



WATERLOO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

School Profile

2021-2022 Academic Year

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Waterloo Collegiate Institute is located minutes away from the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University, two of Canada's top-ranked universities and approximately one hour away from Toronto, Ontario. This proximity to leading post-secondary institutions permeates the entire school environment.

Waterloo Collegiate Institute is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 1400 students. Furthermore, students are required to maintain a full course load throughout their high school career. Our school's high academic standards are well known throughout the province of Ontario. Our students perform exceptionally well in academic contests. Waterloo Collegiate also offers an accredited, comprehensive Advanced Placement (AP) program.

Specialized & Official Magnet Programs Offered at Waterloo Collegiate:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Extended French (for French immersion students)
- Stringed Musical Instruments
- English Language Learners (ESL & ELD)

School Structure Due to Covid-19:

2021-2022 School Year: Modified Semester Model

Because of the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic, WCI switched to a modified semester schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. Students have the option to take courses in school or through the Secondary Remote Learning Program (SRLP). Students stay in their chosen model for the entirety of the school year.

- For both the in-school and SRLP model, students participate in two courses each day for one week (each course block is 150 minutes) and take two different courses the following week. The third week reverts back to the week one courses.

2020-2021 School Year: Quadmestered Model

Due to Covid-19, for the 2020-21 school year, the structure of our school, previously semestered, changed to a quadmester system. In the quadmestering system, students alternated between two courses. Students had choice in their mode of learning:

- Hybrid Model - cohorted students alternated between school/home learning in 5-day blocks; or
- Distance Learning Program (DLP) - students learned entirely from home while enrolled in two courses in each quadmester.

School Performance Data - Advanced Placement:

WCI offers Advanced Placement courses in: Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English and French. In May 2021, a total of 34 students wrote 55 AP exams with 84% of students achieving the coveted score of a Level 3 or higher with our average AP Exam Score being a 3.6.

- Number of National AP Scholars: **3 AP Scholars** (3 exams at Level 3 or higher), **2 AP Scholars with Honor** (4 exams at Level 3 or higher), **1 AP Scholar with Distinction** (5 or more exams at Level 3 or higher).

In May 2020, despite the Covid-19 Pandemic resulting in students learning from home from mid-April until the end of June, a total of *36 students wrote 55 exams with 82% of students achieving a Level 3 or higher.*

- Number of National AP Scholars: **4 AP Scholars, 2 AP Scholars with Honor, 1 AP Scholar with Distinction** (student wrote 7 exams at this level).

In May of 2019, the average of all AP exams written was level 4.

- Number of National AP Scholars: **4 AP Scholars, 2 AP Scholars with Honor, 4 AP Scholar with Distinction, 3 National AP Scholars.**

Note on Ranking and G.P.A.:

Because of differences in the courses of study for its graduating students and based on our Waterloo Region District School Board policies, Waterloo Collegiate does NOT rank its students. Furthermore, we use a percentage-based grading system as opposed to Grade Point Average (GPA).