

**GILL-MONTAGUE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**SCHOOL PROFILE**  
**2021-2022**

*COMMUNITY*

Montague is a rural town on the Connecticut River comprising five small villages. It is situated 5 miles off of I-91 adjacent to Greenfield, 40 miles north of Springfield, and approximately 10 miles south of Vermont. The nearby rural towns of Gill and Erving are also part of the district. The district is a predominantly working class community.

*SCHOOL*

Turners Falls High School is a comprehensive public high school, grades 9–12, with a student population of 184 students. Courses are offered on a semester basis; four 85-minute classes meet each day.

*CREDIT REQUIREMENTS  
FOR GRADUATION*

In order to graduate, students must have accumulated at least 155 credits. Ten credits, which equal one unit, are granted for each class that meets daily all year long. Five credits, which equal one unit, are granted for each semester course that meets daily. Two and a half credits are granted for each semester course that meets every other day for the semester.

*SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS  
FOR GRADUATION*

In order to be eligible for a diploma, students must pass the following required subjects: Four units of English, four units of Mathematics, three units of Science, three units of History/Social Sciences, one Health course, one Technology course, one Fine Arts course, and one Physical Education course each year for the first four years of attendance.

### TFHS Recommended Graduation Pathway

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 9/H. English 9	English 10/H. English 10	American Literature/H. American Literature or AP Language & Comp.	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Lit/H. 20 <sup>th</sup> Cent. Lit. or AP Lit & Comp.
Algebra 1/H. Geometry	Geometry/Algebra 2/ or H. Algebra 2	Algebra 2/Advanced Algebra/PreCalculus/Statistics	Algebra 2/Advanced Algebra/PreCalculus/Statistics/AP Calculus/AP Statistics
Modern World History	American His. 1/ H. American His. 1	American Hist. 2/H. American Hist. 2	History Electives: AP Psychology, AP European History
Biology I or H. Biology I	Biology II or H. Biology II	Chemistry, Physics, H. Human Anatomy, or H. Climate Science	Science Electives: AP Biology, AP Environmental Science
*Technology	*Fine Arts	Elective	Elective
*Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Elective	*Health	Elective	Elective
World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language

\*The Technology and/or Fine Arts requirements can be met with either a 2.5 or 5.0 credit course. These two requirements can be taken any time in grades nine through twelve. Four Physical Education classes, one in each of the four years in attendance, and one Health class are graduation requirements at Turners Falls High School.

**GRADING SYSTEM** Our GPA is based on a 100 point numeric scale. We can also provide an alternate GPA based on a 4.0 scale. To calculate our numeric GPA the actual final numeric grade is multiplied by a factor of 1.0 for Level 3, 1.2 for Level 2 and 1.3 for Level 1.

#### **2020 SPRING SEMESTER**

**COVID GRADING:** On March 16, 2020, all public-school buildings in Massachusetts were mandated to close due to COVID-19 and Turners Falls High School (TFHS) went fully remote for the rest of the Spring 2020 semester. TFHS remote learning followed a modified daily schedule to focus on core content areas and finish the semester's curriculum. All Spring 2020 core subject classes that would have had letter grades, were moved to "Credit/No Credit" grading for the spring 2020 semester. This change was recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to recognize the unprecedented long closure of public schools in Massachusetts and the world due to COVID-19. This change should not be interpreted as a lowering of standards but rather prioritizing the health and safety of our students and faculty. Grades for spring 2020 courses were not used in GPA calculations. All of the courses count toward high school diploma completion.

#### **2020 FALL SEMESTER**

**COVID GRADING:** TFHS students started the 20-21 School Year using a 100% Remote Learning model for the health and safety of the students, staff, and community members. All students attended classes five days a week on a full day schedule. All classes are synchronous and follow the standard curriculum requirements. There were also some asynchronous sessions for independent work however the core content

was delivered synchronously. Attendance was taken at each class and grades were issued as normally done using a standard numeric grade scale. TFHS's high school clubs/activities met virtually when possible. As per state guidelines, limited fall athletics resumed in person for field hockey and golf in fall of 2020.

**CLASS RANK**

Weighted rank is determined by a grade point average computed using a 100 point scale. All leveled courses are included in the G.P.A. computation. For course level information, please see "course level" enclosure.

**TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL  
COURSE LEVELS: 2021-2022**

**LEVEL 1 – Advanced Placement**

AP Biology AP Calculus AP Environmental Science AP European History AP Language and Composition	AP Literature and Composition AP Psychology AP Statistics
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**LEVEL 2 – Honors / Higher College Preparatory Courses**

Advanced Graphic Arts Advanced Portfolio Climate Science Honors Algebra 1 & 2 Honors American History & Culture 1 & 2 Honors American Literature Honors Biology 1 & 2 Honors Chemistry 1 & 2 Honors Digital Films Honors English 9 & 10 Honors Geometry	Honors Human Anatomy Honors Modern World History Honors Physics Honors Plant and Soil Honors US History 1 & 2 Honors 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Literature Honors 9 <sup>th</sup> Science Pre-Calculus French 1 – 4 Latin 1 – 4 Spanish 1 -- 4
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**LEVEL 3 – Core Curriculum Courses / College Requirements**

Advance Algebra Algebra 1 & 2 American History & Culture 1 & 2 American Law and Mock Trial 1 & 2 American Literature Animation Band Basic Digital Film Biology 1 & 2 Building Construction Ceramics 1 & 2 Chemistry 1 Child Development Chorus Contemporary Middle East Creative Cooking and Consumerism	Language Art Lab Maker Lab 1 & 2 Math in Life MCAS Prep Modern World History Native American New England Painting 1 Personal Fitness Physical Education 9 – 12 Plant and Soil Psychology Recreational Sports Regional Environmental History Rise-Up Special Effects Social Justice and Conflict Resolution
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Creative Writing Current Events Digital Photography Design Build Drawing 1 ELL English 9 & 10 Foundations of Art 1 Geometry Graphic Arts Greenhouse Health Independent/Honors Digital Film Independent Studio Internship Intro to Music Theory Introduction to Technology	Statistics Studio TV Production Theater Arts Trades Math US Government Civics and Law US History 1 & 2 Wellness 1 Yearbook  9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Literature  Guided Academic Progress* Internship* School to Work*
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\*Internships, GAP and School to Work have a pass or fail grade. Not included in GPA or Honor Roll

**Turners Falls High School Graduation Data Class of 2021**  
**College Matriculation Data**  
**(63%)**

- Bay Path University  
Fitchburg State  
Franklin Pierce  
Greenfield Community College  
Keene State  
MCLA  
Lasell College  
New York University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Salem State  
UMASS Amherst  
UMass Boston  
Worcester State

**Post Graduate Employment - (30%)**

**Military – (2%)**

**Undecided – (5%)**