



The Frederick Gunn School

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Boarding students
232 (74%)

Day students
83 (26%)

Boys 55% Girls 45%
Class of 2021 102 students

2021-2022
Student Body

315

STUDENTS FROM

23

U.S. STATES AND

20

COUNTRIES, IN
GRADES 9-12 AND
POSTGRADUATE

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INSPIRED BY OUR FOUNDER

Frederick Gunn was an outdoorsman recognized as the founder of camping in the United States, a courageous abolitionist, and pioneering educator. In 1850, he created a school and an enduring philosophy that encourages students to discover what they believe in and to stand up for it. In July 2020, The Gunnery took the bold step of changing its name after 170 years to honor the vision and ideals of our founder, which remain inspiring today. Located on 220 acres bordering the village green of Washington, Connecticut, The Frederick Gunn School is a coeducational, independent, college preparatory school for boarding and day students in grades 9-12 and post-graduate. Our programs emphasize character, teamwork, and independent thinking, and our students become active citizens, prepared to change the world in the same entrepreneurial way as our founder, to be a force for good.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The 2021-22 academic year consists of three terms (fall, winter and spring). Students may choose from 118 yearlong and term courses, including 33 AP and honors-level courses. Our seven-block schedule includes half-day classes on Wednesdays and Saturdays, allowing for athletic and co-curricular programs every afternoon, optional arts blocks, and mandatory study hall each evening. Classes meet four times per week/six days per week, twice for 79 minutes and twice for 40 minutes. There is a minimum of 180 class days.



Percentage of
Financial
Assistance Granted
46%

Average Class Size

12

Student to Faculty

Ratio
5:1

Faculty

55



COURSE OFFERINGS

English

4 courses
(1 per year)

English Language & Composition
English I
English II
English II Honors
English III
Honors English:
The Sociocritical Essay
Honors English:
Literary Criticism & Craft
Critical Reading & Composition
English IV
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
The Highlander News

Science

3 lab-based
science courses

Earth & Physical Science
Earth & Physical Science Honors
Biology
Biology Honors
AP Biology
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Environmental Studies
AP Environmental Science
Pre-Med
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
AP Chemistry
Physics
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C
Biology of the Brain
Human Health

LETTER

NUMERICAL EQUIVALENT

A+	97 - 100
A	94 - 96
A-	90 - 93
B+	87 - 89
B	84 - 86
B-	80 - 83
C+	77 - 79
C	74 - 76
C-	70 - 73
D+	67 - 69
D	64 - 66
D-	60 - 63
F	59 or below

History

3 courses
(U.S. History is required)

World History
World History Honors
Modern Global History
Modern Global History Honors
U.S. History
AP U.S. History
Economics
AP Economics
Honors Entrepreneurship Seminar
Honors U.S. Government & Politics
Honors Philosophy Seminar
Humanities: Race in America
Psychology
Gunn Scholar

Mathematics

3 courses
(up through Algebra II)

Math 10: Algebra I
Math 20: Geometry
Math 21 Geometry
Math 29: Topics in Algebra II
Math 30: Algebra II
Math 32: Algebra II Honors & Trigonometry
Math 42: Statistics
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
Advanced Computer Science

IDEAS LAB

Elective courses
(Engineering can count as a lab science)

Engineering I
Engineering II
Low Impact Design
Water Systems Design
Innovation & Engineering
Robotics

Honor Roll

There are three levels of Honor Roll students may achieve at The Frederick Gunn School:

Dean's List
(all grades at or above 90)

High Honor Roll
(all grades at or above 85)

Honor Roll
(all grades at or above 80)

FGS does not report class rank or GPA.

World Languages & Cultures

3 courses
(through Level III)

French I
French II
French II Honors
French III
French III Honors
Pre-AP French
AP French Language
Mandarin I
Mandarin II
Mandarin III
Mandarin IV
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish II Honors
Topics in Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish III Honors
Pre-AP Spanish
AP Spanish Language
World Cultures

Performing & Visual Arts

1 credit (taken as 3, single-term courses or 1 full-year class)

Concert Jazz Band
Concert Jazz Band Advanced
Concert Jazz Band Conservatory
String Ensemble
String Ensemble Advanced
String Ensemble Conservatory
Vocal Ensemble
Vocal Ensemble Advanced
Vocal Ensemble Conservatory
AP Music Theory
Theatre in Practice
Acting & Directing
Private Dance Instruction
Private Music Instruction
AP Studio Art
The Highlander (Newspaper)
The Red & Gray (Yearbook)
Black & White Photography
Ceramics I
Ceramics II
Digital Photography
Digital Studio Photography
Drawing
Film Production
Film Studies
Graphic Design
Painting
Introduction to Printmaking

Center for Citizenship & Just Democracy

Pathways
Citizen Gunn
The Declaration
Civic Changemakers Project

4 courses
(1 per year)

WINTERIM

Modeled after short-term, mid-year programs offered at the college level, Winterim is a faculty-driven academic curriculum that prioritizes intensive student learning focusing on one big idea or question. Course offerings are designed by faculty, and many faculty form co-teaching partnerships to combine their disciplinary expertise for rich, contextualized learning. Classes are blended across all grades and run from November 30–December 15, 2021. Committed to the development of racial literacy and our growing capacities to speak across differences and listen to understand, teachers have designed courses relevant to our sociocultural landscape and the lived experiences of high school students today. Courses may also integrate the educational philosophy of our founder, Frederick Gunn, and reflect our commitment to experiential, place-based application of knowledge. Recent course offerings include: Environmental Racism & Justice, Cryptography, Emergency Medical Responder, Scientific Thinking in Real Life, and Sports: Race, Gender, Identity. Each course is offered on a credit/no credit or pass/fail basis and culminates in a final project in which students demonstrate their learning.

AFTER

Adrian College
American University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic State University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Catholic University of America
Chapman University
Clark University
Clemson University
Cloud County Community College
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Concordia University – Montreal
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Cotley College (Women's College)

Curry College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elmira College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida State University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Howard University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
McGill University (Canada)
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University

Ohio State University
Providence College
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Anselm's College
Salve Regina University
Santa Clara University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Springfield College
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Military Academy
University of Alberta (Canada)
University of Bridgeport
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut

University of Delaware
University of Glasgow (Scotland)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Oregon
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
West Virginia University
Whittier College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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Representative Four-Year
Matriculation 2018 - 2021