



## School Profile

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### About Washington Academy

As one of the oldest academies in Maine, Washington Academy (WA) has been meeting the educational needs of students in grades 9–12 since the school's charter was signed by John Hancock in 1792.

Originally a feeder school for Bowdoin College in the early 1900s, the Academy has maintained an emphasis on academics and success for the individual. Taking into account each student's differences, the Academy strives to create opportunities that equip students socially and intellectually for their future endeavors. The curriculum is geared toward college preparation, but it is also flexible enough for the student who seeks a quality education that includes business and technology education and vocational studies. Emphasis is placed on the performing and visual arts, math and sciences, and involvement in the community.

### Location

The Academy's 55-acre campus is located in a safe, rural community in coastal Downeast Maine. The location enhances the nurturing environment created by a low student-teacher ratio, individualized attention, and a welcoming community. Just 2 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, the area also provides excellent recreational opportunities, including kayaking, sailing, fishing, hiking, and nature walks. A brand new fine arts center provides additional dedicated space for the Arts and Music Programs.

### Academic Program

The Academy offers a challenging and comprehensive curriculum to meet the needs of students of varying academic abilities. Courses range from training opportunities in boat building to Advanced Placement and Honors courses in many disciplines. More than 100 courses are offered, with class sizes ranging from 2 to 20. The average class size is 16 and the student-teacher ratio is 11:1.

For the graduating class of 2011/2012, twenty (20) credits are required for graduation. For the graduating classes that follow, 23 credits will be required. Required credits include 4 credits in English; 3 credits in Science, including 1 credit in Biology or Coastal Ecology and 1 credit in Chemistry; 3 credits in math; 3 credits in social studies, including 1 credit in U.S. history, ½ credit in Government and ½ credit in Introduction to Social Sciences; ½ credit in health; 1 credit in physical education; 1 credit in fine arts; and 1 credit in adviser/advisee.

Students are given latitude in selecting electives, which include many fine arts courses, such as advanced digital photography, certified nursing assistant (CNA), culinary arts, music composition, and concert chorus. Other electives include eight Advanced Placement courses, foreign languages (Spanish, Chinese, and Latin), coastal ecology, and internships, including an exploratory course in health occupations at a local hospital. Students must carry at least six subjects per year.

The curriculum includes English as a second language (ESL). Students are provided with basic, intermediate, and advanced ESL, as well as courses in American culture and Science. International students are integrated into classes within the regular curriculum. A one-on-one personal learning lab is available to students needing help with standard curriculum courses, as well as support labs in English and math.

The Academy operates on a two-semester system. Reports with grades and comments are sent to parents every four weeks.

### College Admission Counseling

The Guidance Office assists students in preparing for their postsecondary education and career objectives. A full-time college placement counselor who assists the guidance counselor in researching colleges, admissions and financial aid applications, and scholarship opportunities joined the staff in 2004. Visits by college representatives to the Academy are open to interested juniors and seniors.

In recent years, on average, 85 percent of the graduating class has applied and been accepted to colleges or universities. Recent graduates have been accepted at American, Bates, Bowdoin, Boston University, Bryant, Cornell, Dartmouth, Georgia Tech, Ithaca, Maine Maritime Academy, Middlebury, Roger Williams, Smith, Vassar, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Maine.

## Boarding and General Facilities

Washington Academy currently operates three boarding facilities. The newest dormitory opened in December 2006 and houses 48 boys. The Larson dormitory houses up to 12 boys. The Edwin and Linnie Cates dormitory, with its recent sixteen-bed addition, has the capacity to house 32 girls. Internet access is available in all rooms. The Academy employs residential faculty to supervise the facilities and to be dorm parents to the residents. There are dorm parents living in each dorm with 24-hour supervision on the weekends. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided each day at the school cafeteria with brunch and dinner on weekends. Weekend activities are coordinated, including transportation, by the Director of Residential Life.

The Academy also operates an active Host Home Placement Program for both boys and girls. Families in the program have been carefully screened and matched with incoming students.

## Athletics

The Academy promotes sports and activities as an integral part of the educational process. Classes for credit, activities and athletics are offered in Blocks 5 and 6, or afternoon blocks. Team sports include baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, track and field, and wrestling. The Academy competes with both private and public schools in the area. The Academy has competed in many eastern Maine and state championships. Due to the rural setting, the community is very involved in the Academy's athletic program. The amount of support and pride from fans is tremendous and has been more evident with the addition of a lighted soccer field in 2006, allowing for more community attendance during evening hours.

Athletic fields occupy the rear portion of the campus and consist of soccer, football, baseball, and softball fields. The Academy has a wooded cross-country trail that covers blueberry fields and ascends a notoriously difficult hill. Outdoor basketball courts are located behind the rear parking lot. Four new tennis courts are planned for 2011/2012. A health/wellness center was created in September 2010.

## Admissions Information

Washington Academy seeks students who are likely to both benefit from and positively contribute to the school and its student body. Entrance tests are not required; however TOEFL, SLATE Plus, IELTS, and SSAT scores are required for international students to determine placement for ESL courses. Admission decisions are made by an Admissions Committee after reviewing information on the candidate's academic ability, achievements, other interests, and interviews.

Washington Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, or disability. The school is committed to ensuring all enrolled students are provided with equal social and academic opportunity.

## Application Timetable

The Admissions Office accepts applications throughout the year but strongly encourages fall applicants to send all forms and supporting documents to the Admissions Office by April 1. Parents are notified of the committee's decision on a rolling basis.

## Colleges Attended by Washington Academy Students Include:

Bay Path College	Dartmouth College	Maine Maritime Academy	Pierre's School of Cosmetology	University of Maine at Presque
Beal College	Dean College	Massachusetts Institute of	Rochester Institute of Technology	Isle
Binghamton University	DePaul University	Technology	Roger Williams University	University of Southern Maine
Bob Jones University	Dickenson College	Meredith College	Rutgers	University of Texas at Austin
Boston College	Eastern Maine Community	Messiah College	Seneca College	University of Texas at San Antonio
Boston University	College	Monmouth College	Skidmore College	University of Maine at Farmington
Bowdoin College	Endicott College	Mount Ida College	Smith College	University of Vermont
Brandeis University	Fisher College	New Brunswick Bible Institute	Southern Maine Community	Ursinus College
Bryant University	Florida Technical School	New England College	College	Vassar College
Bryn Mawr College	George Washington University	New England School of	St. Joseph's College	Washington County Community
Carleton College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Communication	Thomas College	College
Colby College	Grossmont College	Northeastern University	Universal Technical Institute	Western New England College
College of St. Rose	Husson University	Northern Michigan University	University of Maine at Augusta	Wheaton College
Cornell University	Indiana University	Parson's the New School for	University of Maine at Machias	
Dalhousie University	Keystone Technical Institute	Design	University of Maine at Orono	