2024/25 School Profile

About Us

West Michigan Aviation Academy (WMAA) is a tuition-free public charter high school located on the campus of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, MI. WMAA is one of only a few high schools in the nation where a student can earn a private pilot license as part of the high school curriculum. With

a curriculum rich in aviation, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), and robotics, WMAA provides a unique educational opportunity for students to focus specifically on high-growth employment fields during their high school education. This better equips them to pursue higher education or technical degrees, and find employment in their chosen field.

School Year Organization

The school year consists of two semesters, with a blocked schedule of 90-minute class periods. Parents receive progress reports at the end of each marking period, as well as final posted grades at the conclusion of each semester. Semester grades are computed based on 80% coursework and 20% on the cumulative semester exam. First semester will end on December 18, 2024 and second semester will end on June 3, 2025. Mid-year transcripts will be available by mid-January.

What Makes WMAA Unique?

- 1 Building Career Pathways: we offer active, handson, skill-based learning that prepares students for high-growth, high-demand fields in the real world.
- 2 Building Character. Strong academic requirements, in addition to behavioral standards, create a culture that promotes responsibility, respect, and self-motivation.
- Building Access & Opportunity: Intentional promotion, open admission, and a suite of supportive services cultivate a diverse student body.



Student Population

WMAA draws students from over 50 schools in seven surrounding counties, many driving up to an hour each way. Multiple families choose to have their student live with nearby relatives or family friends to make it possible for their student to attend WMAA. Several families have relocated to Grand Rapids to have their students attend the school.

| Class of 2025 | | | | |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 157 2% Asian | | | | |
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157 2% Asian 8% African Amer. 75% Caucasian 8% Hispanic 8% Multi-racial

GENDER
69% Male
31% Female
UNWEIGHTED
3.6474

AVERAGE
COLLEGE BOARD
SPRING 2024

ERW—581
Math—568

AVERAGE GPA

Class of 2026

152

4% Asian
11% African Amer.
69% Caucasian
6% Hispanic
9% Multi-racial

68% Male
32% Female
3.4954

ERW—531
Math—513

Class of 2027

154
6% Asian
8% African Amer.
72% Caucasian
6% Hispanic
6% Multi-racial

69% Male
31% Female
3.5833

ERW—498
Math—481

Class of 2028

153
3% Asian
13% African Amer.
71% Caucasian
5% Hispanic
8% Multi-racial

63% Male
37% Female
NA

ERW—NA
Math—NA

Curriculum

Students have an opportunity to earn 7.2 credits annually. Credit is earned with a grade of C- or higher. To earn a diploma, students must complete 26 total credits as follows:

English 4 credits World Language 2 credits 4 credits Health/PE Mathematics 1 credit Science 3 credits **Applied Arts** 1 credit Social Studies 3 credits Electives 8 credits

Honors courses are available in English, science, history, world language and mathematics. Advanced Placement courses are available in:

Biology Calculus AB Chemistry **Computer Science Principles** English Literature & Composition Macroeconomics

Microeconomics

Physics C: Mechanics Precalculus Psychology Spanish Language & Culture **Statistics**

United States Gov't & Politics **United States History**

| TEST RESULTS (4-year trend) | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total AP Students | 179 | 180 | 211 | 216 |
| Number of Exams Administered | 340 | 315 | 366 | 410 |
| AP Tests Scored at 3+ | 198 | 224 | 271 | 336 |

The STEM endorsement is in place to inspire and recognize students who have strong interest and performance in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The endorsement will serve to set students apart during interviews and scholarship competitions.



Class of 2025

Grades are given on a 5.0 scale, with weighted grades for all honors and Advanced Placement courses. Cumulative weighted grade point averages are provided on all official transcripts. The current six-semester grade distribution for the Class of 2024 is:

| Quintile 1 | 4.6951-4.2048 |
|------------|---------------|
| Quintile 2 | 4.1977-3.9659 |
| Quintile 3 | 3.9636-3.544 |
| Quintile 4 | 3.5366-3.1408 |
| Quintile 5 | 3.1369-1.7679 |

Co-Curricular Programs

In addition to the rigorous academic program, WMAA provides a number of co-curricular programs, many of which have received national recognition. Among the groups available to students are:

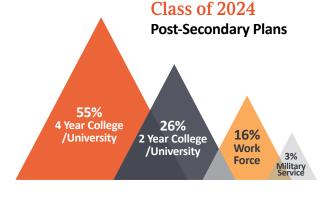
Aircraft Recognition Club Art Club Civil Air Patrol **National Honor Society** Remote Control Aircraft Club Robotics Science Olympiad

Soaring Glider Camp Spring Break Cultural Immerson Trips Student Council Varsity and Junior Varsity Athletics Weightlifting Club Women in STEAM



Average (Mean) Scores

SAT Result Number of Testers: 154





Aquinas College Belmont Abbey College Butler University Calvin University Cedarville University Central Michigan University Christendom College Cornerstone University **Davenport University** Delta College Eastern Michigan University **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** Ferris State University Grace Christian University **Grand Rapids Community College Grand Valley State University** Hillsdale College Hope College Lawrence Tech University Michigan State University

North Central Michigan College Northern Michigan University Northwestern Michigan College **Purdue University** Saginaw Valley State University School of Missionary Aviation Technology Trinity College — Dublin United States Air Force United States Air Force Academy **United States Marine Reserves** University College Cork University of Alabama — Huntsville University of Michigan University of Tulsa Valparaiso University Wake Forest University Western Michigan University Western Washington University

Michigan Technological University