

# Eagle Hill School

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School Profile 2020-2021

## COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, Eagle Hill decided to send our students home due to the pandemic. The following Monday, we started synchronous online classes for the remainder of the year. Students earned traditional grades based on our usual methodology—written performance, tests and quizzes, class work and homework.

## HISTORY

Established in 1967, Eagle Hill is an independent boarding school located in Hardwick, Massachusetts. Serving a co-educational population of 220 young men and women in grades eight through twelve, Eagle Hill is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and recognized for its expertise in developing individualized courses of study for students described as learning disabled.

## PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of Eagle Hill School is to provide an individualized program of study while also requiring a rigorous academic course load. The student to teacher ratio of 4:1 creates an intimate learning environment in which students work at a pace appropriate to their skills with attention and support focused on the individual's needs. Classes are grouped primarily by skill level with consideration to age.

## DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AND ACADEMIC CREDIT

One academic credit is awarded for each term completed in each course. Following a traditional four-year program of study, students enroll in 216 credits (i.e., 6 classes x 9 terms x 4 years). Successful completion of 200 credits is required for graduation. Minimum distribution area requirements are outlined in the table below. A final course grade of D or better is required for course credit.

	MINIMUM CREDITS <b>REQUIRED</b> FOR GRADUATION	<b>REQUIRED</b> COURSES
<b>ARTS AND HUMANITIES</b> English History Visual & Performing Arts Foreign Language	86	Government (8) Social Construction of Identity (3)
<b>QUANTITATIVE REASONING</b> Math Science Computer Applications	58	Biology (8)
<b>CORE ENRICHMENT</b> Pragmatics Life Skills Physical Education Health	27	Seminar on Learning (1) College Orientation (3) Personal Finance (3) Health (4) Physical Education or Athletics (12)*

\*3 credits are awarded for each season in which a student participates in athletics; 4 credits must be earned through coursework.



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## CURRICULUM

Working with an academic advisor, each student prepares a unique course of study at Eagle Hill School, meeting the school's distribution requirements detailed above and allowing each student to develop core academic competencies for advanced study, explore diverse subject matters, and pursue his or her passions as a student. The school's nine-term academic calendar and innovative scheduling allow students greater flexibility in preparing individualized course plans. See the sample below:

APPROXIMATE TERM DATES	TERM 1 9/14 - 10/8	TERM 2 10/9 - 11/4	TERM 3 11/5 - 12/7	TERM 4 12/8 - 1/15	TERM 5 1/18 - 2/12	TERM 6 2/22 - 3/17	TERM 7 3/18 - 4/13	TERM 8 4/14 - 5/20	TERM 9 5/21 - 6/10
COM. PREP 7:45-8:39									
PERIOD 1 8:43-9:37	COLLEGE ORIENTATION			MASTERPIECES OF FANTASY LITERATURE					
PERIOD 2 9:41-10:35	LATIN					SONNETS OF SHAKESPEARE	LATIN		
PERIOD 3 10:39-11:33	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY				ECONOMIC FORCES IN AMERICAN HISTORY	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY			
PERIOD 4 11:37-12:31	CALCULUS				ECONOMIC FORCES IN AMERICAN HISTORY	CALCULUS			
LUNCH 12:35-1:15									
PERIOD 5 1:19-2:13	INTERNET RESEARCH		WRITING FOR PUBLICATION		BASICS OF FILMMAKING		WATERCOLOR PAINTING		
PERIOD 6 2:17-3:11	GOVERNMENT		Phys. Ed.	GOVERNMENT					
OFFICE HOURS 3:11-3:45									

*Sample Schedule*

## GRADING SYSTEM

97-100 = A+	87-89 = B+	77-79 = C+	67-69 = D+
93-96 = A	83-86 = B	73-76 = C	65-66 = D
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-	0-64 = F

## CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK

Class rank and GPA are not routinely reported at Eagle Hill. The school chooses not to use a system that measures students against one another.

## HONOR ROLL AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students who earn a term average of 88 or better with no grade below 80 are recognized on the academic honor roll. Honor Roll recognition is awarded three times each year, at the conclusion of terms three, six, and nine. Students who earn a place on the academic honor roll throughout the year are recognized with the Academic Excellence award.

## SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REPORTS

Eagle Hill School reports all at home suspensions that occur during a student's senior year and all major infractions of the code of student conduct (e.g., harm to an individual or the community, a pattern of inappropriate behavior) for a student's entire tenure at Eagle Hill.

## HONORS PROJECTS

Students interested in completing advanced independent study in an academic subject can submit a proposal to complete an honors project. The proposal must be approved by the committee of academic department chairs. Students are expected to work independently under the supervision of their advisor to fulfill the program's expectations of advanced study. Upon completion, the project is reviewed by faculty based upon the following criteria: soundness of research, effectiveness of performance and presentation, and evidence of original scholarship. Students accepted for honors projects commit themselves to a greater level of academic independence and to an additional workload. Projects may be short-term or may take multiple years to complete. Successful completion of an honors project is noted in the awards section of the transcript.

Topics studied in the past have included:

A Video History of Hardwick and the Quabbin Reservoir  
The Ethics of Interactions between Marine Mammals and Humans  
Reaching Teens about Breast Cancer  
Developing a Peer Tutoring Program  
Yoga – a Personal and International Transformation  
The Role of Gender in Modern Pop Culture  
Solar Energy Proposal for Eagle Hill School  
Reflections of Self – The Portrait of a Gumball  
Environmental Comparisons in Arachnids

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Eagle Hill offers the IB Diploma Programme beginning in the junior year. Students not enrolled in the full diploma Programme may take several IB courses. Eagle Hill School does not offer AP courses. Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme. Eagle Hill School is authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Eagle Hill offers a full foreign language program but does not require enrollment in a class for graduation. Foreign language study is not recommended for every student at Eagle Hill. Each student works closely with an advisor to select courses appropriate to his/her learning style.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Eagle Hill requires each student to complete 10 hours of community service for each year he/she is enrolled in grades nine through twelve. Most students far exceed this requirement.



# Learning Differently *Demands* Teaching Differently

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**96%** of Eagle Hill graduates matriculate to a four-year college

## 5-Year Matriculation List

Adelphi University  
Agnes Scott College  
American International College  
Austin College  
Ball State University  
Beacon College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Berkshire Community College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Bryant University  
Catawba College  
Champlain College  
Clark University  
Colby College  
Colby-Sawyer College  
College of DuPage  
College of Southern Nevada  
Columbia College  
Columbia College Chicago  
Cornell College  
Cuesta College  
Curry College  
Dean College  
DePauw University  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aero U - AZ  
Emerson College  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Fitchburg State University  
Florida Southern College  
Georgian College  
Gordon College  
Green Mountain College  
Hampshire College  
High Point University

Hofstra University  
Holyoke Community College  
Iona College  
Ithaca College  
Johnson & Wales U - RI  
Johnson & Wales U - FL  
Keene State College  
Landmark College  
Lasell College  
Lesley University  
Lewis & Clark College  
LIM College  
Linfield College  
Long Island University - Post  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lynn University  
Maine College of Art  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marlboro College  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Mass College of Liberal Arts  
McDaniel College  
Mercyhurst University  
Merrimack College  
Michigan State University  
Minneapolis College Art & Design  
Mitchell College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount Ida College  
Muhlenberg College  
Muskingum University  
New England College  
New England Institute of Technology  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Notre Dame College of Ohio  
Oklahoma State University  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pitzer College  
Quinebaug Valley Community College  
Quinnipiac University  
Reed College  
Rhode Island School of Design

Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Joseph's College - ME  
Saint Mary's College of CA  
Saint Michael's College  
Salve Regina University  
Santa Fe University Art & Design  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Southern Oregon University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
St. Edward's University  
St. Thomas Aquinas College  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
The College of Wooster  
The Evergreen State College  
The George Washington University  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Tampa  
Trinity College  
Universal Technical Institute  
University of Chicago  
University of Denver  
University of Hartford  
University of Hartford  
University of Mass, Amherst  
University of New Haven  
University of North Carolina  
Union College  
University of Lynchburg  
University of Michigan  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Virginia  
Wellesley College  
Western University  
Westfield State University  
Wheaton College -IL  
Wheaton College -MA  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute