

# Lawrence Academy

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2019–2020

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### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1793, Lawrence Academy is an academically rigorous coeducational boarding and day college-preparatory school enrolling 395 students in grades 9–12. The day population draws from eastern Massachusetts and neighboring New Hampshire towns. Fourteen percent of the student population is international, representing 19 different countries, while the remaining boarding students come from 15 different states. On average, 100 seniors graduate each year, with 100 percent matriculating at a four-year college.

### CALENDAR

Lawrence Academy operates on a trimester system, with a required two-week “Winterim” experiential education program at the end of the winter term. The first trimester ends at Thanksgiving recess; the second, approximately March 1. First-trimester senior grades are included with applications or sent as soon as available. Second trimester grades are sent for all applicants in early March.

### CLASS RANK, GPA, CUM LAUDE, AND HIGH HONOR ROLL/ HONOR ROLL

Lawrence Academy does not provide class rank or a cumulative grade point average. Cum Laude is awarded to the top 10 percent of juniors with no grade below B-. High Honor Roll is earned with a term GPA of 3.50 and above with no grade below B. Honor Roll is earned with a term GPA of 3.00 and above and no grade below B-.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Year-long courses earn one credit; term-length electives earn one-third credit. Students entering in Grade 9 must earn 18 credits; 17-1/3 credits are required for all others for graduation, including the following distribution requirements:

<b>English</b>	4 years
<b>Mathematics</b>	3 years (through Math 3)
<b>Science</b>	3 years of a laboratory science for students entering in Grade 9 (Physics, Chemistry, Biology); 2 years for others (Chemistry and Biology)
<b>History</b>	3 years if entering in Grade 9; 2 years for others (U.S. History plus one other)
<b>Language</b>	2 years of one language
<b>Arts</b>	2 years for students entering in Grade 9; 1/3 per year for those entering after Grade 9

### REPORTING DISCIPLINE

It is expected that students, when asked about discipline, will respond in an honest and forthright manner. If Lawrence Academy discovers that the student has not contacted the college or has not answered the question honestly and in a forthright manner, Lawrence Academy will immediately contact the college directly. If a college asks about a student’s disciplinary procedure, Lawrence Academy will answer the question honestly and in a forthright manner.

### ACCREDITATION

New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Memberships are held in the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling, the College Board, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

## THE CURRICULUM

Year-long classes form the core of the upper class curriculum. The science and history department offer courses that are trimester in length, and in the arts, most of the classes are only one term. Lawrence Academy no longer offers Advanced Placement courses. Our most rigorous courses will be designated “Honors,” and students may only take these courses with the permission of the department chair and/or completion of a qualifying exam. In math and science, there are also courses that have the designation of “Advanced,” and these courses, while less rigorous than an Honors course, proceed at a faster pace and go into greater depth than those without the designation. Please note that arts courses are treated like all others in computing grade point average, as we do not distinguish between “minor” and “major” subjects.

## EXPLANATION OF COURSE LEVELS

Lawrence Academy offers a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum at all grade levels. Courses are offered at the following levels and each discipline may vary by year: Standard (ST), Advanced (ADV), and Honors (HON). Honors is our highest course level. Honors courses are as rigorous, if not more, than AP courses.

Course	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON
History	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON
Mathematics	ST, ADV, HON	ST, ADV, HON	ST, ADV, HON	ST, ADV, HON
Science	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON	ST, ADV, HON
Language	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON	ST, HON
ESL	ST	ST	ST	ST
Arts	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON

## HONORS COURSES

*Taken only with the permission of the department chair and/or the completion of a qualifying exam.*

**Arts:** Honors Dance 1, Honors Dance 2, Honors Lawrence Academy Singers, Honors Lawrence Academy Band, Honors Theater Ensemble 1, Honors Visual Art 1, Honors Visual Art 2, Honors Digital Media

**English:** Honors English Composition, Honors Writing, Honors Literature

**History:** Honors U.S. History, Honors Senior History, Honors U.S. Government and Politics

**Language:** Honors French 3, Honors French 4, Honors French 5, Honors Latin III, Honors Latin IV, Honors Latin V, Honors Spanish 3, Honors Spanish 4, Honors Spanish 5, Honors Spanish 6, Honors Chinese 3, Honors Chinese 4

**Mathematics:** Honors Math 2, Honors Math 3, Honors Math 4, Honors Calculus, Honors Computer Science, Honors Advanced Math Topics

**Science:** Honors Chemistry, Honors Biology, Honors Physics, Honors Environmental Science, Honors Anatomy

### NUMERICAL EQUIVALENTS USED FOR AVERAGING

A	4.0	B+	3.33	C+	2.33	D+	1.33	F	0.0
A-	3.67	B	3.0	C	2.0	D	1.0		
		B-	2.67	C-	1.67	D-	0.67		

### SAT SCORES: MIDDLE 50 PERCENT

	Class of 2019
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	550-660
Mathematics	535-670
Writing	28-33

### ACT COMPOSITE SCORES: MIDDLE 50 PERCENT

	Class of 2019
Composite	21-29

**Grade Distribution Class of 2020**

	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D-</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>English</b>												
English Composition	4	10	24	7	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors English Composition	2	17	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Writing	8	6	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>History</b>												
U.S. History	3	10	23	7	12	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Honors U.S. History	12	12	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes and Economy	1	1	3	8	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Terrorism in the Modern World	1	2	8	5	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
The Psychology of Personality	0	0	4	3	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Social Psychology	1	8	10	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Geography	7	2	3	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gender, Family, and the Media	1	7	3	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Justice	0	0	5	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Policy and the Environment	0	0	5	4	3	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Language</b>												
ESL Bridge Skills	0	3	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESL Bridge Literature	0	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French 3	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
French 1	2	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French 2	8	3	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Honors French 5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Honors French 3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors French 4	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin I	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin II	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin III	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Latin III	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 3	2	5	11	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 1	12	5	7	4	10	0	1	7	0	0	0	0
Spanish 2	15	21	5	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 4	1	2	4	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 5	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Spanish 5	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Spanish 3	3	4	4	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Spanish 4	13	3	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese 1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese 3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Chinese 3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESL Bridge History	0	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mathematics</b>												
Honors Computer Science	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science 1: Programming	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Computer Science 2: Advanced Programming	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science 3: Advanced Object-Oriented Prog	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Math 2: Integrated Algebra & Geometry 2	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Math 3: Functions and Applications	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
Math 3: Advanced Functions and Applications	15	14	12	5	17	1	0	5	0	0	1	1
Math 4: Advanced Precalculus	23	18	12	9	19	5	1	5	0	0	0	0
Honors Math 4: PreCalculus	7	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Science</b>												
Biology	13	12	10	4	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Chemistry	15	15	14	10	7	2	0	4	3	1	1	0
Honors Biology	3	10	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anatomy	4	9	6	3	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Honors Physics	5	6	2	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Marine Science	3	7	8	1	3	2	0	3	0	0	2	0
Environmental Science	1	1	5	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Science, Philosophy and Ethics	1	7	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Electronics	8	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Robotics	3	7	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Planet Earth: Plate Tectonics, Rocks and Natural Disasters	2	2	6	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ecology, Evolution, and Animal Behavior	3	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Arts</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Colleges Attending – Lawrence Academy Graduates 2016-2019

Acadia University  
Adrian College  
The University of Alabama (2)  
American International College  
American University (4)  
Arizona State University (2)  
The University of Arizona  
Assumption College  
Auburn University  
Babson College (5)  
Bard College  
Barnard College (2)  
Bates College (6)  
Bentley University (6)  
Boston College (8)  
Boston University (9)  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University (9)  
Brown University (3)  
Bryant University (2)  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
University of California, Berkeley (3)  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, San Diego  
Carleton College (2)  
Case Western Reserve University  
Champlain College  
College of Charleston (3)  
Clark University (2)  
Clarkson University  
Colby College (3)  
Colgate University  
University of Colorado at Boulder (5)  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College (12)  
University of Connecticut (2)  
Dartmouth College  
University of Delaware  
Denison University (3)  
University of Denver (4)  
Dickinson College (2)  
Drew University  
East Carolina University  
Eckerd College  
Elon University (11)  
Emory University (2)  
Endicott College (4)  
Fairfield University (5)  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Fordham University (6)  
Franklin Pierce University (4)  
Furman University  
The George Washington University (4)  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)  
Gettysburg College (3)  
Grinnell College  
University of Guelph  
University of Hartford (2)  
High Point University (2)  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (13)  
College of the Holy Cross (3)  
University of Illinois, Champaign  
Iowa State University  
Ithaca College  
Kenyon College (3)  
Lafayette College (3)  
Lebanon Valley College  
Lehigh University (2)  
Lewis & Clark College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Maryland (4)  
Lynn University  
University of Maine (4)  
Marist College  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2)  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell (2)  
Merrimack College (3)  
Miami University, Oxford (2)  
University of Miami (3)  
Michigan State University  
University of Michigan (2)  
Middlebury College (4)  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
University of Mississippi  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College (2)  
New England Conservatory of Music  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire at Durham (5)  
New York University (5)  
Northeastern University (14)  
Pace University, New York City  
Pennsylvania State University (5)  
Pitzer College  
Providence College (8)  
Quinnipiac University (4)  
University of Redlands (2)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
University of Rhode Island  
Robert Morris University (PA)  
Rochester Institute of Technology (3)  
University of Rochester  
Roger Williams University (2)  
Sacred Heart University (3)  
Saint Anselm College (8)  
Saint Michael's College (6)  
San Diego State University  
School of Visual Arts  
Simmons University  
Skidmore College (4)  
University of South Carolina (2)  
University of Southern California  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Olaf College  
St. Petersburg College  
Stanford University  
State University of New York at New Paltz  
Stetson University  
Stonehill College (2)  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
SUNY Albany  
Syracuse University (6)  
The University of Tampa (2)  
Temple University (3)  
The New School (2)  
Trinity College (7)  
Tufts University  
Tulane University (3)  
Union College (5)  
United States Military Academy (2)  
The University of the Arts  
Vassar College  
University of Vermont (6)  
Villanova University  
Wake Forest University (2)  
University of Washington (2)  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University (5)  
Wheaton College MA (4)  
Wilkes University  
Williams College  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Wittenberg University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)