food processing, Bellingham has a population of about 90,000.

Bellingham has three schools of higher education: Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College.

## Bellingham Public Schools

The Bellingham School District includes four high schools, including one alternative high school, serving

grades 9-12, four middle schools serving grades 6-8 and fourteen elementary schools with grades K-5 with a total student population of over 11,000.

## School

Sehome High School is a four-year comprehensive high school enrolling over 1200 students in grades 9-12. The school opened in 1966 and has maintained and encouraged a rich tradition of academic excellence. Over half of the faculty holds master's degrees; many are leaders in their field and have received local, state, and national honors. 25 teachers are National Board Certified.

## Accreditation

Sehome is accredited through the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and holds membership in the Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC).

## Athletics/Activities

Sehome offers a full range of extracurricular activities. Athletic competition is within the Northwest 2A League. Sehome has been awarded the WIAA 2A Scholastic Cup for the last 6 years in a row

## Academics:

Sehome's academic program is organized around an eight-period block schedule. Students take 4 classes per day (80 minutes each), plus a 30-minute Advisory class. Each block class meets every other day.

**COVID Update:** Classes are currently remote. Students take 4 classes for a 22-day rotation (periods 1-4), then take periods 5-8 for 22 days. Rotation continues throughout the school year. The schedule includes synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Regional test centers have been closed since

March 2020. Student have not had access to SAT/ACT testing.

## Grading Scale:

A = 4.0 points  
B = 3.0 points  
C = 2.0 points  
D = 1.0 points  
F = 0.0 points

## Grades not calculated in GPA:

P=Pass  
I=Incomplete  
NC=Withdrew without penalty  
W= Withdrew without penalty

Sehome uses a 4.0 unweighted system. Each semester course with a passing grade (A through D) earns .5 credit. Grades for courses taken at college level (ex. Running Start) receive equivalent high school credit according to the following formula:  
3 college quarter credits = .6 credit  
4 college quarter credits = .8 credit  
5 college quarter credits = 1.0 credit.

## Rank

School policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2021.

## COVID Grading:

For spring semester 2020, Bellingham Public Schools temporarily suspended traditional A-F grade marks due to the COVID-19 emergency school closure. High school courses earned marks of either "A" or "Incomplete." Bellingham Public Schools has modified its grading practices for the **2020-21 school year**. Student can earn an A, B, C, D, NC, or I. NC (No Credit) is reserved for students making little to no progress to complete course work. I (Incompletes) is reserved for students who attempted to complete a course. There will be no F's issued for the 2020-21 school year.

## 2020-2021 graduation requirements include:

(30 credits total)  
4.0 credits English  
3.0 credits Mathematics  
3.0 credits Lab Science  
3.0 credits Social Studies  
1.5 credits Physical Education  
0.5 credit Health  
1.5 credit Career and Technical Education  
1.0 credit Visual/Performing Arts  
2 credits World Language  
9.5 credits of electives.

Additional requirements include the completion of a **High School and Beyond Plan** and a **Graduation Pathway**. Students choose and complete a graduation pathway that aligns with their High School and Beyond Plan and post-high school goals. Passing state tests is one pathway to graduation.

## The Curriculum

Sehome provides four rigorous dual credit opportunities for students to earn college credit while in high school. These include: Advanced Placement (AP), College in the High School, Running Start and CTE Dual Credit.

## AP Courses Offered:

English Language  
English Literature  
Calculus AB and BC  
Statistics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
Physics 1 and 2  
American Government  
Human Geography  
US History  
European History  
Micro and Macro Economic  
Psychology  
French  
German  
Spanish  
Computer Science

**Running Start** This program allows junior/senior students to enroll in college classes and earn both high school and college credit.

## College in the High School:

Neuroscience of Addiction  
Psychology  
French 3, 4  
Spanish 4  
AP World History  
Pre-Calculus

**CTE Dual Credit:** This WA State program provides opportunities to enroll in high school courses that are articulated with community or technical college programs to earn both high school and college credit.

## Class of 2020:

250 Graduating Seniors

## Percentage to Attend

11% 2-year institution

57% 4-year institution

(29% Out of State; 28% In-State)

## Colleges Attended:

### In State:

Bellingham Technical College  
Central Washington University  
Digipen Institute of Technology  
Eastern Washington University  
Gonzaga University  
Lower Columbia College  
Seattle University  
Skagit Valley College  
St. Martin's University  
University of Washington  
University of Washington- Bothell  
Washington State University  
Western Washington University  
Whatcom Community College  
Whitman College  
Whitworth University

### Out of State:

Arizona State University  
Boise State University  
California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo

Carleton College  
Chapman University  
Colorado State University  
Dartmouth University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia State University  
Grand Canyon University  
Howard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lewis and Clark College  
Macalester College  
Middlebury College  
Montana State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
Northern Arizona University  
Oklahoma City University  
Oklahoma State University  
Oregon State University  
Pomona College  
Portland State University  
St. John's College  
Santa Barbara City College  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Scripps College  
Southern Oregon University  
Stanford University  
The University of Portland  
Tulane University  
University of Arizona  
University of British Columbia  
University of California; Davis  
University of California; Los Angeles  
University of California; San Diego  
University of California; Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Denver  
University of Hawaii-Hilo  
University of Hawaii-Manoa  
University of Michigan  
University of Oregon  
University of Portland  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of South Florida  
University of Victoria  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Whitman College  
Whittier College  
Whitworth University  
Willamette University  
Wright State College