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Greens Farms Academy (GFA) is an independent day school founded in 1925 and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).



GFA has a total enrollment of 764 students



GFA students represent 30 towns and cities across Connecticut and New York State.



GFA has a Cum Laude Society Chapter, which was founded in 1979.

## ACADEMICS

GFA requires a minimum of 20 credits of academic work for graduation including: English (4); mathematics (3); world languages (3); history and global studies (2); science (2); arts (1); May Term (1 each in 2018-2019 and 2021-2022). Each year, students take a minimum of 5 full-credit courses and a maximum of 6.5 (7 credits are permitted for students in music ensembles).

**Juniors and seniors may not exceed 5 credits per year in English, science, mathematics, history and global studies, and world languages, but may add Inquiries, Advanced Inquiries, and Global Online Academy courses to those 5 core courses.**

**BEYOND THE AP:** In 2020-2021, GFA chose to phase out AP courses. Students graduating in 2022 were the final class to have access to AP-designated courses. In 2020, we introduced a new student-centered inquiry-focused curriculum featuring Inquiries and Advanced Inquiries.

**Inquiries** deepen a student's understanding of a subject or facilitate the development of skills beyond what is possible in the rest of the curriculum. Students partner with a faculty mentor alongside a small cohort of peers to write substantial research papers, explore a topic in greater depth than in traditional courses, learn a new skill, or gain knowledge about a topic that is not covered in the curriculum. These 0.5 credit courses are typically available beginning in the 11th grade.

**Advanced Inquiries**, available only to 12th graders, represent the highest level of academic rigor at GFA. They generate the highest level of understanding, demand the greatest skill, and offer the most latitude for students to exercise their agency and follow their curiosity. In these courses, students will chart their own paths of inquiry, present their findings to the GFA community, and produce an original piece of work. Students may enroll in only one Advanced Inquiry during their time at GFA

## UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSCRIPT

In moving beyond the AP, GFA adopted a numbering system to represent courses on student transcripts. Courses move in sequence from the 100-800 level, which represent a student's progression through each department's curriculum. For example, most freshman courses are 200-level; sophomore classes are usually at the 300- or 400-level; junior courses are typically offered at the 500- or 600-level; and senior courses are mainly offered at the 600- or 700-level. There are, of course, exceptions, and students do not always proceed in a linear fashion through the curriculum. **GFA's rigorous courses are mostly taught at the Honors-level, indicated by a -50 in the course level. The lower level of a tracked course is represented by a closing -00. AP courses and their equivalents are 650-level, and Advanced Inquiries are represented by 850.**

**COVID-19:** In spring 2020, Greens Farms Academy transitioned to virtual learning with live, online classes. Our online curriculum maintained the rigor, grades, and scholarship long associated with GFA. We are proud that we were able to return to full, in-person learning for the 2020-2021 school year with courses offered in four quarter-esque "rotations" to minimize exposure and enable contact tracing.

## LEARNING IN THE WORLD

GFA students can participate in several off-campus study programs in the United States and overseas for a year, a semester, or even a summer. Recently, students have attended School Year Abroad (SYA), High Mountain Institute (HMI), The

Island School, Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki, The Mountain School, and The School for Ethics and Global Leadership (SEGL). GFA is also a member of Global Online Academy (GOA). GOA courses are interactive, instructional, and experiential. All GOA courses have synchronous and asynchronous components.

## ARTS

GFA views the arts as a fundamental component of a demanding curriculum. The Performing Arts and Visual Arts departments offer a full, four-year curriculum culminating in Advanced Inquiries and AP courses. Students regularly participate in concert performances, recitals, musicals, and plays. They also represent GFA in All-Region, All-State, and national performance ensembles.

## ATHLETICS

GFA has a vibrant athletics program that offers 50 activities, including interscholastic sports, independent studies, and fitness classes. Freshmen and sophomores are required to participate in three athletic seasons while juniors and seniors must participate in two.

## DISCIPLINE REPORTING

If asked, GFA will report disciplinary violations that result in suspensions, whether related to academic or behavioral misconduct. A single infraction that occurs in the freshman or sophomore year is not reported.

## HONORS, HIGH HONORS, AND HEAD OF SCHOOL

Honor Roll is achieved with a minimum B+ average. High Honor Roll requires a minimum A-average. Head of School Distinction is a faculty-nominated honor awarded each semester to students who demonstrate commitment to academic excellence through their leadership in class and their role as catalysts in class discussion. Selected students model qualities such as intellectual courage or initiative, willingness to hear or offer alternative points of view, and enthusiasm for learning for its own sake.

## MARKING SYSTEM

GFA uses an unweighted grading scale. Upper School courses completed prior to ninth grade are included in a student's total credits, but are not calculated into the cumulative GPA.

A+ 4.33	A 4.00	A- 3.67
B+ 3.33	B 3.00	B- 2.67
C+ 2.33	C 2.00	C- 1.67
D+ 1.33	D 1.00	D- 0.67
F 0.00		

## CLASS OF 2022 TESTING

SAT  
(60 test takers)  
EBRW  
Mean: 670  
Median: 670

Math  
Mean: 684  
Median: 700

ACT  
(33 test takers)  
Mean: 31  
Median: 32

## GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR CLASS OF 2023 (85 STUDENTS)

As a matter of policy, students are not ranked. The GPA distribution is based on cumulative GPA at the conclusion of junior year. The highest unweighted cumulative GPA for the Class of 2023 is 4.24.

4.22 & above - 4	3.77-3.67 - 13
4.21-4.11 - 11	3.66-3.56 - 10
4.10-4.00 - 13	3.55-3.45 - 5
3.99-3.89 - 12	3.44 & below - 4
3.88-3.78 - 13	

**2018-2022 SELECTED COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (MATRICULATIONS IN BOLD)**

University of Alabama	<b>Colgate University</b>	<b>Indiana University-Bloomington</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b>	Stonehill College
<b>Allegheny College</b>	<b>University of Colorado Boulder</b>	University of Iowa	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	Stony Brook University
American University	<b>Colorado College</b>	<b>Ithaca College</b>	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>	Suffolk University
American University of Paris	<b>Columbia University</b>	James Madison University	<b>Pitzer College</b>	Swarthmore College
<b>Babson College</b>	<b>Connecticut College</b>	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<b>Pomona College</b>	University of Sydney
Bard College	<b>University of Connecticut</b>	<b>Kenyon College</b>	<b>Pratt Institute-Main</b>	<b>Syracuse University</b>
<b>Barnard College</b>	<b>Cornell University</b>	King's College London	<b>Providence College</b>	University of Tampa
<b>Bates College</b>	<b>Dartmouth College</b>	<b>Lafayette College</b>	<b>Purdue University</b>	<b>Temple University</b>
Baylor University	<b>Davidson College</b>	<b>Lake Forest College</b>	Quinnipiac University	Texas A & M University
Bennington College	University of Dayton	<b>Lehigh University</b>	<b>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</b>	<b>Texas Christian University</b>
<b>Bentley University</b>	<b>University of Delaware</b>	Lewis & Clark College	<b>Rhode Island School of Design</b>	<b>University of Texas at Austin</b>
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	Denison University	Loyola Marymount University	<b>University of Rhode Island</b>	University of Toronto
Binghamton University	University of Denver	Loyola University Chicago	Rhodes College	Toulouse Business School
<b>Boston College</b>	<b>Dickinson College</b>	<b>Loyola University Maryland</b>	<b>University of Richmond</b>	<b>Trinity College</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	Drexel University	<b>Macalester College</b>	Ringling College of Art and Design	<b>Tufts University</b>
<b>Bowdoin College</b>	Duke Kunshan University	University of Maine	Rochester Institute of Technology	<b>Tulane University</b>
Brandeis University	<b>Duke University</b>	Marist College	University of Rochester	<b>Union College</b>
University of British Columbia	<b>Eckerd College</b>	Maryland Institute College of Art	Roger Williams University	<b>United States Military Academy</b>
<b>Brown University</b>	University of Edinburgh	University of Maryland	Rollins College	<b>United States Naval Academy</b>
Bryant University	<b>Elon University</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts-</b>	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Universiteit Maastricht
<b>Bryn Mawr College</b>	Emerson College	<b>Amherst</b>	Rutgers University	Ursinus College
<b>Bucknell University</b>	<b>Emory University</b>	McGill University	<b>Sacred Heart University</b>	<b>Vanderbilt University</b>
<b>California Institute of the Arts</b>	Endicott College	<b>Merrimack College</b>	<b>Saint Michael's College</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>
<b>California Polytechnic State University</b>	<b>Fairfield University</b>	<b>Miami University, Oxford</b>	University of San Diego	<b>University of Vermont</b>
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>Fordham University</b>	<b>University of Miami</b>	University of San Francisco	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>University of California-Berkeley</b>	<b>Franklin and Marshall College</b>	Michigan State University	<b>Santa Clara University</b>	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of California-Davis	Furman University	<b>University of Michigan</b>	Sarah Lawrence College	<b>University of Virginia</b>
<b>University of California-Irvine</b>	<b>George Washington University</b>	<b>Middlebury College</b>	Savannah College of Art & Design	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
<b>University of California-Los Angeles</b>	<b>Georgetown University</b>	Muhlenberg College	<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>	Washington and Lee University
<b>University of California-San Diego</b>	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	University of New Hampshire	School of Visual Arts	<b>Washington University in St Louis</b>
<b>University of California-Santa Barbara</b>	University of Georgia	University of New Haven	<b>Scripps College</b>	<b>Wentworth Institute of Technology</b>
<b>Carleton College</b>	Gettysburg College	The New School	Sewanee: The University of the South	<b>Wesleyan University</b>
<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	<b>Grinnell College</b>	<b>New York University</b>	<b>Skidmore College</b>	<b>Wheaton College, MA</b>
Case Western Reserve University	<b>Hamilton College</b>	<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b>	<b>Smith College</b>	Whitman College
The Catholic University of America	University of Hartford	University of North Texas	University of South Carolina	Whittier College
Chapman University	<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>Northeastern University</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b>	<b>College of William &amp; Mary</b>
<b>College of Charleston</b>	University of Hawaii at Manoa	<b>Northwestern University</b>	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	<b>Williams College</b>
<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>Hobart William Smith Colleges</b>	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>	Spelman College	<b>University of Wisconsin</b>
<b>Claremont McKenna College</b>	Hofstra University	<b>NYU Shanghai</b>	<b>University of St Andrews</b>	<b>Wofford College</b>
Clark University	<b>College of the Holy Cross</b>	Oberlin College	<b>St. Lawrence University</b>	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
<b>Clemson University</b>	<b>Howard University</b>	<b>Occidental College</b>	<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>Yale University</b>
<b>Colby College</b>	IE University - Madrid	Ohio State University	Stevens Institute of Technology	
	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign</b>	Franklin W Olin College of Engineering	<b>Stockholm School of Economics</b>	

**AVAILABLE COURSES - CLASS OF 2023**

SUBJECT	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
<b>English</b> <i>Graduation requirement:</i> 4 credits	English 9	ENG450: World Literature  *English 750: Inquiry -Creative Writing -Literary Studies	ENG650: American Literature  *English 750: Inquiry -Creative Writing -Literary Studies	ENG750: Electives  *English 750: Inquiry in Creative Writing or Literary Studies  *English 850: Advanced Inquiry: Creative Writing or Literary Studies
<b>Mathematics</b> <i>Graduation requirement:</i> 3 credits	Algebra 1 Geometry Geometry H Algebra 2 & Trig. Algebra 2 & Trig. H	MATH200:Geometry MATH250:Geometry Math 300:Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH350:Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH400:Pre-calculus MATH450:Pre-calculus	MATH300: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH350: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry MATH400: Precalculus MATH450: Precalculus MATH550: Fundamentals of Calculus MATH550: Fundamentals of Prob/Stat MATH650: Advanced Calculus AB MATH650: Advanced Statistics MATH650: Advanced Calculus BC MATH750: Multivariable Calculus  *MATH550: Inquiry -Explorations of Math -Intro. to Investing -Linear Algebra	MATH400: Precalculus MATH450: Precalculus MATH550: Fundamentals of Calculus MATH550: Fundamentals of Prob/Stat MATH650: Advanced Calculus AB MATH650: Advanced Statistics MATH650: Advanced Calculus BC MATH750: Multivariable Calculus  *MATH550: Inquiry -Explorations of Math -Intro. to Investing -Linear Algebra  *MATH850: Advanced Inquiry -Pure Math -Applied Math
<b>History &amp; Global Studies</b> <i>Graduation requirement:</i> 2 credits -World History -US History	Found. of World History Big Histories of the World	HGS450: Modern World History	HGS650: United States History  *HGS700: Reading Inquiry *HGS750: Research Inquiry -American History -European History -Art History	HGS650 Electives  *HGS700: Reading Inquiry *HGS750: Research Inquiry -American History -European History -Art History *HGS850: Advanced Inquiry -Global Thesis -Research in History
<b>Science</b> <i>Graduation requirement:</i> 2 credits -Biology -Chemistry	Biology Biology H	SCI400: Chemistry SCI450: Chemistry SCI550: Marine Science - Local SCI550: Marine Science - Global  *SCI550: Inquiry -Research & Exp Design *SCI650: Inquiry -Human Ecology & Sustainability -Science Research 1	SCI500: Physics SCI550: Marine Science- Local SCI550: Marine Science - Global SCI550: Physics SCI650: Advanced Enviro. Science SCI650: Advanced Biology SCI650: Advanced Chemistry SCI650: Advanced Physics: Mechanics  *SCI550: Inquiry -Research & Exp Design *SCI650: Inquiry -Human Ecology & Sustainability -Science Research 1 *SCI750: Inquiry -Human Ecology & Sustainability -Science Research 2	SCI500: Physics SCI550: Marine Science- Local SCI550: Marine Science- Global SCI550: Physics SCI650: Advanced Enviro. Science SCI650: Advanced Biology SCI650: Advanced Chemistry SCI650: Advanced Physics: Mechanics SCI750: Advanced Physics: Elec & Magnet.  *SCI550: Inquiry -Research & Exp Design *SCI650: Inquiry -Human Ecology & Sustainability -Science Research 1 *SCI750: Inquiry -Human Ecology & Sustainability -Science Research 2  *SCI850: Advanced Inquiry -Human Ecology & Sustainability -Science Research & Experimental Design
<b>World Languages</b> <i>Graduation requirement:</i> 3 credits	French: 1, 2, 3 Mandarin: 2, 3, 4H Spanish: 1, 2, 4H	FRE250: French 2 FRE350: French 3 FRE450: French 4 FRE550: French 5 LAT350: Latin 3 MAN350: Mandarin 3 MAN450: Mandarin 4 MAN650: Advanced Mandarin SPA250: Spanish 2 SPA350: Spanish 3 SPA450: Spanish 4 SPA550: Spanish 5 SPA650: Advanced Spanish	FRE350: French 3 FRE450: French 4 FRE550: French 5 FRE650: Advanced French MAN450: Mandarin 4 MAN650: Advanced Mandarin MAAN750:Advanced Topics - Mandarin SPA350: Spanish 3 SPA450: Spanish 4 SPA550: Spanish 5 SPA650: Advanced Spanish SPA750: Advanced Topics - Spanish	FRE350: French 3 FRE450: French 4 FRE550: French 5 FRE650: Advanced French FRE750: Advanced Topics - French MAN650: Advanced Mandarin MAN750: Advanced Topics - Mandarin SPA450: Spanish 4 SPA550: Spanish 5 SPA650: Advanced Spanish SPA750: Advanced Topics - Spanish

**Computer Science, Engineering, and Design:**

Introduction to Computer Science  
Introduction to Physical Computing  
Introduction to Designing Robots

CSED250: Introduction to Computational Thinking  
CSED450: Intermediate Engineering  
CSED450: Intermediate Computer Science  
CSED650: Advanced Computer Science  
CSED650: Physical Computing and Design  
CSED650: Robotics  
CSED750: Data Structures  
CSED750: Game Design and Development  
CSED750: Puzzles, Logic, and Simple Computers  
\*CSED850: Advanced Inquiry in Computer Science, Engineering, and Design

**Fine & Performing Arts:**

ART250: Introduction to Visual Arts  
ART450: Intermediate Studio Art  
ART450: Intermediate Photography  
ART450: Intermediate Film/Video  
ART550: Inquiry: Visual Arts  
ART650 & 750: Advanced Portfolio - Art & Design  
ART650: Advanced Film/Video  
\*ART850: Advanced Inquiry: Visual Arts

Concert Choir  
Chamber Choir  
Chamber Orchestra  
Wind Ensemble  
MUS250: Music Technology  
MUS250: Music Theory  
MUS550: Jazz & Blues  
MUS550: History of the Symphony  
MUS650: Advanced Music Theory  
\*MUS750: Inquiry  
-Composing & Arranging  
- Music Performance  
\*MUS850: Advanced Inquiry  
- Musical Performance  
- Composition  
- Conducting

THE250: Introduction to Theatre Design  
THE450: Intermediate Theatre Design  
THE550: Broadway & Beyond  
THE650: Advanced Theatre  
\*THE750: Inquiry in Theatre & Design  
\*THE850: Advanced Inquiry in Theatre  
- Acting  
- Directing  
- Playwriting  
- Design