

Lawrence Academy

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020–2021

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THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1793, Lawrence Academy is an academically rigorous coeducational boarding and day college-preparatory school enrolling 399 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 21 different countries, while the remaining boarding students come from 18 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 one-week “Winterim” experiential education program at the end of the winter term. The first trimester ends at the winter break recess; the second, approximately March 1.

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

Lawrence Academy does not provide class rank nor 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:

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years (through Math 3)
Science	3 years of a laboratory science for students entering in Grade 9 (Physics, Chemistry, Biology); 2 years for others (Chemistry and Biology)
History	3 years if entering in Grade 9; 2 years for others (U.S. History plus one other)
Language	2 years of one language
Arts	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 does not offer 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. 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) 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, HON	ST, HON	ST, HON	ST, HON
Science	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON	ST, 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 I, Honors Dance II, Honors Digital Media I, Honors Digital Media II, Honors Lawrence Academy Singers, Honors Lawrence Academy Band, Honors Theater Ensemble, Honors Visual Art I, Honors Visual Art II,

English: Honors English Composition, Honors Writing, Honors Literature

History: Honors U.S. History, Honors Senior History, Honors Terrorism, Extremism and Radicalism

Language: Honors French III, Honors French IV, Honors French V, Honors Latin III, Honors Latin IV, Honors Spanish III, Honors Spanish IV, Honors Spanish V, Honors Spanish VI, Honors Chinese III, Honors Chinese IV

Mathematics: Honors Integrated Algebra and Geometry II, Honors Algebra II, Honors Precalculus, Honors Calculus, Honors Computer Science, Honors Statistics

Science: Honors Chemistry, Honors Biology, Honors Marine Science, Honors Physics, Honors Environmental Science

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 2020
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	550-650
Mathematics	540-660
Writing	27-33

ACT COMPOSITE SCORES: MIDDLE 50 PERCENT

	Class of 2020
Composite	21-28

Colleges Attending – Lawrence Academy Graduates 2017-2020

Acadia University	The George Washington University (3)	Rochester Institute of Technology
The University of Alabama (2)	Georgetown University	Roger Williams University (2)
American International College	Georgia Institute of Technology (3)	Rutgers University- New Brunswick
American University (3)	Gettysburg College (2)	Sacred Heart University (4)
Arizona State University (2)	Grinnell College	Saint Anselm College (6)
Assumption College	University of Guelph	Saint Michael's College (3)
Auburn University	University of Hartford (2)	San Diego State University
Babson College (4)	High Point University (2)	School of Visual Arts
Bard College (2)	Hobart and William Smith Colleges (12)	Sciences Po – Columbia University
Barnard College	College of the Holy Cross (5)	Dual BA Program
Bates College (5)	Indiana University	Simmons University
Baylor University	Ithaca College	Skidmore College (3)
Bentley University (4)	Kenyon College (4)	Smith College
Boston College (7)	Lafayette College (5)	University of South Carolina
Boston University (11)	Lebanon Valley College	St. Olaf College
Bowdoin College	Lehigh University (2)	St. Petersburg College
Brandeis University (5)	Lewis & Clark College	Stanford University
Bryant University (2)	Loyola Marymount University	State University of New York at New Paltz
Bucknell University	Loyola University Maryland (3)	Stetson University
University of California, Berkeley (2)	Lynn University	Stonehill College
University of California, Davis	University of Maine (2)	Stony Brook University
University of California, San Diego	Marist College	Suffolk University
Carleton College (2)	University of Maryland- College Park	SUNY Albany
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Swarthmore College
Central Connecticut State University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2)	Syracuse University (5)
Champlain College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell (2)	The University of Tampa (2)
College of Charleston (2)	Merrimack College (4)	Temple University (3)
Clark University	Messiah University	Texas Christian University
Clarkson University	Miami University, Oxford (2)	The New School
Colby College (3)	University of Miami (3)	University of Toronto
Colgate University	Michigan State University	Trinity College (5)
University of Colorado at Boulder (6)	University of Michigan (2)	Tufts University (4)
Colorado College	Middlebury College (3)	Tulane University (2)
Connecticut College (13)	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Union College (3)
University of Connecticut	University of Mississippi	United States Military Academy (2)
Dartmouth College	Mount Holyoke College	The University of St. Andrews
University of Delaware	Muhlenberg College (2)	Ursinus College
Denison University (3)	New England Conservatory of Music	Vassar College
University of Denver (4)	University of New England	University of Vermont (6)
Dickinson College	University of New Hampshire at Durham (6)	Villanova University
East Carolina University	New York University (4)	Virginia Tech
Eckerd College	Northeastern University (10)	Wake Forest University (2)
Elon University (9)	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Washington (2)
Emerson College	Pace University, New York City	Wentworth Institute of Technology (3)
Emory University (3)	Pennsylvania State University (4)	Wesleyan University (6)
Endicott College (4)	Pitzer College (3)	Wheaton College MA (3)
Fairfield University (3)	Providence College (6)	Wilkes University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Quinnipiac University (3)	Williams College
Fordham University (5)	University of Redlands (2)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)
Franklin and Marshall College	Rhode Island School of Design	Wittenberg University
Franklin Pierce University (3)	University of Rhode Island (2)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)
Furman University		