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SCHOOL PROFILE 2019 - 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

In 1850 Frederick Gunn established a school based on the belief that strength of character was the goal of education. Today, The Gunnery rests on the four cornerstones of character: scholarship, integrity, respect and responsibility. Character is forged in a cohesive, diverse community informed by a challenging college preparatory curriculum, a broad range of athletic, artistic and social activities and a faculty of scholars and committed educators dedicated to the intellectual and ethical development of every student. A Gunnery graduate is a broadly educated, socially responsible citizen with tested beliefs, strength of character and the courage to act on convictions.

ENROLLMENT

For the 2019-20 academic year, the enrollment is 312 boys and girls and includes 95 members in the Class of 2020. The student body is 73% residential, with students from 25 states and 18 countries. A culturally and economically diverse student body is supported by a generous financial aid budget. The admissions policy is non-discriminatory with regard to race, gender, religion, or national origin.

ACCREDITATION

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for a diploma are 18 credits. The distribution requirements include 4 years of English, 3 years of mathematics (through Algebra II), 3 years of one world language (through Level III), 3 years of history (including U.S. History), 3 years of laboratory science and 3 terms of either visual or performing arts. In addition, students must complete one term of Pathways (academic and social self-awareness) as freshmen, Ethics and Responsibility as sophomores, one term of Public Speaking as juniors and and a meaningful and intentional Senior Service Project as seniors. The Gunnery offers 19 Advanced Placement and 15 Honors courses throughout its curriculum. Students must also demonstrate good citizenship. Gunnery students lead a structured life. In addition to class time, students attend meals, school meetings, interscholastic athletics and arts/community service commitments daily to learn the importance of academic challenge, self-discipline and organization.

THE CALENDAR

The academic year consists of three terms (Fall, Winter and Spring) and courses are offered on year-long or term basis. Classes meet four times a week/six days a week, twice for 70 minutes and twice for 40 minutes. There is a minimum of 180 class days.

GRADING SYSTEM

Beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year, The Gunnery revised its grading system to a 100 point scale from the previous nine-tier distribution ranging from 8 - 0. The new scale includes three levels of Honor Roll: Dean's List (all grades at 90 or above), High Honor Roll (all grades at or above 85) and Honor Roll (all grades at or above 80). The lowest passing grade is 60.

CLASS RANK

The Gunnery does not rank its students.

Current	Former	Letter		
100 - 95	8	A+		
94 - 90	7	A		
89 - 85	6	B+		
84 - 80	5	В		
79 - 75	4	C+		
74 - 70	3	C		
69 - 65	2	D+		
64 - 60	1	D		
59 & below	O	F		

GRADE DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2020 (Final Junior Year Grades)

Department	100 - 95	94 - 90	89 - 85	84 - 80	79 - 75	74 - 70	69 - 65	64 - 60	< 60	Average
English	0	17	49	30	5	2	1	0	0	85.41
Mathematics	17	28	12	21	9	6	2	1	0	86.58
Science	22	29	15	16	5	2	1	0	0	89.06
History	6	35	34	20	3	1	0	0	0	87.91
World Languages	1	23	12	12	6	6	2	0	0	84.98
TOTAL	46	132	122	99	28	17	6	1	0	

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS (Course descriptions are available at www.gunnery.org)

English I, II, III, IV **Expository Writing** English I, II Honors

Honors English: The Essay & Critical Theory

AP English Language AP English Literature

HISTORY

Economics F.W. Gunn Scholar Modern Global History

Psychology

The Spirit of New England United States History World History

Honors Entrepreneurship Honors Philosophy Seminar Honors US Government & Politics

World History Honors **AP Macroeconomics AP Microeconomics AP United States History AP World History: Modern**

WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES

French I, II, III Mandarin I, II, III, IV Spanish I, II, III French II, III Honors Spanish II, III Honors Pre-AP French Pre-AP Spanish

AP French Language & Culture AP Spanish Language & Culture **SCIENCE Biology**

Biology of the Brain

Chemistry

Earth & Physical Science **Environmental Studies** Human Anatomy & Physiology

Human Health

Intro to Athletic Training

Physics Pre-Med Biology Honors **Chemistry Honors**

Earth & Physical Science Honors

AP Biology AP Chemistry

AP Computer Science A (Online) **AP Environmental Science**

AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2

I.D.E.A.S. (term courses)

(Innovation, Design, Engineering, and

Applied Scholarship)

Engineering I

Innovation & Engineering Low Impact Design

Robotics I Robotics II

Water Systems Design

MATHEMATICS

Math 10: Algebra I Math 20 or 21: Geometry Math 30: Algebra II

Math 31: Topics in Algebra II Math 32: Algebra II Honors & Trig Math 43: Topics in Mathematics

Math 50: Pre-Calculus

Math 51: Calculus & Analytic Geometry

Math 52: AP Calculus AB Math 53: AP Calculus BC Math 54: AP Statistics Math 63: Operations Research

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Jazz Band Ceramics I, II Chamber Ensemble Drawing

Film Production Film Studies Graphic Design I History of Rock & Roll Intro to Music Theory Music Technology **Painting**

Photography (B&W, Digital, Experimental)

Rock and Blues Band

Songwriting

The Gunnery Highlander (Newspaper)

The Red & Gray (Yearbook)

Troubadours

AP 2-D Art & Design AP 3-D Art & Design

REPRESENTATIVE THREE-YEAR MATRICULATION (2017 - 2019)

University of Alberta (Canada)

American University **Auburn University** Bard College Barnard College Bentley University **Boston University** Bowdoin College

University of British Columbia

Bryant University Bucknell University

University of California, Irvine University of California, Los Angeles Catholic University of America

Chapman University Clark University Clemson University Colgate University Columbia University

University of Colorado, Boulder Concordia University (Canada)

Connecticut College University of Connecticut Cornell University **Denison University** University of Denver Dickinson College Drexel University **Elon University Emmanuel College Emory University**

Endicott College

Fairfield University

Florida State University George Washington University

Gettysburg College

University of Glasgow (Scotland) **High Point University**

Hobart & William Smith Colleges

College of the Holy Cross University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Ithaca College

James Madison University Kenyon College Lafavette College Lake Forest College Lehigh University Loyola University Chicago Loyola University Maryland University of Lynchburg

Marist College Marquette University McGill University (Canada) Middlebury College Mount Holyoke College New York University

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Northeastern University Ohio State University Providence College **Purdue University** Queen's University (Canada)

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute University of Rhode Island

Roanoke College

Rochester Institute of Technology

University of Rochester Saint Michael's College Salve Regina University Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College

School of the Art Institute of Chicago Sewanee: University of the South

Simmons University Skidmore College Smith College

Southern Methodist University

Springfield College St. Lawrence University St. Olaf College Stevenson University Stonehill College Svracuse University University of Tampa The New School, New York Trinity College

Tufts University Tulane University Union College University of Vermont University of Virginia Wake Forest University University of Washington Wellesley College

Wheaton College Williams College Wofford College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute