

TABOR ACADEMY

SCHOOL BY THE SEA

School Profile Academic Year 2021-22

About Tabor Academy

Tabor Academy is a four-year coeducational, college preparatory boarding and day school located on the picturesque shore of Sippican Harbor in Marion, Massachusetts. Founded in 1876 on the belief that a healthy school community finds common ground while embracing differences, our school enrolls a student body rich in racial, ethnic, religious, economic, and international diversity. Tabor students demonstrate academic ability, strong motivation, sound character, emotional stability, and a willingness to participate fully in the school community. Tabor's academic, artistic, athletic, and community programs provide distinctive opportunities for students to achieve genuine understanding, attain significant skills and identify and pursue personal goals. As the "School by the Sea," Tabor sustains a unique maritime heritage that embodies, in all its programs, the qualities a seagoing life requires: thoughtful preparation for and awareness of the wider world, perseverance, courage, a sense of direction, and humility.

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Mission

- To inspire a lifelong love of learning
- To instill a passion for the highest standards of achievement
- To encourage personal responsibility
- To foster care for others and committed citizenship

Program and Calendar

- Tabor operates on a trimester academic calendar. First trimester grades will be available in November.
- Tabor Academy is a proud partner school of the Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Valuing the importance of Mind, Brain, and Education Science, Tabor faculty are leveraging this partnership to implement innovative approaches to teaching and learning throughout our classrooms.

Tabor Academy Facts at a Glance

- Senior Class: 138
Boarding: 99
Day Student: 39
- Total Enrollment: 537
Total Boarders: 378/ Total Day: 159
Total Boys: 273/Total Girls: 264 (51%/49%)
Total States: 26/Total Countries: 21
45% of students are from outside Massachusetts
- Teaching Faculty: 82
- 69% faculty hold advanced degrees
- Average class size: 12-14
- Student/teacher ratio: 7:1
- Tabor Academy is a member of the Independent School League (New England) and fields 54 interscholastic teams (26 of which compete at the varsity level).
- In the performing and fine arts, Tabor offers a range of choral and instrumental groups, several theatrical productions annually, including a large-scale musical, and a variety of studio art courses.

COVID-19 RELATED CHANGES

The following information details how Tabor Academy made adjustments to respond to challenges associated with the pandemic.

Grading and Academic Program 2019-2020: Due to COVID-19, Tabor made a rapid shift to remote learning at the conclusion of Trimester 2 and adopted a grading policy of Credit/No Credit for all Trimester 3 courses.

In making this decision to issue all T3 grades as CR/NC, our primary consideration was a commitment to equity and grade integrity. We witnessed a range of differences in the lived experiences of our students -- in time zones across the globe, in internet service reliability, in access to quiet space, and in home and family responsibilities. All of these differences can substantially impact our students' abilities to fully access the curriculum, and we felt that our grading policy needed to shift in a manner commensurate with the uncertainty and significance of the times.

We modified our transcript for 2019-20 to reflect this limitation. While in more typical years our transcript displays only the final grade and credits earned for a given course, for the year 2019-20, we separated out the T2/YTD grade, the T3 grade (indicated as CR/NC). Though full year classes earned a full credit, we did not post a final grade for those courses because we did not feel it possible to average a numerical grade at T2 with a CR for T3, nor was it accurate to carry the T2 grade as a final average.

2020-2021: Tabor held in-person classes and ran a full range of co-curricular programming for those students able to come to campus. For those unable to travel to campus, Tabor offered the option to enroll "remotely"—classes were live-streamed to remote students and they participated as fully as possible in the academic program. For the period between Thanksgiving break and February, Tabor offered a robust synchronous and asynchronous remote learning program for all students. On campus in-person learning resumed in February 2021.

Grading System & Class Standing

Grades are awarded on a 100-point scale with the grade of 60 as passing. Grade point averages are calculated using the chart below.

90-92 (A-) 3.67 GPA points	93-97 (A) 4.0 GPA points	98-100 (A+) 4.33 GPA points
80-82 (B-) 2.67 GPA points	83-86 (B) 3.0 GPA points	87-89 (B+) 3.33 GPA points
70-72 (C-) 1.67 GPA points	73-76 (C) 2.0 GPA points	77-79 (C+) 2.33 GPA points
60-62 (D-) 0.67 GPA points	63-66 (D) 1.0 GPA points	67-69 (D+) 1.33 GPA points
59 & below (F) 0 GPA points		

Tabor's student body is composed entirely of college preparatory students, ninety-nine percent of whom attend competitive, four-year colleges. Given the school's selective admissions policy and academic strength, class rank in such a group is misleading. As such, Tabor Academy does not calculate class rank.

Graduation Requirements

To earn a Tabor diploma, each student completes a minimum number of required courses and electives, based on core requirements (listed below). Full-year courses earn 1.0 academic credits and trimester courses earn .33 academic credits.

Minimum core requirements for graduation

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Math (4 credits recommended)
- 2 credits of Science (including Biology)
- 2 credits of History/Social Science (including U.S. History)
- 3 credits of 1 Foreign Language (through level 3) or 2 credits each of 2 languages
- Arts – varies according to entry grade level (see Curricular notes**)

Advanced Courses

Tabor offers a broad-based and challenging college preparatory curriculum. Our range of course offerings across the academic disciplines encourages students to explore their interests and discover their unique strengths as they engage as participants and partners in their learning. The courses listed below are the most advanced offered in their discipline.

English

Honors English 2
Adv. Topics: Rhetoric & Composition
Adv. Topics: Multi-Genre Literature

Mathematics & Computer Science

Honors Algebra 2
Honors Precalculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Post-AP Mathematics 1
Adv. Topics: Diff Equations & Linear Algebra
Adv. Topics: Multivariable Calculus
Adv. Topics: Computer Science

Science

Adv. Topics: Biology
Honors Chemistry
Adv. Topics: Chemistry
Honors Physics
Adv. Topics: Calculus Based Physics
Adv. Topics: Environmental Science
Adv. Topics: Marine Science

History

Honors United States History
Adv. Topics: U.S. History
Adv. Topics: World History
Adv. Topics: Government
Adv. Topics: Macroeconomics
Adv. Topics: Historical Research Pro-Seminar

Modern & Classical Languages

Honors Chinese – Levels 2 and 3
AP Chinese Language
Honors French – Levels 2 and 3
Adv. Topics: French Language & Culture
Adv. Topics: French Literature & Film
Honors Spanish – Levels 2 and 3
Adv. Topics: Spanish
Adv. Topics: Spanish Literature
Honors Latin – Levels 2 and 3
Adv. Topics: Latin
Adv. Topics: Latin Seminar

Fine & Performing Arts

Advanced Acting and Directing
Advanced Ceramics
Advanced Musicianship
Advanced Photo
Advanced Studio Art
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Curricular Notes

- **Courseload:** In general, 9th and 10th graders are expected to carry six courses each trimester, five of which should be in the core academic areas. Students in grades 11 or 12 may choose to carry five courses and forego a sixth elective course.
- **Recent Curriculum Changes:** In keeping with our mission to inspire a lifelong love of learning and instill a passion for the highest standards of achievement within our students, Tabor has implemented several changes to its curriculum.

Advanced Topics Courses: Moving beyond the AP curriculum to embrace greater academic rigor and teaching autonomy, several departments and subjects now offer advanced-level courses known as Advanced Topics. Students who complete these courses face academic demands and are given the option to take the AP exam in each respective subject as appropriate.

- **Arts Requirement**:** Art Units can be earned through course enrollment or an approved extracurricular activity. The total number of Art Units required for graduation is as follows:
For students who enter in 9th grade: 6 trimesters/units
For students who enter in 10th grade: 4 trimesters/units
For students who enter in 11th grade: 2 trimesters/units
- **Independent Study:** Independent Studies are an opportunity for students to pursue specialized topics beyond our standard curriculum. All independent studies occur under the direct academic supervision of a Tabor faculty member. Students are limited to a maximum of one independent study per trimester, and with permission, the independent study may replace a sixth course. Independent Studies are graded on a Pass/Fail (P/F) basis.

Signature Programs

- **Marine Science:** Capitalizing on our waterfront location and state-of-the-art wet lab, Tabor offers both full-year and trimester-length electives in marine science. These courses cover a wide-range of topics and encompass learning opportunities that focus on marine life in all its forms, marine ecology, and the importance of marine conservation. Often, these classes include extensive study, much of it original research in and around Sippican Harbor. Looking beyond our shore, Tabor has partnered with scientists at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA and professors at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth to provide students with additional, higher level research opportunities.
- **Nautical Science/Naval Honor Program:** Since 1941, Tabor has enjoyed the distinct honor of serving as a Naval Honor School. As such, Tabor may nominate students each year to each of the Federal Service Academies. In support of our Naval Honor status, Tabor offers a wide range of Nautical Science courses that provide experiential learning opportunities in boating and seamanship. Satisfactory completion of five nautical science units earns a student a Naval Honor certificate with their Tabor diploma.
- **Senior Projects:** Every year, interested and qualified seniors may apply to pursue a self-designed senior project spanning the third trimester. Selected by a faculty committee through an iterative proposal and vetting process, student projects are supervised by a subject area specialist and evaluated by a committee of faculty readers. Seniors pursuing senior projects are approved by the committee for a reduced course load in the third trimester according to the demands of the project. Projects culminate in a variety of finished products, as well as a polished community presentation reflective of the diverse interests and academic goals of Tabor students.

2018-2021 College Admissions

Listed below is a cross section of colleges and universities at which Tabor Academy graduates from the classes of 2018-2021 have been accepted; * indicates where students matriculated.

20 and over

Boston College*
Boston University*
College of Charleston*
Connecticut College*
Drexel University*
Elon University*
Fairfield University*
Fordham University*
Hobart William Smith Colleges*
Loyola University Maryland*
Northeastern University*
Pennsylvania State University*
Providence College*
Roger Williams University*
Santa Clara University*
Syracuse University*
Trinity College*
Union College (NY)*
University of California, San Diego*
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Denver*
University of Massachusetts-Amherst*
University of New Hampshire*
University of Rhode Island*
University of Vermont*
Villanova University*

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American University*
Bryant University*
Case Western Reserve University*
Endicott College*
George Washington University*
Lehigh University*
Quinnipiac University*
St. Lawrence University*
The University of Alabama*
University of Miami*
University of South Carolina-Columbia*
University of Tampa*

10-14

Babson College*
Bentley University*
Brandeis University*
Colby College*
College of the Holy Cross*
Dickinson College*
Eckerd College*
Furman University*
Hamilton College*
Ithaca College*
Miami University-Oxford*
Purdue University-Main Campus*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Rollins College*
Sacred Heart University*
Saint Anselm College*
Saint Michael's College*
Salve Regina University*
Skidmore College*
Southern Methodist University*
Stonehill College*
Suffolk University*
Tufts University*
University of California-Davis*
University of California-Santa Barbara*
University of Connecticut*
University of Richmond*
University of Rochester*
University of Southern California*
University of St Andrews*
University of Virginia-Main Campus*
Wheaton College - Massachusetts*
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

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Arizona State University-Tempe*
Auburn University*
Bard College*
Bates College*
Belmont University*
Brown University*
Bucknell University*
Carnegie Mellon University*
Chapman University*
Clark University*
Clemson University*
Colgate University*
Colorado State University-Fort Collins*
Denison University*

Drew University*
Emory University*
Florida Institute of Technology*
Franklin & Marshall College*
Georgetown University*
Georgia Institute of Technology*
Gettysburg College*
Howard University*
Indiana University-Bloomington*
Johns Hopkins University*
Kenyon College*
Lafayette College*
Massachusetts Maritime Academy*
Merrimack College*
Michigan State University*
Mount Holyoke College*
Muhlenberg College*
New York University*
Northwestern University*
Ohio State University-Main Campus*
Reed College*
Savannah College of Art and Design*
Springfield College*
St Mary's College of Maryland*
Stetson University*
Temple University*
Texas Christian University*
The College of Wooster*
The New School*
The University of Edinburgh*
The Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville*
University of British Columbia*
University of California-Irvine*
University of California-Los Angeles*
University of Delaware*
Univ. of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign*
University of Maine*
University of Maryland-College Park*
University of Mass./ Dartmouth*
University of Massachusetts-Lowell*
University of Mississippi*
University of New England*
University of Oregon*
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Pittsburgh*
University of San Francisco*
University of Washington, Seattle*
University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Vanderbilt University*
Virginia Polyt. Inst. and State Univ.*
Wake Forest University*
Washington College*
Wesleyan University*

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Acadia University*
Agnes Scott College*
Albertus Magnus College*
Alfred University*
Allegheny College*
Amer. Academy of Dramatic Arts-NY*
Amherst College*
Assumption University*
Aurora University*
Barry University*
Baylor University*
Berklee College of Music*
Binghamton University*
Birmingham Southern College*
Boston Conservatory at Berklee*
Bowdoin College*
Bradley University*
Bridgewater College*
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo*
California College of the Arts*
California Institute of the Arts*
California State Poly. Univ., Pomona*
California State Univ., Long Beach*
California State Univ.-Los Angeles*
California State Univ.-Monterey Bay*
Canisius College*
Castleton University*
Catholic University of America*
Central Connecticut State University*
Centre College*
Champlain College*
Claremont McKenna College*
Clark Atlanta University*
Clarkson University*
Coastal Carolina University*
College of Our Lady of the Elms*
Colorado College*
Colorado School of Mines*

Columbia University*
Concordia University-Irvine*
Cornell University*
Curry College*
Dartmouth College*
Davidson College*
DePaul University*
Dillard University*
Duke University*
Durham University*
East Carolina University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*
Emerson College*
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical Univ.*
Florida Atlantic Univ.*
Florida International University*
Florida Southern College*
Florida State University*
Franklin University Switzerland*
George Mason University*
Georgia Southern University*
Georgia State University*
Gordon College*
Goucher College*
Guilford College*
Hampshire College*
Hampton University*
Harvard College*
Haverford College*
Hawaii Pacific University*
High Point University*
Hofstra University*
Illinois Institute of Technology*
Imperial College London*
Iowa State University*
Jacksonville University*
James Madison University*
John Cabot University*
Johnson & Wales University*
Keio University*
King University*
King's College London (Univ. of London)*
La Salle University*
Lake Forest College*
Lesley University*
Lewis & Clark College*
Louisiana State University*
Loyola Marymount University*
Loyola University Chicago*
Macalester College*
Maine Maritime Academy*
Manhattan College*
Marist College*
Marquette University*
Maryland Institute College of Art*
Marymount California University*
Marymount Manhattan College*
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy*
McGill University*
Mercer University*
Middlebury College*
Morehouse College*
Morgan State University*
New Jersey Institute of Technology*
Nichols College*
Norwich University*
Oberlin College*
Occidental College*
Ohio Wesleyan University*
Oklahoma State University*
Oregon State University*
Oxford College of Emory University*
Pace University-New York*
Peking University*
Pitzer College*
Pratt Institute*
Princeton University*
Queen Mary University of London*
Queens University of Charlotte*
Radford University*
Randolph-Macon College*
Regis College*
Rhode Island School of Design*
Rice University*
Roanoke College*
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*
Rutgers University-New Brunswick*
Rutgers University-Newark*
Saint Edward's University*
Saint Joseph's College of Maine*
Salem State University*
San Diego State University*
Sarah Lawrence College*

School of the Art Institute of Chicago*
Scripps College*
Seattle University*
Seton Hall University*
Sewanee-The University of the South*
Siena College*
Simmons University*
Smith College*
Southern Utah University*
Spelman College*
St Olaf College*
St. Francis College*
St. John Fisher College*
St. John's University*
Stevens Institute of Technology*
Stony Brook University, SUNY*
SUNY College at Oswego*
SUNY Maritime College*
Texas A&M University-College Station*
Texas A&M University-Galveston*
Texas Tech University*
The American University of Paris*
The American University of Rome*
The University of Arizona*
The University of Texas at Austin*
Trinity College Dublin*
Tulane University of Louisiana*
Tuskegee University*
United States Coast Guard Academy*
U. S. Merchant Marine Academy*
United States Naval Academy*
University College Cork*
University College London*
University of Alabama at Birmingham*
University of Arkansas*
University of Bristol*
University of California-Berkeley*
University of California-Riverside*
University of California-Santa Cruz*
University of Chicago*
University of Colorado Denver*
University of Glasgow*
University of Hartford*
University of Houston*
University of Illinois at Chicago*
University of Kansas*
University of Kentucky*
University of Leeds*
University of Lynchburg*
University of Manchester*
University of Mary Washington*
University of Massachusetts Boston*
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*
University of Montana*
University of Nevada-Las Vegas*
Univ. of New Mexico-Main Campus*
University of New Orleans*
University of Newcastle*
Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte*
Univ. of North Carolina Wilmington*
University of North Texas*
University of Notre Dame*
University of Oklahoma*
University of Oxford*
University of Portland*
University of Puget Sound*
University of Redlands*
University of San Diego*
Univ. of South Florida: Tampa Campus*
University of Southern Maine*
University of Utah*
University of Victoria*
Univ. of Washington-Tacoma Campus*
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*
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