



GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY

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2022-2023 Profile

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

George Stevens Academy is a caring educational community committed to meeting the needs of each local and residential student with a challenging, comprehensive, academic and experiential program that fosters the pursuit of knowledge, inspires creativity, develops self-reliance, and prepares graduates for a purposeful life in a changing world.

Located in the center of Blue Hill, a small coastal village on a scenic rural peninsula, GSA is an independent, comprehensive town academy of 293 students, including 10 international and U.S. boarding students. George Stevens Academy serves as the community high school for students from seven area towns. The local admission process is noncompetitive; students who choose to attend are admitted.

The GSA faculty numbers 36 (21 women, 15 men) with 50% holding advanced degrees. The student/teacher ratio is 10:1. Most classes range from 10-20 students.

CLASS OF 2023

The Class of 2023 numbers 88, including 4 international boarding students. The grading scale is 0-100, with a passing mark of 70. Grades in courses designated honors or AP are weighted an additional 10%. Transcripts provide both the unweighted and weighted GPA on a 100-point scale. **GSA does not rank its students.**

COVID-19 IMPACTS

In March 2020, GSA went to full remote learning for the rest of the school year. Students chose to finish under a Credit/No Credit system or with their full numerical

grades; those choices are reflected on their transcripts for the spring 2020 semester. None of the final marks for that semester were used in computing the student's cumulative GPA.

In 2020-2021, GSA operated under a hybrid model with a block schedule. Students attended in-person classes two days a week, with remote and independent work the remaining three days. Some students chose to be fully remote for the entire year. Semester-length courses were one quarter; full-year courses were completed in a single semester. Grades appear on transcripts using the 100-point scale for all students and were counted in their cumulative GPA.

In 2021-2022, GSA returned to full in-person classes, operating under a comprehensive 4x4 block schedule, with 0.5 credit courses completed in one quarter and 1.0 credit courses completed in one semester. This structure and schedule continues in 2022-2023.

CURRICULUM

GSA's comprehensive, experiential, engaging, and rigorous curriculum serves a wide range of students. Within a broad college prep framework, honors and AP courses are available in all core academic disciplines to students seeking the highest level of traditional rigor and college preparation. The full program of studies is available [**HERE**](#).

Curricular Highlights:

AP courses offered in 2022-2023 are English Literature, English Language, U.S. History, Human Geography, Calculus AB/BC, Statistics, Biology, Environmental Science, Drawing, and 2-D Design. Students may also pursue AP courses not offered at GSA through AP4ME, a Maine-based distance learning option. Honors courses number 25, across all disciplines.

Visual and Performing Arts offers a broad portfolio of courses including Painting, Drawing, Photography, Jazz and Steel Bands, Music Production, and Dance.

ISIP (Independent Study and Internship Program) is a key curricular opportunity open to juniors and seniors. Students develop their own projects and complete them during two weeks in February/March with supervision by a faculty advisor and an outside expert in the field; an evening event showcasing every student's project takes place in late March.

Students may pursue coursework in Boatbuilding and Industrial Technology & Engineering. Digital technology courses include Java, Robotics, and Computer Illustration and Modeling.

GSA offers opportunities outside of the traditional classroom setting with courses in Culinary Arts, Outdoor Leadership, and Ocean Studies. Students may also do up to two semesters of co-op education through internships at a business, nonprofit, or other organization.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22.25 credits

4 credits of English (includes Senior English or AP English Language & Composition); **3** credits of mathematics (includes 1 credit of geometry and 2 credits of algebra or higher-level analytic math); **3** credits of science; **3** credits of social studies (including U.S. History); **1** credit of physical education; **1** credit of visual & performing arts; **½** credit of Health; **½** credit of ISIP; up to **½** credit of Ninth-Grade Seminar; **1** credit of advisory; elective credits to meet the total credits required for graduation.

Graduates also must meet a newly instituted community service requirement.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

GSA offers twelve interscholastic varsity sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. Visual and performing artists can participate in four music groups, and there are two dedicated events each year for visual artists and at least two drama productions each school year. Student clubs include Chess Club, Gender & Sexuality Alliance, Math Team, Poetry Out Loud, Student Council, and Environmental Awareness Club, along with language clubs for Spanish and French.

SAT RESULTS

CLASS OF 2022 (35 students testing): Overall 1000-1290 (mid 50%), mean = 1119; EBRW 480-640 (mid 50%), mean = 557; MATH 460-660 (mid 50%), mean = 562

CLASS OF 2021 Insufficient data (due to COVID restrictions) for meaningful statistics. Only 13 students tested.

CLASS OF 2020 (73 students testing): Overall 930-1220 (mid 50%), mean = 1091; EBRW 475-625 (mid 50%), mean = 552; MATH 450-630 (mid 50%), mean = 539

CLASS OF 2019 (64 students): Overall 940-1225 (mid 50%); EBRW 475-615 (mid 50%); Math 460-620 (mid 50%)

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

GSA students earned admission to the following institutions (2019-2022). Members of the Class of 2022 matriculated at the institutions in boldface.

Alfred University
American University
Bard College
Bates College
Beloit College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College

Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Bryn Mawr College
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Cruz
Case Western Reserve University
Champlain College
University of Chicago

Clark University

Clarkson University

College of the Atlantic
University of Colorado, Boulder

Colorado College

University of Connecticut

Connecticut College

Dickinson College

Drew University

Earlham College

Eastern Maine Community College

Eckerd College

Emory University

Endicott College

Fashion Institute of Technology

Fordham University

Franklin & Marshall College

The George Washington University

Guilford College

Hamilton College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Husson University

Ithaca College

Kalamazoo College

Keene State University

Lawrence University (WI)

Lewis and Clark College

University of Maine

University of Maine, Augusta

University of Maine at Farmington

University of Maine at Fort Kent

University of Maine at Machias

Maine College of Art

Maine Maritime Academy

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston

McGill University (Canada)

Mount Allison University, New Brunswick

Mount Holyoke College

University of New England

University of New Hampshire

Pennsylvania State University, University Park

University of Puget Sound

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology

University of Rochester

Roger Williams University

Saint Joseph's College of Maine

Salve Regina University

Sarah Lawrence College

Simmons University

Skidmore College

Smith College

Southern Maine Community College

Springfield College (MA)

University of Southern Maine

St. John's College (NY, NM)

St. Lawrence University

Temple University

The New School (NY)

Thomas College

Trinity University (TX)

Ursinus College

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Washington

Wheaton College (MA)

Whitman College

Woodbury University (CA)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute