WORCESTER ACADEMY

School Profile 2025-2026

THE SCHOOL

Located on 71 acres in the heart of New England's second largest city, our storied 190-year history, vibrant urban setting, diverse community, and immersive learning approach offer a real-world educational experience that extends *far beyond the classroom*.

Worcester Academy's mission – Achieving the Honorable through Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership, Craftsmanship, and Sportsmanship – reflects our commitment to excellence, integrity, and community.

Worcester Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

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OUR COMMUNITY

141 Class of 2026, including 17 postgraduates

446 Upper School

89 Middle School

37% Boarding

63% Day

19 States

13 Countries

30% Domestic students of color

55% Male

45% Female

<1% Non-binary/ other

58% Students receiving financial aid

35% Students from the Clases of 2023-2024 committed to participate in collegiate athletics

84 Teaching faculty

68% Faculty with advanced degrees

REQUIREMENTS

The Academic calendar is divided into two 17-week semesters. A typical course load is 6 credits per year. Students must receive approval to elect any Honors or AP courses, to take two math courses in the same year, or to take seven credits in a year.

Extracurricular Requirements:
Students in all grades must participate in two extracurricular activities each year.

English	**4 Years**
World Language *Consecutive years of the same language*	**3 Years**
Mathematics *Geometry and Algebra II required*	**3 Years**
Science *Biology and two other lab sciences*	**3 Years**
History & Social Sciences *US History required*	**3 Years**
Health & Wellness *Students must pass in grades 9 and 10*	

Visual and Performing Arts: 4 semesters of coursework are required. One semester must be from Visual Arts, and one from Performing Arts. Incoming grade 11 students are required to take two semesters of arts. Incoming grade 12 students and postgraduates have a one semester arts requirement.

Discovery Project: Each graduating student must complete a Discovery Project in their final year at Worcester Academy. This project aligns with Worcester Academy's Portrait of a Learner, representing an opportunity for students to research, explore, and create to honor the importance of lifelong learning.

Community Service: All Upper School students must complete community service hours before graduation. While students are encouraged to make a strong commitment to one or two projects, these hours may consist of a combination of the annual class community service events and work with other schools, non-profit and community organizations, and individuals as it suits the student's interests.

CURRICULUM

Worcester Academy offers a rigorous curriculum across the academic disciplines. All courses are challenging and college preparatory. Honors courses are not available for all subjects. Below is a listing of the available Honors (26) and Advanced Placement (24) courses. Several Honors courses have an AP course prerequisite and are the equivalent of a first or second year college course. There is a strict set of prerequisites across all discipines, but students may enroll in as many Honors or Advanced Placement courses as they are qualified to take and as their schedule permits. *Most AP classes are reserved for the upper grades.*

Honors Courses

Honors World Literature II

Honors Latin III
Honors Spanish III
Honors Spanish IV
Honors French III
Honors French IV
Honors Mandarin III
Honors Mandarin IV

Honors Algebra I
Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra II
Honors Precalculus
Honors Precalculus with Calculus Topics

Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Genetics
Honors Infection and Disease
Honors Envioronmental Science

Honors Studio Art
Honors Music Studies

AP Courses

AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition

AP Latin
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Spanish Literature and Culture
AP French Language and Culture
AP Chinese Language and Culture

AP World History
AP United States History
AP Economics (Micro and Macro)
AP European History
AP African American Studies
AP Comparative Government

AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science A

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
AP Psychology

AP Music Theory

Post-AP completion coursework - Equivalent of college level content

Honors Linear Algebra
(prerequisite AP Calculus)

Honors Multivariable Calculus
(prerequisite AP Calculus)

Honors Software Engineering
(prerequisite AP Computer Science A)

Honors Organic Chemistry
(prerequisite AP Chemistry)

GRADING & HONORS

Grading Systems: All courses are challenging and Worcester Academy grades on a traditional 4.0 scale: A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, etc. Both an unweighted and weighted GPA are reported on the transcript. The weighted GPA (WGPA) includes all courses and gives additional weight of 0.67 to Honors and AP courses. Worcester Academy does not rank. **The middle 50% of year-end weighted cumulative GPAs for the Class of 2026 was 3.38-4.17.**

Academic Honors: Each semester, outstanding academic achievement is recognized by naming students with a semester weighted GPA of 3.67 higher to the Headmaster's List. Students who earn a semester weighted GPA between 3.00 and 3.66 are awarded First Honors. Students who earn a semester weighted GPA between 2.67 and 2.99 are awarded Second Honors.

TESTING SCORES

Advanced Placement 2023-2025: In the last three years, 543 students have sat for 1159 Advanced Placement exams in 24 subjects. The distribution of the AP scores is:
5 - 21%
4 - 32%
3 - 25%
2 - 15%
1 - 6%

SAT/ACT Scores: In the current climate of test-optional admissions policies, Worcester Academy supports student choice regarding score submission and does not publish test score averages on the school profile.

POLICIES

Policies on Reporting Discipline: Worcester Academy continues to grow our commitment to Restorative Justice practices in student affairs. Our goals are to guide students to make good choices, improve and repair relationships, accept responsibility, and learn from their mistakes. We seek to maintain academic integrity and community safety and have graduates contribute positively to colleges. We will communicate incidents that would signal potential harm to a future community. Our reporting practice is in line with our vision, and intended to be neither punitive or opaque.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2023-2025

Worcester Academy students apply and matriculate to an exceptionally diverse group of colleges and universities in both the United States and internationally. **The 135 members of the Class of 2025 matriculated to 90 unique institutions.**

American University
Amherst College
Arcadia University
Assumption University*
Babson College*
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College at Simon's Rock
Bates College*
Bay Path University
Bentley University*
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University*
Boston College*
Boston University*
Bowdoin College*
Bowie State University
Brandeis University*
Bridgewater State University
Brown University*
Bryant University*
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Connecticut State University*
Chapman University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clark University*
Colby College*
Colgate University*
College of Charleston*
College of the Holy Cross*
Columbia University
Concordia University
Connecticut College*
Cornell University*
Curry College
Denison University*
Drexel University*
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University*
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Emerson College*
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Endicott College*
Fairfield University*
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fitchburg State University
Florida Atlantic University*
Florida State University
Fordham University*
George Washington University*
Georgetown University*
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College

Hamilton College*
Hampton University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges*
Howard University
Hult International Business School
Indiana University*
Iona University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University*
Lake Forest College*
Lehigh University*
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, Maryland
Manhattanville University
Marist University*
Marquette University*
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
McGill University
Mercy University
Mercyhurst University
Merrimack College
Middlebury College*
Muhlenberg College
New Hampshire Technical Institute
New York University*
Niagara University
Nichols College
Northeastern University*
Norwich University*
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College

Peking University
Providence College*
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rider University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University*
Rutgers University*
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College*
Saint Michael's College
Salve Regina University*
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Fe College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Siena College
Skidmore College
Smith College*

Southern Utah University
St. Bonaventure University
St. John's University-New York
St. Lawrence University
Stonehill College*
SUNY at Albany
SUNY College at Oswego
Syracuse University*
Texas Christian University
The Catholic University of America
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The New England Conservatory of Music
The New School
The Pennsylvania State University*
The University of Alabama*
The University of Tampa*
The University of Tennessee
Thomas Jefferson University
Trinity College*
Tufts University*
Tulane University*
Union College
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis*
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles*
University of California-San Diego*
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut*
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Houston
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts-Amherst*
University of Massachusetts-Boston*
University of Miami*
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Montana
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of New South Wales
University of North Carolina-Charlotte
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island*
University of Rochester*
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Vermont*
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Wesleyan University*
Western New England University*
Wheaton College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Worcester State University
Yale University
Youngstown State University

**Multiple matriculations*

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