



## COLLEGE COUNSELORS

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## 2021-2022

**HEAD OF SCHOOL** James Detora

**SCHOOL** Founded in 1927, Avon Old Farms School is an independent secondary school for boys. The 407 students include 307 boarders and 100 day students, representing 31 states and 21 foreign countries. Financial aid totaling \$5.5 million has been awarded to 39 percent of the student body. Average class size is 11. Of the Class of 2021, 100 percent of our graduates will attend a four year college or university. Avon Old Farms School is accredited by NEASC and the State of Connecticut, and holds memberships in NEACAC, NACAC, ACCIS, The College Board, AIS, and NAIS. The campus includes 863 acres of land in Avon, a country suburb 12 miles west of Hartford.

**FACULTY** There are 61 full-time and 2 part-time teaching faculty members, 38 of whom live on campus. In addition to teaching, most faculty have dormitory, dining hall, and other extracurricular commitments.

**ACADEMIC CURRICULUM** The academic year is divided into semesters with classes meeting three times per week for 60-minute periods. There is an 8-day, project-based intersession program between the first and second semesters during which students focus on a particular area of study that is not necessarily part of the standard curriculum. Three-hour examinations are administered at the end of the second semester. Honors courses are offered in most disciplines. Students took Advanced Placement examinations last May in: Calculus (AB and BC), Statistics, Physics C: Mechanics, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Computer Science A, Literature and Composition, United States Government and Politics, World History, United States History, Microeconomics, Spanish Language and Culture, Latin, and Studio Art. For those students who have completed BC Calculus, we offer Multivariable Calculus and Differential Equations. We also have an online program that offers 8-week courses during the summer for credit or preview. We also offer data structures for those students who have taken AP Computer Science A.

**DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS** To receive an Avon Old Farms School diploma, a student must have the following course distribution as a minimum:

- 4 years - English
- 3 years - Mathematics (includes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- 2 years - World Language
- 3 years - Laboratory Science (includes Biology)
- 3 years - History (includes United States History)
- 1 credit - Art or Music

**CLASS RANK** As a matter of school policy, Avon Old Farms School does not rank its students nor does it calculate a cumulative GPA. However, we do calculate an internal weighted GPA for the purpose of determining academic honors, membership to our Cum Laude Society Chapter, our valedictorian (Scholar of Distinction), and salutatorian.

**COVID-19 ADAPTATIONS** **2019-2020:** In the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the academic year, Avon Old Farms School implemented online classes and adjusted the schedule to accommodate better online delivery and to make teachers available for international students. There was no change to the grading system.

**2020-2021:** The School implemented a blended class model that provided synchronous and asynchronous class meetings for each course. There were 342 students who were on campus and 60 who were full-time remote, asynchronous students. No changes were made to the grading system.

**GRADING** Avon Old Farms grades on a letter scale, A to F, with pluses and minuses. D- is the lowest passing grade. Grades for Advanced Placement and Honors courses are “weighted” according to the following rubric:

|    | Regular | Honors | A.P.   |    | Regular | Honors | A.P.  |
|----|---------|--------|--------|----|---------|--------|-------|
| A+ | 98-100  | 96-100 | 94-100 | C+ | 77-79   | 75-77  | 73-75 |
| A  | 93-97   | 91-95  | 89-93  | C  | 73-76   | 71-74  | 69-72 |
| A- | 90-92   | 88-90  | 86-88  | C- | 70-72   | 68-70  | 66-68 |
| B+ | 87-88   | 85-87  | 83-85  | D+ | 67-69   | 65-67  | 63-65 |
| B  | 83-86   | 81-84  | 79-82  | D  | 63-66   | 60-64  | 60-62 |
| B- | 80-82   | 78-80  | 76-78  | D- | 60-62   |        |       |
|    |         |        |        | F  | 0-59    | 0-59   | 0-59  |

## 2020-2021 year-end grade distribution for courses enrolling primarily juniors:

|                 |                                | A+ | A  | A- | B+ | B  | B- | C+ | C | C- | D+ | D | D- | F |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|---|----|---|
| <b>English</b>  | 3                              | 1  | 16 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 9  |    | 1 |    |    |   | 1  |   |
|                 | 3 Honors                       |    | 10 | 6  | 5  |    |    |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | American Literature Since 1950 |    | 1  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 1  |    | 1 |    |    |   |    |   |
| <b>History</b>  | AP US Government               | 1  | 12 | 5  | 1  |    |    |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | AP US History                  | 1  | 7  | 13 | 13 | 10 | 2  | 2  | 1 |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | US History                     |    | 4  | 12 | 11 | 22 | 5  | 5  | 3 | 1  |    |   |    |   |
| <b>Math</b>     | Advanced Functional Analysis   |    | 3  | 4  | 3  | 9  | 7  | 1  |   |    | 1  |   |    |   |
|                 | Precalculus                    |    | 19 | 14 | 7  | 10 | 3  | 2  | 1 |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Precalculus Honors             | 2  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1 |    |    |   |    |   |
| <b>Sciences</b> | AP Biology                     |    | 4  | 2  | 1  | 3  |    |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Chemistry                      |    | 5  | 21 | 2  | 8  | 8  | 1  | 4 | 4  |    |   |    | 1 |
|                 | Environmental Science          | 1  | 7  | 11 | 4  | 4  | 2  | 2  |   | 1  |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Physics                        |    | 3  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 3  | 1  |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Physics Honors                 |    | 11 | 5  | 5  | 1  |    | 1  |   |    |    |   |    |   |
| <b>Language</b> | Latin 3 Honors                 | 1  |    | 1  | 2  | 1  | 2  |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Mandarin Chinese 3             |    |    | 1  | 2  |    | 1  |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Mandarin Chinese 3 Honors      |    | 3  | 2  |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Spanish 3                      |    | 1  | 7  | 9  | 8  | 7  |    | 1 | 1  |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Spanish 3 Honors               | 1  | 5  | 10 | 5  | 1  | 1  |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 | Spanish 4                      |    | 11 | 13 | 2  | 1  |    |    |   |    |    |   |    |   |
|                 |                                | A+ | A  | A- | B+ | B  | B- | C+ | C | C- | D+ | D | D- | F |

### Four Year Matriculation List (the colleges at which Avonians are currently enrolled)

|   |                                 |                                   |  |                                   |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| American International College                    | Denison University              | Mercyhurst University             | SUNY College at Cortland                 | University of Nebraska            |
| American University                               | Dickinson College               | Miami University (Oxford)         | Syracuse University                      | University of New Hampshire       |
| Amherst College                                   | Drew University                 | Miami University (Oxford)         | The New School                           | University of North Carolina      |
| Auburn University                                 | Drexel University               | Middlebury College                | The Ohio State University                | University of North Georgia       |
| Babson College                                    | Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne     | Mount St Mary's University        | The University of Edinburgh              | University of Notre Dame          |
| Bates College                                     | Elon University                 | Muhlenberg College                | The University of Montana                | University of Oxford              |
| Bentley University                                | Emerson College                 | New York University               | The University of Tampa                  | University of Pennsylvania        |
| Boise State University                            | Emory University                | Nichols College                   | The University of Tennessee              | University of Rhode Island        |
| Boston College                                    | Endicott College                | North Carolina State University   | Trinity College                          | University of Richmond            |
| Boston University                                 | Fairfield University            | Northeastern University           | Tufts University                         | University of Rochester           |
| Bowdoin College                                   | Florida Gulf Coast University   | Northwestern University           | Tulane University                        | University of Saint Joseph        |
| Brandeis University                               | Fordham University              | Occidental College                | Union College                            | University of San Francisco       |
| Brown University                                  | Franklin & Marshall College     | Oxford College of Emory           | U.S. Air Force Academy                   | University of Scranton            |
| Bryant University                                 | Furman University               | Pennsylvania State University     | U.S. Merchant Marine Academy             | University of South Florida       |
| Bucknell University                               | George Washington University    | Pepperdine University             | U.S. Military Academy West Point         | University of Southern California |
| California Polytech State University              | Georgetown University           | Pomona College                    | U.S. Naval Academy                       | University of St Andrews          |
| Carleton College                                  | Georgia Institute of Technology | Princeton University              | University of Arizona                    | University of the Sciences        |
| Carnegie Mellon University                        | Georgia Southern University     | Providence College                | University of Arkansas                   | University of Vermont             |
| Central Connecticut State University              | Gettysburg College              | Purdue University                 | University of British Columbia           | University of Virginia            |
| Champlain College                                 | Hamilton College                | Quinnipiac University             | University of California (Berkeley)      | University of Wisconsin           |
| Clark University                                  | Harvard University              | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  | University of California (Irvine)        | University of Wisconsin           |
| Clarkson University                               | Harvey Mudd College             | Rhode Island School of Design     | University of California (Los Angeles)   | Utica College                     |
| Clemson University                                | Haverford College               | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of California (San Diego)     | Villanova University              |
| Colby College                                     | High Point University           | Roger Williams University         | University of California (Santa Barbara) | Wake Forest University            |
| Colgate University                                | Hobart William Smith Colleges   | Sacred Heart University           | University of Chicago                    | Washington College                |
| College of Charleston                             | Howard University               | Salve Regina University           | University of Colorado Boulder           | Wesleyan University               |
| College of the Holy Cross                         | Instituto Marangoni Milan       | Savannah College of Art & Design  | University of Connecticut                | Western New England University    |
| Colorado College                                  | Johns Hopkins University        | Sewanee: University of the South  | University of Glasgow                    | Westminster College               |
| Columbia University                               | Kenyon College                  | Skidmore College                  | University of Hartford                   | Wheaton College                   |
| Concordia University                              | Lafayette College               | Southern Methodist University     | University of Illinois                   | Whittier College                  |
| Connecticut College                               | Lehigh University               | Springfield College               | University of Iowa                       | Williams College                  |
| Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art | Liberty University              | St. John's University             | University of Maine                      | Wofford College                   |
| Cornell University                                | Loyola University Maryland      | St. Lawrence University           | University of Maryland                   | Worcester Polytech Institute      |
| Dartmouth College                                 | Lynn University                 | St. Olaf College                  | University of Massachusetts              | Xavier University                 |
|   | Manhattan College               | Stetson University                | University of Miami                      | Yale University                   |
|   | Marist College                  | Stonehill College                 | University of Michigan                   |                                   |
|   | McGill University               | SUNY at Albany                    | University of Missouri                   |                                   |