



# AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL

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## 2020-2021

**HEAD OF SCHOOL** James Detora

**SCHOOL** Founded in 1927, Avon Old Farms School is an independent secondary school for boys. The 401 students include 300 boarders and 101 day students, representing 28 states and 18 foreign countries. Financial aid totaling \$5.1 million has been awarded to 39 percent of the student body. Average class size is 11. Of the Class of 2020, 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, CAIS, and NAIS. The campus includes 863 acres of land in Avon, a country suburb 12 miles west of Hartford.

**FACULTY** There are 63 full-time and two part-time teaching faculty members, 47 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 eight-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, French 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.

**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 provides synchronous and asynchronous class meetings for each course. The school year began with 342 on campus learners and 60 remote students. No change has been 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+	87-89	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

**2019-2020 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 Honors	1	6	13		1	1							
	3	2	15	24	12	11	1	2	1	1		1		
<b>History</b>	AP US History	3	20	6	6	2		1						
	US History		1	16	15	14	6	1	1					
<b>Math</b>	Precalculus Honors			2	1									
	Precalculus		3	9	7	15	4	2						
	Advanced Functional Analysis		4	2	3	7	5	1						
<b>Science</b>	AP Physics C: Mechanics		2											
	Physics H		1	3	1	1								
	Physics		2	8	9	9	4							
<b>Language</b>	Spanish 3		2	5	3	2	1	1						
	Spanish 3 H		2			1								
	Spanish 4		4											
		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 University	Duke University	Middlebury College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire
Amherst College	Durham University	Mount St Mary's University	Stonehill College	University of North Carolina
Auburn University	Eckerd College	Muhlenberg College	SUNY at Albany	University of Notre Dame
Babson College	Elon University	New School	SUNY College at Cortland	University of Oklahoma
Bard College	Emerson College	New York University	Swarthmore College	University of Oxford, UK
Bates College	Emory University	Nichols College	Syracuse University	University of Pennsylvania
Bentley University	Endicott College	North Carolina State University	Texas Christian University	University of Rhode Island
Boston College	Fairfield University	Northwestern University	Trinity College	University of Richmond
Boston University	Florida Gulf Coast University	Ohio State University	Tufts University	University of Rochester
Bowdoin College	Fordham University	Oklahoma State University	Tulane University	University of Saint Joseph
Brandeis University	Franklin & Marshall College	Oxford College of Emory	Union College, New York	University of Scranton
Brown University	Furman University	Pennsylvania State University	United States Air Force Academy	University of South Florida
Bryant University	George Washington University	Pepperdine University	U. S. Merchant Marine Academy	University of Southern California
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Pomona College	United States Military Academy	University of Tampa
Carleton College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Princeton University	University of Arizona	University of Tennessee
Carnegie Mellon University	Georgia Southern University	Providence College	University of Arkansas	University of Vermont
Catholic University of America	Gettysburg College	Purdue University	University of British Columbia	University of Virginia
Champlain College	Hamilton College	Quinnipiac University	University of California, Berkeley	University of Warwick
Clark University	Harvard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California, Davis	University of Wisconsin
Clarkson University	Harvey Mudd College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of California, Irvine	Utica College
Clemson University	Haverford College	Richmond University, UK	University of California, Los Angeles	Villanova University
Colby College	High Point University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California, San Diego	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Colgate University	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Roger Williams University	University of Chicago	Wake Forest University
College of Charleston	Howard University	Rollins College	University of Colorado, Boulder	Washington College
College of the Holy Cross	Johns Hopkins University	Sacred Heart University	University of Connecticut	Wentworth Institute of Technology
College of Wooster	Kenyon College	Salve Regina University	University of Denver	Wesleyan University
Columbia University	Lafayette College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Glasgow	West Virginia University
Concordia University	Lake Forest College	Sewanee: University of the South	University of Hartford	Western New England University
Connecticut College	Lehigh University	Skidmore College	University of Iowa	Western University
Cooper Union	Liberty University	Southern Methodist University	University of Maine	Westminster College
Cornell University	Loyola University Maryland	Springfield College	University of Maryland	Wheaton College
Dartmouth College	Manhattan College	St John's University, New York	University of Massachusetts	Whittier College
Denison University	Marist College	St Lawrence University	University of Miami	Williams College
Dickinson College	McGill University	St. Olaf College	University of Michigan	Wofford College
Drew University	Mercyhurst University	Stetson University	University of Missouri	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Drexel University	Miami University, Ohio		University of Nebraska	Xavier University
				Yale University