WORCESTER ACADEMY

School Profile 2026-2027

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). Worcester Academy, as a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, follows the best practices articulated in NACAC's Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission.

OUR COMMUNITY

139 Class of 2027, including 11 postgraduates

442 Upper School

76 Middle School

30% Boarding

70% Day

20 States

16 Countries

17% International students

30% Domestic students of color

58% Male

42% Female

<1% Non-binary/ other

58% Students receiving financial aid

35% Students from the Classes of 2025-2026 committed to participate in collegiate athletics

74 Teaching faculty

68% Faculty with advanced degrees

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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: One way that Worcester Academy students live out our mission and core values is through community outreach. This outreach is woven into the fabric of the student experience and prioritized by our community's urban engagement efforts. Each year a student is enrolled at Worcester Academy, they must complete 15 hours of community service, 10 of which must be service focused towards the city of Worcester or surrounding community. One-year seniors and Postgraduate students must complete 20 hours to fulfill this requirement.

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 (24) and Advanced Placement (23) 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 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 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)

TESTING SCORES

Advanced Placement 2024-2026: In the last three years, 579 students have sat for 1319 Advanced Placement exams in 26 subjects. The distribution of the AP scores is:

5 - 22%
4 - 37%
3 - 26%
2 - 14%
1 - 5%

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.

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. **At the conclusion of Junior year, the middle 50% of weighted cumulative GPAs for the Class of 2027 was 3.31-4.08.**



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.

In fall 2025, Worcester Academy updated its grading guidelines and departmental retake policies to ensure grades accurately reflect student mastery. This may result in a wider distribution of grades moving forward. We will share further insights as more data becomes available. In the meantime, if you have questions about transcript reviews, please reach out to a member of our College Counseling team.

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 2024-2026

Worcester Academy students apply and matriculate to an exceptionally diverse group of colleges and universities in both the United States and internationally. **The 137 members of the Class of 2026 matriculated to 80 unique institutions.**



American University*
Amherst College
Arcadia University
Assumption University*
Babson College*
Bates College*
Bay Path University
Bentley University*
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
Clark University*
Colby College*
Colgate University
College of Charleston*
College of the Holy Cross*
Columbia University
Concordia University
Connecticut College*
Cornell University
Denison University*
Dickinson College*
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College*
Fairfield University*
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fitchburg State University
Florida Atlantic University*
Florida State University
Fordham University*
Franklin Pierce 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*
Keene State College
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University*
Louisiana State University*
Manhattanville University
Marist University*
Marquette University*
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
McGill University
Mercy University
Mercyhurst University
Merrimack College
Middlebury College*
Muhlenberg College
New York University*
Newcastle University
New Hampshire Technical Institute
Nichols College
Northeastern University*
Norwich University*
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Peking University
Providence College*
Purdue University
Queen's University
Quinnipiac University*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rivier University



Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Roger Williams University*
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
Rutgers University*
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College*
Salve Regina University*
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Fe College
Semmelweis University
Siena College
Simmons University*
Smith College*
St Olaf College
St. Bonaventure University
St. John's University-New York

St. Lawrence University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College*
Stony Brook University*
Suffolk University*
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University*
The Catholic University of America*
The New England Conservatory of Music
The New School
The Pennsylvania State University
The University of Alabama*
The University of Montana
The University of Tampa*
The University of Tennessee
Trinity College*
Tufts University*
Tulane University
University College London
Union College*
United States Merchant Marine Academy
University at Albany
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 Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts-Amherst*
University of Massachusetts-Boston*
University of Miami*
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*
University of New Hampshire*
University of New South Wales-Sydney
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Vermont*
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Utica University
Villanova University*
Virginia Military Institute
Washington University in St Louis*
Wellesley College*
Wesleyan University*
Western New England University*
Western University
Westfield State University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Worcester State University
Yale University
Youngstown State University

**Multiple matriculations*



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