

# McConnellsburg High School 2025-2026 Profile

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**COMMUNITY:** We are located in Fulton County in South Central Pennsylvania, which is part of the Appalachian region. Our town is composed of a large industry, a medical center, many small businesses and numerous family farming operations.

**SCHOOL:** The high school offers approximately 80 courses including advanced placement, academic, career technical, an online program called Spartan Virtual Academy, and college courses in conjunction with local post-secondary institutions. The school is accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction.

**ENROLLMENT:** Total Enrollment: 267- Grade 12-68; Grade 11-63; Grade 10-66; and Grade 9-70

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** In grades 9 through 12 every student shall obtain at least 24 units of credit: 4 English, 4 Mathematics, 4 Science, 4 Social Studies, 2 Arts or Humanities, 1 Health & 1.5 Physical Education, 0.5 credits of Adulting 101, and 4.5 Electives. Each student also needs to complete 24 community service hours, a career research project/paper, and a professional portfolio. In addition to obtaining a diploma, all students must meet the requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Education's ACT 158. Please see this website for more detailed information. [Statewide High School Graduation Requirement](#)

*Credits: Pass 8<sup>th</sup> grade = 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Pass 6.0 credits = 10<sup>th</sup> grader, Pass 12.0 credits = 11<sup>th</sup> grader, and Pass 18.0 credits = 12<sup>th</sup> grader*

Students will be ranked based on weighted Grade Point Average (*applies to the Class of 2026 and beyond*) Advanced placement courses, as listed in the course selection guide, will be weighted with a 1.4 multiplier.

1. Honors courses, as listed in the course selection guide, will be weighted with a 1.2 multiplier.
2. To be considered Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian a student must:
  - Have a minimum of 28 credits
  - Have six courses weighted at 1.2 or higher
3. Higher education courses will be accredited in accordance with the following:
  - The instruction from the course must take place at a degree, or certificate-licensed institution.
  - All costs will be at the student's expense.
  - Prior approval of the administration is necessary.
  - All college courses will be included in the calculation of class rank.
  - Accredited college courses will be weighted with a 1.2 multiplier.
  - Full-time higher education status students shall be permitted to attend accredited institutions of higher education on a full-time basis as an alternative to the senior high school year, providing the following procedures are met:

1. Students must attend a meeting including parents/guardians, faculty members, and principal to determine suitability of the individual for the program.
2. Students shall be permitted to participate in all activities/events/opportunities offered to students with senior status.

Any two (2) or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical shall be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the number of students proceeding and not by the rank of the proceeding person.

**GRADING** Letter grades will be assigned in accordance with the following percentages and will have the following quality values: *(applies to the Class of 2026 and beyond) Revised October 2023*

| LETTER GRADE | PERCENTAGE | QUALITY VALUE | HONORS/Dual Enrollment | ADVANCED PLACEMENT |
|--------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| A+           | 97-100     | 4.33          | 5.20                   | 6.06               |
| A            | 94-96      | 4.00          | 4.80                   | 5.60               |
| A-           | 90-93      | 3.67          | 4.40                   | 5.14               |
| B+           | 87-89      | 3.33          | 4.00                   | 4.66               |
| B            | 84-86      | 3.00          | 3.60                   | 4.20               |
| B-           | 80-83      | 2.67          | 3.20                   | 3.74               |
| C+           | 77-79      | 2.33          | 2.80                   | 3.26               |
| C            | 74-76      | 2.00          | 2.40                   | 2.80               |
| C-           | 70-73      | 1.67          | 2.00                   | 2.34               |
| D+           | 67-69      | 1.33          | 1.60                   | 1.86               |
| D            | 64-66      | 1.00          | 1.20                   | 1.40               |
| D-           | 60-63      | 0.67          | 0.80                   | 0.94               |
| E            | 59 & BELOW | 0.00          | 0.00                   | 0.00               |

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES** Weighting = 1.40 Credit Value = 1.0  
English Language and Composition, Calculus AB, Biology, Chemistry, European History and United States History

**HONORS COURSES and COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES AND/OR HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES:** Weighting = 1.20 Credit Value = 1.0  
Algebra II, Pre-Calculus/ Trigonometry, College Preparatory English 11 & 12, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry I, Biodiversity, Physics I. and Spanish III & IV

### **SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)**

(mean score of all students taking the test, some chose not to attend a 4-year college)

| CLASS | TOTAL   | VERBAL | MATH   | % & # TESTED |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|
| 2025  | 1053.03 | 544.05 | 508.48 | 49% (33/69)  |
| 2024  | 1032.67 | 523.67 | 509.00 | 48% (30/63)  |
| 2023  | 1063.95 | 526.58 | 537.37 | 54% (38/70)  |
| 2022  | 1013.00 | 510.00 | 503.33 | 32% (15/47)  |
| 2021  | 1054.67 | 533.33 | 521.34 | 55%(30/54)   |

**POST SECONDARY PLANS:**

|                          | 2025       | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|--------------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>4 year Colleges</b>   | <b>35%</b> | 40%  | 42%  | 26%  | 29%  | 24%  | 38%  | 40%  | 39%  |
| <b>2 year Colleges</b>   | <b>10%</b> | 13%  | 10%  | 9%   | 13%  | 22%  | 12%  | 4%   | 23%  |
| <b>Technical Schools</b> | <b>1%</b>  | 1%   | 5%   | 13%  | 10%  | 7%   | 3%   | 4%   | 4%   |
| <b>Military</b>          | <b>6%</b>  | 0%   | 3%   | 4%   | 2%   | 7%   | 7%   | 9%   | 14%  |
| <b>Employment</b>        | <b>48%</b> | 46%  | 40%  | 48%  | 46%  | 40%  | 40%  | 41%  | 20%  |

**TESTING PROGRAM STATISTICS:** Over the past 33 years, 16 McConnellsburg High School students have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT:** Twenty-six sophomores, juniors, and seniors took 37 exams in the 6 subjects of Calculus AB, United States History, Seminar, English Literature and Composition, Physics I, and European History in May 2025. Twenty students earned a score of 3 or higher on 24 tests.

**RECENT MCCONNELLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** are enrolled at the following post-secondary institutions (we are naming just a few):

Allegany College of Maryland  
Elizabethtown College  
Fairmont State University  
Hagerstown Community College  
Indiana University of PA

Shepherd University  
Shippensburg University  
Pennsylvania State University  
West Chester University  
Wilson College

**ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES, AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS:**

McConnellsburg offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball, track, golf, vocal and instrumental music, yearbook, and several full-scale theater productions.