



**KING**  
SCHOOL

## 2019-2020

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## KING OVERVIEW

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### MISSION STATEMENT

King is dedicated to preparing its students to thrive in a rapidly changing world. We provide an excellent, progressive education, grounded in the traditional disciplines of the arts and sciences, committed to the nurturing of individual potential, and designed to promote critical thinking and reasoned reflection. Using rich and innovative methods, our teachers facilitate each student's fullest academic and personal achievement. We champion the development of character, self-confidence, and talent through challenging intellectual, creative, athletic, leadership, and service opportunities. King believes that individual accomplishment must go hand in hand with respect for others. Our culture of respect fosters collaboration as well as independence. We embrace human and cultural diversity. We value responsible citizenship. King graduates are well equipped to succeed in college and to pursue lives of ongoing inquiry, learning, accomplishment, personal fulfillment and social responsibility.

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### SCHOOL AT-A-GLANCE

- Highly selective admissions
- 100% of students admitted to a four year college or university
- Over the last three years our students averaged seven applications per student
- King draws from 36 towns in Connecticut and New York
- Tuition (Grades 9-12): \$45,290
- Upper School Enrollment in 2019-2020: 370 students
- Class of 2020: 83 Students
- Average Class Size: 12
- Students of Color Enrollment 2019-2020: 23% of the Upper School student body
- Students receiving Financial Aid 2019-2020: 14% of the Upper School student body receives assistance
- Total Upper School Faculty: 66 (85% of the faculty have masters degrees or higher; 21% of the faculty have a PhD or terminal degree)

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### MEMBERSHIP:

ACCIS, AISNE, CAIS, NACAC, NAIS, NEACAC, NEASC, College Board, The Cum Laude Society



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## ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND GRADING

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Course offerings are college preparatory and include Advanced Placement, Advanced Seminar, Honors, Independent Study, and Special Projects options.

**THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM** - The College Preparatory program is the fundamental program in every given discipline.

**THE HONORS PROGRAM (H)** - The Honors program takes College Preparatory courses to a more sophisticated, advanced level, generally preparing students for Advanced Placement and Advanced Seminar courses in their junior and senior years.

**THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP)** - The Advanced Placement program prepares students for a College Board examination in their chosen courses in early May. Superior skills in the fundamentals of the various subject areas are generally a prerequisite for entering AP courses, along with a high level of intellectual curiosity and motivation, solid analytical and reasoning ability, and a strong independent work ethic.

**THE ADVANCED SEMINAR PROGRAM (AS)** - The Upper School offers students courses that go beyond the scope of the Advanced Placement program.

**INDEPENDENT STUDIES (IS)** - Independent Studies investigate subjects that are either outside King's curriculum or are unavailable as a course in a given term. Supervised by a mentor or mentors from the appropriate academic department(s), students are responsible for the work and research required to explore a topic independently. Independent Studies are taken on a semester basis in addition to a full schedule of at least five major courses. Typical products to demonstrate students' learning may be a series of essays and/or presentations.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS (SP)** - Special Projects build on content acquired within King's curriculum to investigate topics or undertake projects that advance deeper and/or further than King's formal course offerings. Guided by a mentor or mentors from the appropriate academic department(s)—and sometimes by outside experts—students are responsible for the work and research required to master a topic and/or design and implement a project. Projects may be completely driven by an individual student's interest or may be offered and directed by instructors working with small groups of students. Regardless, all projects require a commitment from students to be curious and to explore and apply independently. Special Projects typically earn advanced (Honors or Advanced Seminar), major credit and typically are taken on a semester basis in addition to a full schedule of at least five major courses. Products are as varied as the projects and have included essays, presentations, stage lighting design, software applications, and a fixed-wing drone.

### GRADING POLICIES

- King does not rank its students.
- Honors courses are given an additional weight of 0.5-grade point per course in calculating the weighted GPA.
- Advanced Placement and Advanced Seminar courses are given an additional weight of 1.0-grade point per course in calculating the weighted GPA.
- The GPA is weighted and calculated from semester grades.
- Only graded courses worth at least 0.5 credits per semester are included in the GPA.

<b>A</b> 4.0	<b>B-</b> 2.7	<b>D+</b> 1.3
<b>A-</b> 3.7	<b>C+</b> 2.3	<b>D</b> 1.0
<b>B+</b> 3.3	<b>C</b> 2.0	<b>D-</b> 0.7
<b>B</b> 3.0	<b>C-</b> 1.7	<b>F</b> 0.0

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0 Credits	Visual Arts	.25 Credit in Fundamentals of Art for Beginners or Design for 3D Printing
History	3.0 Credits, including U.S. History	Performing Arts	.50 Credit
Mathematics	3.0 Credits: Algebra 1, Algebra 2/Trig., Geometry	Life Skills	.25 Credit in Grade 9 or 10
Science	3.0 Credits, including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics		.25 Credit in Grade 11 or 12
World Languages	Through Level III		

Every Upper School student is also required to participate in some capacity (actor, set designer, lighting designer, lighting technician) in one theatrical production before graduation. Each student must also participate in interscholastic athletics for one sport season or for a minimum of 100 hours from Grades 9-12.



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## SCHOOL PROFILE

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION – CLASS OF 2020

Cumulative Weighted GPA*	# of Students
4.5-5	6
4.0-4.49	16
3.5-3.99	31
3.0-3.49	25
2.5-2.99	3

\* Cumulative GPA is calculated only for those students who have attended King School for a minimum of two years.

### STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

	mid 50	mean	testers
<b>SAT</b>	1160-1410	1285	44
<b>ACT</b>	25-32	29	41

### PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Students who elect to graduate with a Certificate of Distinction will pursue a variety of challenging coursework, project development, research opportunities, and extracurricular activities in one of the following disciplines: STEM, Leadership, Global Studies, or World Languages. Each Distinction culminates in students completing a Capstone project. Along the path to Distinction, students will learn first-hand some of the skills used by professionals in their chosen field of study as they apply their learning to real world scenarios.

**STEM DISTINCTION** – Through a curriculum consisting of the most rigorous science, math, and computer science courses, students pursuing a Certificate of Distinction in STEM learn many of the skills that are regularly used by today’s researchers and innovators, such as literature review, experimentation or project design, modeling, data analysis, and presentation of information. Moreover, through the Capstone project, students will appreciate the extent to which STEM fields overlap when applied to real world problems.

**LEADERSHIP DISTINCTION** – In order to complete the Leadership Distinction at King, a student must demonstrate an understanding of leadership theory and meaningfully apply a strong skill set to coursework plus serve in multiple campus leadership roles. Participating students also give leadership presentations in front of a peer and faculty review panel.

**GLOBAL STUDIES DISTINCTION** – Students pursuing the Global Studies Distinction engage in a multidisciplinary and multicultural intensive study of global problems and responses to them. These include environmental, socio-economic, diplomatic, and intellectual issues. Students participate in a multidisciplinary curriculum and participate in globally-focused extracurricular activities.

**WORLD LANGUAGES DISTINCTION** – Students pursuing the World Languages Distinction complete high-level coursework in multiple world languages. In addition, students take part in international travel trips with King faculty and/or language immersion programs here in the United States.

**VISUAL ARTS DISTINCTION** – Students explore their passion for art by taking King’s most advanced studio art classes as well as AP Studio Art. They learn how to work as independent artists, pursuing their unique personal vision and developing a professional quality portfolio. Through the study of art history they learn how to analyze and interpret art and to find relevance and inspiration for their own work. Supporting summer experiences and varied extracurricular offerings further enhance their growth as artists.



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## COLLEGE MATRICULATION (2015-2019)

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American University	Fordham University	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
ArtCenter College of Design	Franklin & Marshall College	Providence College	University of Rhode Island
Auburn University	Furman University	Purdue University	University of Richmond
Babson College	Georgetown University	Quinnipiac University	University of Rochester
Barnard College	Gettysburg College	Roanoke College	University of San Diego
Bates College	Goucher College	Rollins College	University of South Florida, Tampa
Belmont University	Grinnell College	Sacred Heart University	University of Southern California
Bentley University	Hamilton College - NY	Santa Clara University	University of St Andrews
Boston College	Harvard College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Vermont
Boston University	Haverford College	Sciences Po - Columbia University Dual BA Program	University of Virginia
Bowdoin College	High Point University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Brandeis University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Skidmore College	Vanderbilt University
Brown University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Southern Methodist University	Vassar College
Bryant University	Ithaca College	Spelman College	Villanova University
Bryn Mawr College	Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University)	St. Lawrence University	Virginia Tech
Bucknell University	Kenyon College	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Wake Forest University
Butler University	King's College London	Stanford University	Washington and Lee University
Central Connecticut State University	Lafayette College	SUNY Morrisville	Washington University in St. Louis
Champlain College	Lehigh University	Swarthmore College	Wesleyan University
Chapman University	Lipscomb University	Syracuse University	Wheaton College MA
Claremont McKenna College	Loyola Marymount University	Texas A&M University	Whittier College
Clark University	Loyola University Maryland	Texas Christian University	Williams College
Clemson University	Macalester College	The Catholic University of America	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Colby College	Manhattanville College	The George Washington University	Worcester State University
Colgate University	Marist College	The Ohio State University	Yale University
College of Charleston	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The University of Alabama	
College of William & Mary	Merrimack College	Trinity College	
Colorado State University	Miami University, Oxford	Tufts University	
Columbia University	Middlebury College	Tulane University	
Cornell University	Mount St. Mary's University - Maryland	Union College (New York)	
Curry College	Muhlenberg College	United States Air Force Academy	
Dartmouth College	Nazareth College	United States Military Academy - Army	
Davidson College	New York University	United States Military Academy Preparatory School - Army	
Denison University	Northeastern University	University of Chicago	
Dickinson College	Northwestern University	University of Colorado at Boulder	
Drexel University	Occidental College	University of Connecticut	
Duke University	Oglethorpe University	University of Delaware	
East Carolina University	Pace University, Westchester Campus	University of Denver	
Elon University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami	
Emerson College	Pennsylvania State University - Altoona	University of Michigan	
Endicott College	Pepperdine University	University of Michigan	
Fairfield University	Pratt Institute	University of New Haven	
Florida Institute of Technology		University of North Dakota	
Florida Southern College		University of Notre Dame	
Florida State University			