

**KING SCHOOL** 

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# SCHOOL PROFILE

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## **OVERVIEW**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

King School prepares students to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Our students are immersed in an engaging and innovative curriculum anchored in an inquiry-based approach that fosters curiosity, intellectual growth, and character development.

At King, individual accomplishment complements a deep sense of belonging. We embrace diversity in all its forms, nurturing every student to learn and grow in a collaborative and supportive community.

Guided by dedicated educators and a commitment to academic excellence, King students become invested in their journey, develop a lifelong love of learning, and are well-equipped to succeed in college and beyond. They graduate with a global mindset, a strong sense of social responsibility, and the confidence to pursue lives of purpose.

### **SCHOOL AT-A-GLANCE**

- **100%** of students admitted to a four-year college or university
- The Class of 2023 averaged **9** applications per student
- King draws from **51** towns in Connecticut and New York
- Tuition (Grades 9-12): **\$52,340**
- Upper School Enrollment in 2023-2024: 385 students
- Class of 2024: **103** Students
- Average Class Size: 12
- Students of Color Enrollment 2023-2024: Upper School student body: **22%**
- Students receiving Financial Aid 2023-2024: **17%** of the Upper School student body receives assistance
- Total Upper School Faculty: 66

The Power of a King

75% of the faculty have masters degrees or higher;
12% of the faculty have a PhD or terminal degree

### **MEMBERSHIP**

ACCIS, AISNE, CAIS, NACAC, NAIS, NEACAC, NEASC, College Board, Global Online Academy (GOA), The Cum Laude Society

### CLASS OF 2023 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION FOR COLLEGE

Mid-Atlantic	24%
Midwest	13%
New England	28%
South	20%
West	12%
International	2%

### **CLASS OF 2024**

**GRADE DISTRIBUTION** 

Cumulative Weighted GPA*	# of Students
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4.5 - 5.0	7
4.0 - 4.49	25
3.5 - 3.99	48
3.0 - 3.49	12
2.5 - 2.99	5

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

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# 2023-2024

# **GRADING & ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

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### **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
- Only graded courses worth at least 0.5 credits per semester are included in the GPA

### ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

• Students with high academic performance are recognized for their achievements each semester through a three-tiered system linked to unweighted student grade point average (GPA) as follows:

## GRADUATION REOUIREMENTS

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

Each student must also participate in interscholastic athletics for one sport season or for a minimum of 100 hours from Grades 9-12.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

King School offers a college preparatory curriculum that also offers 36 Honors courses and 28 Advanced Placement courses. Beyond that are opportunities Advanced Seminars, Independent Studies, Special Projects, Program Distinctions and the ASPIRE program.

**THE ADVANCED SEMINAR PROGRAM (AS):** The Advanced Seminar Program offers King students and faculty the opportunity to go beyond the traditional Advanced Placement curriculum. These courses require students to have a high level of intellectual curiosity and motivation, solid analytical and reasoning ability, and a strong independent work ethic.

**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.

**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. Past projects have included essays, presentations, stage lighting design, software applications, and a fixed-wing drone.

#### ASPIRE: Advanced Science Program for Independent Research & Engineering

The Science Department's project-based learning initiatives have taken students out of the classroom and into the real world. The ASPIRE Program specifically allows high-achieving students to pursue novel research projects that truly make a difference in the world. ASPIRE students intern in professional research labs in the Greater New York City area and subsequently present their work at local and state-level STEM competitions in hopes of gaining external recognition for their efforts and advancing to the national and international competitions.

### **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, World Languages or Visual Art. 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.

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

Distinction	Unweighted GPA Range
Honor Roll	3.50-3.69
High Honor Roll	3.70-3.85
King Scholar	3.86-4.0