



# The Gow School

PROFILE 2022-2023

CEEB CODE #335290

**School:** A college-prep boarding and day school for students, grades 6-12, with dyslexia and similar language-based learning disabilities. Founded in 1926, The Gow School's mission states: "A leader and innovator in dyslexia education with a commitment to the values of kindness, respect, honesty and hard work, since 1926 The Gow School has been helping students with language-based learning differences develop the skills and confidence to succeed in higher education and beyond as creative, compassionate adults and engaged citizens." The School is located in South Wales, New York, 25 miles southeast of Buffalo. The campus has more than 100 acres of fields and woodlands with 23 buildings, five playing fields and five tennis courts. The Gow School is a boarding school of 130 students (34 in the senior class), including an occasional post-graduate and 44 full and part-time teachers. Our students come this year from 13 foreign countries and 28 states. The average class size is six students. The School was permanently chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1978 and is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools. It holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, The College Board, the International Dyslexia Association, and the Learning Disabilities Association.

## SAT I SCORES (Graduating Seniors):

<u>Class of</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>
2022	No scores to report		
2021	No scores to report		
2020	No scores to report		

## AVERAGE ACT SCORE:

Class of 2022	Comp. 20
Class of 2021	Comp. 20
Class of 2020	Comp. 20

N.B. These ranges represent scores from all test administrations. The Gow School is convinced that even non-standard (i.e., extended time or scripted) administrations of standardized testing will only provide a partial indication of the dyslexic student's intellectual potential, aptitude for academic work, and scholastic accomplishment.

## General Grading System:

Letter	Points	Quality Honors	Letter	Points
A	4.0	Honor Roll	C-	1.7
A-	3.7	Honor Roll	D+	1.3
B+	3.3	Honor Roll	D	1.0
B	3.0	Merit Roll	D-	0.7
B-	2.7		F	.0
C+	2.3		Inc.	(work to be completed)
C	2.0			

**NOTE:** The Gow School calculates Grade Point Averages using the quality points awarded for the grades earned in each course reported on the transcript. No distinction is made with regard to the institution granting credit or with regard to the levels or types of courses reported. Questions regarding student GPA calculations may be directed to the Director of College Counseling. Because of its small size and special mission, The Gow School does not rank students, though Gow will provide general decile ranks upon request. The Gow School has an established policy of discouraging so-called “grade inflation,” and works actively with its faculty to avoid awarding unduly high marks.

**2022-2023 Course Offerings and Credit:** This information demonstrates how we create the typical program of courses for our students.

<b>GRADE 9</b>		<b>GRADE 10</b>	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
Reconstructive Language 9	1	Reconstructive Language	1
English 9	1	English 10	1
Global Studies I	1	Global Studies II	1
Physical Science 9	1	Chemistry	1
Pre Alg., Alg. 1 or Alg. 2	0 (Pre-Alg) or 1	Algebra 1, Algebra 2 or Geometry	1
Fine Arts Elective (a)	1 or .5	Fine Arts Elective (a)	1 or .5
Applied Technology Elective (d)	1 or .5	Applied Technology Elective (d)	1 or .5
Health Elective (e)	.5	Health Elective, if needed (e)	.5
<b>GRADE 11</b>		<b>GRADE 12</b>	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
Reconstructive Language	1	Reconstructive Language	1
English 11 or Journalism	1	English 12 or Advanced Writing	1
U.S. History	1	Algebra 2 or Geometry, if needed, or	1
Biology, or Science Elective (b)	1	Pre-Calculus or Calculus Elective	
Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus	1		
Fine Arts Elective (a)	1 or .5	Fine Arts Elective (a)	1 or .5
Science Elective (b)	1	Science Elective (b)	1
Math Elective (c)	1	Math Elective (c)	1
Applied Technology Elective (d)	1	Applied Technology Elective (d)	1
Other Elective (e)	1	Other Elective (e)	1

## **ELECTIVE INFORMATION**

**Health** - The N.Y. State requirement is .5 credit offered in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Science** - Any one of the science electives may be taken after completion of Chemistry and Biology (see (b) below).

**Math** - Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Geometry are required.

**Instrumental Music** – Students in grades 6-12 earn .25 credit.

**(a) Fine Arts** - The N.Y. State requirement is 1 full credit of Fine Arts.

Intermediate Theater or Theater 1 1 or .5  
Art: Drawing and Painting, 3-D,  
Intermediate, Advanced (Honors) 1 or .5  
Advanced Music Production, .5  
Introduction to Music Production

### **(b) Science Electives**

Laboratory Physics 1  
Honors Advanced Physics w/Lab \*\* 1  
Advanced Biology w/Lab (Honors) 1

### **(d) Applied Technology Electives**

Computer 1 .5  
Graphic Design 1  
Audiovisual Engineering 1

Broadcast Journalism 1  
Honors Applied Robotics Tech 1  
Advanced Design Applications 1

### **(e) Other Electives**

Health (Upper School) .5  
Public Speaking .5  
Personal Finance .5

### **(c) Math Electives**

Honors Pre Calculus 1  
  
Honors Calculus I \*\* 1  
Honors Calculus II 1  
  
Computer Science 1

Honors Economics \*\* .5  
Honors Advanced Humanities (Grade 12) 1  
Business Seminar (Grade 12 only) 1  
Journalism (English 11 Honors) 1  
Honors Advanced Writing (English 12) 1  
Spanish I 1  
Spanish II 1

## **24 credits are required for graduation.**

All courses are taught with an awareness of and accommodation for the learning differences of our students. Care is taken to distinguish between the educational "content" of courses and the skills required for mastery. Skills remediation is generalized throughout the curriculum, by specific programs, teaching strategies, and most especially by a highly structured environment.

An important component of the academic program is the daily structured study hall time which occupies approximately three hours of the average student's day. There, students gradually learn to take ownership for their academic work. Teachers are available in study hall to answer questions or provide technical help. Each academic day, students are encouraged to request a 30-minute tutorial session with teachers in whose courses they may have questions.

By graduation, Gow students have internalized coping, organizational and self-advocacy skills that will serve them for their college careers and beyond.

- \*1) Reconstructive Language is the core course of The Gow School curriculum. Peter Gow designed it in the 1920s, in collaboration with renowned neurologist Dr. Samuel T. Orton. This curriculum undergoes regular revision in keeping with current cognitive and brain research. It continues to be recognized as an excellent approach to the structure and use of English. Reconstructive Language teaches analytical language skills, primarily with the printed or written word. In the earlier years, phonics is mastered in conjunction with vocabulary words, spelling, and practice in oral reading. In grades 11 and 12, Reconstructive Language covers advanced concepts in morphology, etymology, and linguistics. Linguistics Survey is a non-remedial Honors course option for seniors in Reconstructive Language.
- \*2) Honors Advanced Humanities is a research seminar in advanced topics in recent U.S. history and culture. Within the course, strong emphasis is placed on logical and analytical thought, particularly as applied to recent national and world affairs. The course lays equal emphasis on college preparatory content and on critical research methods used at the college level. The culminating activity of the course is the completion of a major research paper. The course simulates the atmosphere of a college classroom.
- \*3) PreCalculus, Calculus I, Calculus II, Economics, Advanced Writing, Laboratory Physics, Advanced Physics, Advanced Biology, Journalism, Linguistic Survey and Advanced Art are particularly challenging electives taught at the college level for well-prepared and motivated students. These courses carry the "Honors" designation. \*\*Students in Economics, Calculus 1, and Advanced Physics courses are eligible to earn college credit through local colleges. These colleges issue transcripts separately upon satisfactory completion of their requirements.

**College Advisor:** Charles K. Brown, Director of College Counseling

**Graduates:** Recent Gow School graduates have been accepted at the following colleges:

Acadia University (Canada)	Colorado State University
Adelphi University	Cornell University
Alfred University	Curry College
Allegheny College	Daemen University
American International College	Dalhousie University (Canada)
American University	Davis & Elkins College
Arizona State University	Dean College
Ashland University	Denison University
Baldwin Wallace University	DePaul University
Baylor University	Drexel University
Bethany College	Drury University
Bethune-Cookman University	D'Youville University
Boston College	Earlham College
Boston University	Eastern Kentucky University
Bradley University	Edinboro University
Bristol University (U.K.)	Elizabethtown College
Brock University (Canada)	Elon University
Bucknell University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
California Polytechnic State University	Fairleigh Dickinson University
California State Univ.-Long Beach	Ferrum College
California University of Pennsylvania	Finlandia College
Canisius College	Flagler College
Carleton University (Canada)	Florida Institute of Technology
Castleton University	Florida Memorial University
Catholic University	Franklin Pierce University
Cazenovia College	Gannon University
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Gardner-Webb University
Champlain College	Georgian Court University
Clark University	Goucher College
Clarkson University	Grand Valley State University
Clemson University	Greensboro College
Cleveland State University	Guilford College
Coastal Carolina University	Hampden-Sydney College
Colby College	Hampton University
College for Creative Studies	Hawaii Pacific University
College of Charleston	High Point University
College of St. Benedict	Hiram College
College of Wooster	Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Hofstra University  
Hood College  
Houghton College  
Howard University  
Humber College (Canada)  
Immaculata University  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
Iona College  
Ithaca College  
Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
Jefferson University  
John Carroll University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Kent State University  
Keuka College  
King's University College (Canada)  
Landmark College  
Lasell College  
Lawrence University  
Lehigh University  
LeMoyné University  
Limestone College  
Linfield University  
Long Island University Post Campus  
Loras College  
Louisiana State University  
Loyalist College (Canada)  
Loyola University of Maryland  
Lynn University  
Maine Maritime Academy  
Manhattanville College  
Marquette University  
Marist College  
Marshall University  
Marymount University  
McDaniel College  
McPherson College  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
Mercy College  
Mercyhurst University  
Merrimack College  
Methodist University  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Michigan Technological University  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
Montana State University  
Montclair State University  
Morehouse College  
Morgan State University  
Mount Allison University (Canada)  
Mount St. Joseph University  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Muskingum University  
Nazareth College  
New England College  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York Institute of Technology  
Niagara University  
Nicholls State University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Michigan University  
Northern Vermont University  
Norwich University  
Notre Dame College  
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design (Canada)  
Ohio University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Old Dominion University  
Ontario College of Art & Design (Canada)  
Ontario University Institute of Technology (Canada)  
Otterbein College  
Otis College of Art & Design  
Oxford Brookes University (U.K.)  
Pace University  
Paul Smith's College  
Penn College of Technology  
Radford University  
Randolph Macon College  
Regis University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes College  
Richmond, The International University in London  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University  
Ryerson University (Canada)  
St. Ambrose University  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Edward's University  
St. Francis Xavier University (Canada)  
St. John Fisher College  
St. Joseph University  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Louis University  
St. Mary's University (Canada)  
St. Norbert College  
St. Thomas Aquinas College  
Salem State University  
Samford University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Seattle University  
Seneca College  
Seton Hill University  
Sheridan College Institute of Technology  
Skidmore College  
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale  
Southern Methodist University  
Southeastern University  
Springfield College  
Spring Hill College  
Stetson University  
SUNY-Alfred  
SUNY-Buffalo State College  
SUNY-Canton  
SUNY-Cobleskill  
SUNY-Fredonia  
SUNY-Geneseo  
SUNY-Maritime  
SUNY-Morrisville  
SUNY-New Paltz  
SUNY-Oneonta  
SUNY-Oswego  
SUNY-Potsdam  
SUNY-Purchase

SUNY-Stony Brook  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Tecnologico de Monterey (Mexico)  
Temple University  
Texas State Technical College  
The College of Wooster  
The George Washington University  
The New School  
The Ohio State University  
The University of the Arts-Philadelphia  
Thiel College  
Trent University (Canada)  
Trinity University  
Trinity Western University (Canada)  
Trocaire College  
Union College  
University of Alabama  
University of Akron  
University of Arizona  
University of Bridgeport  
University of British Columbia (Canada)  
University at Buffalo  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado-Boulder  
University of Colorado-Colorado Springs  
University of Connecticut  
University at Dayton  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
University of Guelph (Canada)  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champlain  
University of Indiana-Bloomington  
University of Indianapolis  
University of Iowa  
University of Kentucky  
University of King's College (Canada)  
University of Maine  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

University of Massachusetts-Lowell  
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
University of New Orleans  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
University of North Dakota  
University of Northern British Columbia (Canada)  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Ottawa (Canada)  
University of the Ozarks  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
University of Prince Edward Island  
University of Texas, San Antonio  
University of Prince Edward Island (Canada)  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Rochester  
University of St. Thomas  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Surrey (U.K.)  
University of Tampa  
University of Toledo  
University of Toronto  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
University of Waterloo (Canada)  
University of West London (UK)  
University of Western Ontario (Canada)  
University of Windsor  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
Villa Maria College  
Vincennes University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia State University  
Washington College  
Wells College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Westminster College  
Westminster College (PA)  
West Virginia University  
West Virginia Wesleyan College

Western Michigan University  
Western New England College  
Western State College of Colorado  
Western Washington University  
Whittier College  
Whitworth College  
Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)  
Wilkes University  
Willamette University  
Wingate University  
Winston Salem State University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Technology  
Xavier University