



Eagle Hill School

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School Profile 2022-2023

HISTORY

Established in 1967, Eagle Hill is an independent boarding school located in Hardwick, Massachusetts. Serving a co-educational population of 220 young men and women in grades eight through twelve, Eagle Hill is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and recognized for its expertise in developing individualized courses of study for students described as learning disabled.

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of Eagle Hill School is to provide an individualized program of study while also requiring a rigorous academic course load. The student to teacher classroom ratio of 6:1 creates an intimate learning environment in which students work at a pace appropriate to their skills with attention and support focused on the individual's needs. Classes are grouped primarily by skill level with consideration to age.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AND ACADEMIC CREDIT

One academic credit is awarded for each term completed in each course. Following a traditional four-year program of study, students enroll in 216 credits (i.e., 6 classes x 9 terms x 4 years). Successful completion of 200 credits is required for graduation. Minimum distribution area requirements are outlined in the table below. A final course grade of D or better is required for course credit.

	MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION	REQUIRED COURSES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES English History Visual & Performing Arts Foreign Language	86	Government (8) Social Construction of Identity (3)
QUANTITATIVE REASONING Math Science Computer Applications	58	Biology (8)
CORE ENRICHMENT Pragmatics Life Skills Physical Education Health	27	Seminar on Learning (1) College Orientation (3) Personal Finance (3) Health (3) Physical Education or Athletics (12)*



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Head of School

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*3 credits are awarded for each season in which a student participates in athletics; 4 credits must be earned through coursework.

CURRICULUM

Working with an academic advisor, each student prepares a unique course of study at Eagle Hill School, meeting the school's distribution requirements detailed above and allowing each student to develop core academic competencies for advanced study, explore diverse subject matters, and pursue his or her passions as a student. The school's nine-term academic calendar and innovative scheduling allow students greater flexibility in preparing individualized course plans. See the sample below:

APPROXIMATE TERM DATES	TERM 1 9/13 -10/5	TERM 2 10/6 -11/1	TERM 3 11/2 -12/3	TERM 4 12/6 - 1/12	TERM 5 1/13 - 2/7	TERM 6 2/8 - 3/10	TERM 7 3/11 - 4/4	TERM 8 4/5 - 5/5	TERM 9 5/9 - 6/3
COM. PREP 7:45-8:39									
PERIOD 1 8:43-9:37	COLLEGE ORIENTATION			MASTERPIECES OF FANTASY LITERATURE					
PERIOD 2 9:41-10:35	LATIN					SONNETS OF SHAKESPEARE	LATIN		
PERIOD 3 10:39-11:33	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY				ECONOMIC FORCES IN AMERICAN HISTORY	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY			
PERIOD 4 11:37-12:31	CALCULUS				ECONOMIC FORCES IN AMERICAN HISTORY	CALCULUS			
LUNCH 12:35-1:15									
PERIOD 5 1:19-2:13	INTERNET RESEARCH		WRITING FOR PUBLICATION		BASICS OF FILMMAKING		WATERCOLOR PAINTING		
PERIOD 6 2:17-3:11	GOVERNMENT		Phys. Ed.	GOVERNMENT					
OFFICE HOURS 3:11-3:45									

Sample Schedule

GRADING SYSTEM

97-100 = A+	87-89 = B+	77-79 = C+	67-69 = D+
93-96 = A	83-86 = B	73-76 = C	65-66 = D
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-	0-64 = F

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK

Class rank and GPA are not routinely reported at Eagle Hill. The school chooses not to use a system that measures students against one another.

HONOR ROLL AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students who earn a term average of 88 or better with no grade below 80 are recognized on the academic honor roll. Honor Roll recognition is awarded three times each year, at the conclusion of terms three, six, and nine. Students who earn a place on the academic honor roll throughout the year are recognized with the Academic Excellence award.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REPORTS

When asked, Eagle Hill School reports all at home suspensions that occur during a student's senior year and all major infractions of the code of student conduct (e.g., harm to an individual or the community, a pattern of inappropriate behavior) for a student's entire tenure at Eagle Hill.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Eagle Hill offers the IB Diploma Programme beginning in the junior year. Students not enrolled in the full diploma Programme may take several IB courses. Eagle Hill School does not offer AP courses. Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme. Eagle Hill School is authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>.

HONORS PROJECTS

Students interested in completing advanced independent study in an academic subject can submit a proposal to complete an honors project. The proposal must be approved by the committee of academic department chairs. Upon completion, the project is reviewed by faculty based upon the following criteria: soundness of research, effectiveness of performance and presentation, and evidence of original scholarship. Students accepted for honors projects commit themselves to a greater level of academic independence and to an additional workload. Projects may be short-term or may take multiple years to complete. Successful completion of an honors project is noted in the awards section of the transcript.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Eagle Hill offers a full foreign language program but does not require enrollment in a class for graduation. Foreign language study is not recommended for every student at Eagle Hill. Students work closely with an advisor to select courses appropriate to their learning styles.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Eagle Hill requires each student to complete 10 hours of community service for each year enrolled in grades nine through twelve. Most students far exceed this requirement.



Learning Differently *Demands* Teaching Differently

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96% of Eagle Hill graduates matriculate to a four-year college

5-Year Matriculation List

Adelphi University
Agnes Scott College
American University
Austin College
Ball State University
Beacon College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Catawba College
Champlain College
Chapman University
Clark University
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College
College of Charleston
College of DuPage
Colgate University
Columbia College
Columbia College Chicago
Connecticut College
Cornell College
Cuesta College
Curry College
Dean College
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aero U - AZ
Emerson College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fitchburg State University
Florida Southern College
Georgian College
Gordon College

Green Mountain College
Hampshire College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Iona College
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales U - RI
Johnson & Wales U - FL
Juniata College
Keene State College
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Landmark College
Lasell College
Lawrence University
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Long Island University - Post
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Maine College of Art
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marymount Manhattan College
Mass College of Liberal Arts
McDaniel College
Mercyhurst University
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Minneapolis College Art & Design
Mitchell College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
Muskingum University
New England College
New England Institute of Technology
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Notre Dame College of Ohio
Oklahoma State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Pitzer College
Quinnipiac University

Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's College - ME
Saint Mary's College of CA
Saint Michael's College
Salve Regina University
Santa Fe University Art & Design
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Southern Oregon University
Stevens Institute of Technology
St. Edward's University
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
The College of Wooster
The Evergreen State College
The George Washington University
The University of Arizona
The University of Tampa
Trinity College
Universal Technical Institute
University of Chicago
University of Denver
University of Hartford
University of Mass, Amherst
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina
Union College
University of Lynchburg
University of Michigan
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of Virginia
Wellesley College
Western University
Westfield State University
Wheaton College -IL
Wheaton College -MA
Worcester Polytechnic Institute