

# A Profile of the APEX Reach Scholars - Class of 2024

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## THE STUDENTS

Class	Enrollment	APEX Students
Seniors		183
Juniors		194
Sophomores		193
Freshman		202

## THE APEX Reach SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The APEX Reach Scholars Program, (APEX = Advanced Placement Experience, Reach = we are trying to reach as many students as possible and want these students to “reach” out to challenge themselves with rigorous courses), offers a rigorous, comprehensive four-year curriculum to a select group of academically able students. The Program uniquely combines honors, accelerated honors, and advanced placement courses, and yet students remain an integral part of the high school community at Walter Johnson.

Program participants take a core curriculum of seven APEX Reach-designated courses throughout their four years. These core courses are designed to nurture academic growth in the group, to facilitate cross-disciplinary learning, and to encourage peer interaction and group cooperation. APEX Reach Scholars are expected to complete a well-rounded educational program. While graduation requirements dictate some of the APEX Reach Scholars' curricular choices, the program of study allows students considerable freedom to emphasize course work in fields of their own choosing, especially in grades eleven and twelve. As part of the program, students choose a pathway that indicates their area of interest where they will take the most rigorous courses in that area. The pathways include Fine Arts, General Education, Math, Music, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages.

The APEX Program was implemented in the fall of 1996; changes were made to the program in 2019 in order to be more inclusive and representative of our whole student population. As a result the program's name changed from APEX to APEX Reach, indicative of our desire to reach out to students not traditionally represented in this program and also that students who chose to be a part of it would be reaching to challenge themselves. The Class of 2024 will be the first to graduate as APEX Reach scholars.

**Admission Process:** Program participants were selected at the end of eighth grade. Selection was based on student application, and student's GPA from 7th and the first half of 8th grade. We continued to look at GPA from middle school to gauge if a student

was able to demonstrate a high ability to master challenging coursework.

**Program requirements:** APEX Reach scholars must meet all usual state and county requirements for graduation, as well as meeting the unique requirements for the APEX Reach designation. By the end of senior year, APEX Reach Scholars must have successfully completed a minimum of nine Advanced Placement courses and must have passed a minimum of six AP examinations to demonstrate mastery of material. Additionally, there are seven, uniquely designed courses which are required of all APEX Reach Scholars.

- APEX Reach Honors English 9
- APEX Reach Honors Biology
- AP United States Government
- APEX Reach Honors English 10
- AP US History
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP World History
- AP English Literature and Composition

## The Freshman Year of APEX Reach

As freshmen, the Class of 2024 APEX Reach students included in their schedules the following APEX Reach honors courses: APEX Reach Biology, APEX Reach English 9, and AP US Government. Throughout the freshman curriculum, writing was emphasized to ensure that students were prepared for the AP US Government examination. Though not a requirement of the program, all of the Class of 2024 APEX Reach Scholars took this AP exam in their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

## The Sophomore Year of APEX Reach

Sophomores were required to take AP US History as an APEX Reach class and the correlating AP examination to demonstrate mastery in that subject. Students completed their sophomore schedules with other APEX Honors English 10, other honors classes and some chose to include another AP course dependent on the pathway that they chose.

## The Junior Year of APEX Reach

Juniors were required to take both AP English Language and Composition as well as AP World History. They included additional AP classes in their junior schedules based on their pathway and areas of interest.

## The Senior Year of APEX Reach

As seniors, APEX Reach students are required to take AP English Literature and Composition as well as AP courses based on their pathway and areas of interest.

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## Class of 2024 APEX SCHOLARS ACADEMIC PROFILE

**Class of 2024 Summary Data:** The 183 APEX Reach Scholars took an average of 7.02 AP courses during their first three years of high school. Through May 2023, the APEX Reach Class of 2024 has taken 1279 AP exams with an AP Average Score of 4.1. Average SATs for the group thus far are 683 for Evidence Based Writing and Reading and 669 Math. 176 out of the 183 APEX Reach participants in the Class of 2024 have weighted GPAs above 4.0 and all 183 had achieved at least AP Scholars after their junior year.

<b>Distribution of Cumulative GPA's</b>		
<b>Weighted and Unweighted</b>		
<i>(For 183 APEX Scholars in class of 2024)</i>		
<b>Range</b>	<b>Unweighted</b>	<b>Weighted</b>
4.51 and above	NA	176
4.01-4.50	NA	30
3.51-4.00	167	11
3.01-3.50	14	0
3.00 and below	2	0

<b>Scholastic Aptitude Test I</b>		
<i>(Tests taken prior to March 2023)</i>		
<b>Students Tested</b>	<b>Evidence Based Reading &amp; Writing Avg.</b>	<b>Math Avg.</b>
154	683	669

<b>American College Testing</b>	
<i>(Tests taken prior to April 2023)</i>	
<b>Students Tested</b>	<b>Average Score</b>
61	30

### Advanced Placement Scholars Program

*(Through May 2023 Testing)*

Number of AP Tests Taken.....	1279
Average Number of Tests Taken.....	7.02
Average AP Score.....	4.1
AP Scholars.....	183
AP Scholars with Honor.....	153
AP Scholar with Distinction .....	137

### Average Scores of Popular AP Exams taken by the APEX Reach Class of 2024

<i>AP Course</i>	<i>Average Score</i>	<i>Number of Tests taken</i>
AP US Government	4	183
AP US History	4	183
AP English Language and Composition	4	183
AP World History	4	183
AP Calculus	4.6	55
AP Econ (both Macro and Micro)	3.9	133
AP Psychology	4.3	66

### Academic Awards of APEX Students

#### National Merit Scholarship Program

Semifinalists 7

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