



Wayland Academy

2024–2025 School Profile



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About Wayland

Founded in 1855, Wayland is an independent, coed college preparatory school for boarding and day students. The school's rigorous academic program features small class sizes, capstone projects at every grade, active media studies, environmental science, and STEAM programs, and an array of AP offerings. The diverse and welcoming school community brings together students from across the United States and more than 30 other countries in an intimate learning environment, with a student-faculty ratio of 6:1. Wayland's historic campus is located in the heart of the Midwest in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin—just 40 miles from Madison and 60 miles from Milwaukee.

With a diverse student body, the educational experience and community at Wayland provide the perfect learning environment for the 21st century. The wide-range of course offerings provide students with the opportunity to explore areas of individual interest and personalize their experience. Our school motto, "Knowledge and Character," guides us in preparing our students for successful futures.

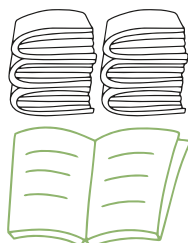
30+

Countries
represented
in our
student body



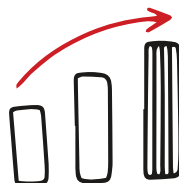
6:1

student teacher
ratio



3

Levels of instructions:
Advanced Placement (AP),
Honors (H), and
College Preparatory (CP).



55

ACRES = A CAMPUS
WITH PLENTY OF
ROOM TO ROAM



21

Big Red sports
options





Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 20 credits to earn a diploma from Wayland Academy, including the minimum requirements from the areas listed below.

- **English:** 4 credits
- **Mathematics:** 3 credits (1 credit in each of Algebra 1, Geometry, and 1 credit in Algebra 2, Precalculus, or Topics in Math)
- **Lab Science:** 3 credits (1 credit in each of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- **Social Science/History:** 3 credits (including U.S. History, non-US History, and one additional course)
- **Modern Languages:** 3 credits*
- **Fine and Performing Arts:** 2 credits
- **Athletics/PE:** 4 years of successful participation
- **College Applications:** All seniors are required to submit a minimum of one application to a four-year college or university.
- **Senior Capstone Project Completion**

Courses are offered at the College Preparatory (CP), Honors (H), and Advanced Placement (AP) levels.

*Students for whom English is a second language are exempt from the Modern Language requirement.

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AP Courses*

Wayland offers 18 AP courses: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Psychology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, U.S. History, European History, Microeconomics, U.S. Government and Politics, Spanish Language, German, and Studio Art. There is no limit to the number of Advanced Placement courses a student may take. Students in AP classes are required to take the AP exam. Wayland has offered Comparative Government and Politics and Macroeconomics.

*Many of our AP courses are offered as a single section.

Honors Courses

Wayland offers 20 Honors classes: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry (Logic and Proofs), Precalculus, Calculus, Anatomy, Physiology, & Medical Terminology, Poetics & Composition, German 2, German 3, German 4, German 5, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Spanish 5, Art, Piano, Music Ensemble, Concert Band, and Concert Choir.

GPA and Grading System

Cumulative grade point average is made up of all grades earned at Wayland; It does not include grades earned at schools other than Wayland. Grades with a plus or minus are figured by adding or subtracting 0.3. Grades in Honors courses add 0.5 and grades in Advanced Placement courses add 1.0 to the GPA calculation. The top mark is an A, while the lowest passing mark is a D-.

- A (90-100)**
- B (80-89)**
- C (70-79)**
- D (60-69)**
- F (below 60)**

GPA is figured using the following points:

AP	A=5	B=4	C=3	D=2	F=0
HC	A=4.5	B=3.5	C=2.5	D=1.5	F=0
CP	A=4	B=3	C=2	D=1	F=0



Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection

Wayland Academy does not publicly rank its students. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the senior class will be elected by a vote of the faculty. The top 10% of the senior class by GPA will be selected for discussion and vote. The basis of selection will be cumulative Wayland GPA after seven (7) semesters for seniors.

Senior Capstone Project

The Senior Capstone program includes the creation, documentation, defense, and presentation of a project of a student's choosing; it is a rigorous undertaking that extends through the academic year. The project is a graduation requirement that represents a student's interests while applying their skills, developing their knowledge, and contributing to Wayland's community in education or service. In the past students have restored objects or areas around campus; served their community with events, groups, or causes; extended a project for a class or club; or researched a hobby in-depth. The program culminates in a Senior Capstone Fair that showcases the depth and variety of seniors' hard work.

Test Scores

Average test scores for the classes of 2023 and 2024.

ACT Score: 23 SAT Score: 1120

Student Activities

At Wayland, students benefit from a highly structured schedule. Students are required to be in class from 8:15 am to 3:40 pm, at sports practice from 4:00 pm to 5:40 pm, and study hall from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm every Sunday through Thursday. While boarding students do not participate in club sports, non-school organizations, and employment off-campus, our comprehensive schedule ensures that students make the most of the diverse opportunities available in our engaging campus community.

Wayland Terminology

Humanities: A course for all freshmen at Wayland Academy. This course integrates English 1 and World History, and the class meets twice per day. For students in the class of 2025, it will be marked on the transcript as one entry worth two credits because it covers both English and History courses.

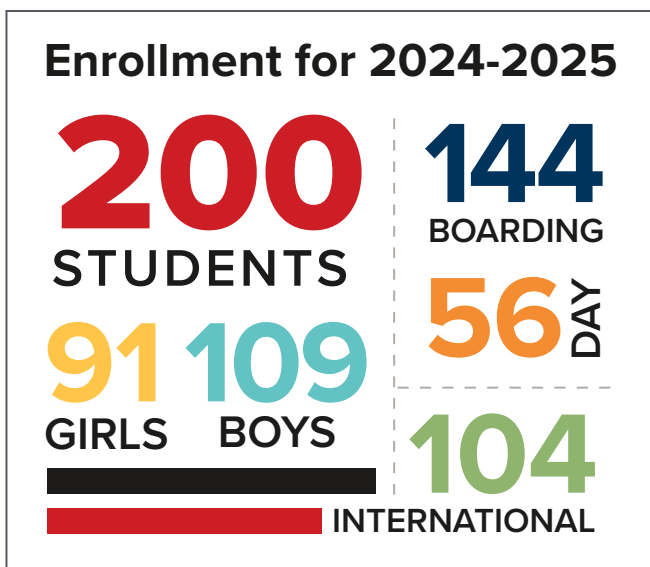
Proctors: Students selected by the faculty to supervise study hall in the dorms, in the student union, or in the Chapel for music practice.

Prefects: Wayland's highest student leadership position. Students must complete an application with essays, group exercises, and an interview with faculty. Prefects counsel their peers, enforce school rules, and supervise in the absence of faculty.

Cum Laude Society: "The Cum Laude Society recognizes academic achievement in secondary schools for the purpose of promoting excellence (Areté), justice (Diké) and honor (Timé)." No more than 10% of a class can be inducted as juniors. As seniors, up to 20% of the class may be inducted.

Junior Marshal: Students must be in the top 15% of the junior class to be considered. In addition to academic achievement, students will be evaluated and chosen by the faculty based on their leadership, participation, and commitment to the Academy.

Book Awards: Each department selects one underclassman and one senior student who represents the best achievement each year in a particular discipline.





College Acceptances

2019–2024

Bold type indicates schools at which our graduates are currently enrolled.

Agnes Scott College
Allegheny College
Amherst College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Bard College
Bates College
Beloit College
Binghamton University
Boston University
Brandeis University
University of British Columbia
Bucknell University
University at Buffalo—SUNY
California Polytechnic State University—San Luis Obispo
University of California—Berkeley
University of California—Davis
University of California—Irvine
University of California—San Diego
University of California—Santa Barbara
Carleton College
Carthage College
Chapman University
University of Chicago
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby College

University of Colorado—Boulder
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
Denison University
University of Denver
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
The University of Edinburgh
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hobart and William Smith College
Howard University
University of Illinois—Chicago
University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign
Illinois Institute of Technology
University of Iowa
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University

Loyola University Chicago
Macalester College
Marquette University
University of Massachusetts—Amherst
University of Miami
Miami University—Oxford
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
University of Minnesota—Twin Cities
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
Oberlin College
The Ohio State University
Penn State University—University Park
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Ripon College
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University—New Brunswick
Saint Louis University

Saint Louis University—Madrid
St. Mary's University—London
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Smith College
University of Southern California
University of South Florida
Stony Brook University
University of St. Thomas (MN)
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tulane University
University of Toronto
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Virginia Tech
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington
Wheaton College (MA)
Williams College
University of Wisconsin—Madison
The College of Wooster
Worcester Polytechnic Institute