

Lawrence Academy School Profile 2023–2024

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THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1793, Lawrence Academy is an academically rigorous coeducational boarding and day college-preparatory school enrolling 415 students in grades 9–12. The day population draws from eastern Massachusetts and neighboring New Hampshire towns. Ten percent of the student population is international, representing 13 different countries, while the remaining boarding students come from 16 different states. On average, 100 seniors graduate each year, with 100 percent matriculating at a four-year college.

CALENDAR

Lawrence Academy operates on a trimester system, with a required two-week “Winterim” experiential education program at the end of the winter term. The first trimester ends at the Thanksgiving break recess; the second, approximately March 1.

CLASS RANK, GPA, CUM LAUDE, AND HIGH HONOR ROLL/ HONOR ROLL

Lawrence Academy does not provide class rank nor a cumulative grade point average. Cum Laude is awarded to the top 10 percent of juniors with no grade below B-. High Honor Roll is earned with a term GPA of 3.50 and above with no grade below B. Honor Roll is earned with a term GPA of 3.00 and above with no grade below B-.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Year-long courses earn one credit; term-length electives earn one-third credit. Students entering in Grade 9 must earn 18 credits; 17 1/3 credits are required for all others for graduation, including the following distribution requirements:

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years (through Algebra II and Trigonometry)
Science	3 years of a laboratory science for students entering in Grade 9 (Physics, Chemistry, Biology); 2 years for others (Chemistry and Biology)
History	3 years if entering in Grade 9; 2 years for others (U.S. History plus one other)
Language	2 years of one language
Arts	2 years for students entering in Grade 9; 1/3 credit per year for others “or” one trimester per year for others

REPORTING DISCIPLINE

It is expected, when asked in the college application process about any formal discipline at Lawrence Academy, that students will respond in an honest and forthright manner. If Lawrence Academy discovers that a student has not answered honestly and forthrightly according to the college’s purpose and definition, the school will immediately contact the college and provide an account of the student’s relevant disciplinary history consistent with the school’s records. If a college reaches out to inquire about a student’s disciplinary history, Lawrence Academy will answer honestly. Aside from specific inquiries from colleges, Lawrence Academy does not automatically report disciplinary decisions to other schools or colleges unless they occur following the submission of application materials by the student and/or during the student’s senior year.

ACCREDITATION

New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Memberships are held in the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling, the College Board, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

THE CURRICULUM

Year-long classes form the core of the upper class curriculum. Most arts classes are one term in length. **Lawrence Academy does not offer Advanced Placement courses.** Our most rigorous courses will be designated “Honors,” and students may only take these courses with the permission of the department chair and/or completion of an assessment.

EXPLANATION OF COURSE LEVELS

Lawrence Academy offers a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum at all grade levels. Courses are offered at the Standard (ST), Advanced (ADV), and Honors (HON) levels, and each discipline may vary by year. We offer three classes (Chemistry, Physics, and Precalculus) at the Advanced Level, which is for students who have not been selected for the Honors level course but are ready to work at a more accelerated pace than the Standard class. Honors is our highest course level. Honors courses are as rigorous, if not more than AP classes.

Course	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON
History	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON
Mathematics	ST, HON	ST, ADV, HON	ST, ADV, HON	ST, ADV, HON
Science	ST	ST, ADV, HON	ST, HON	ST, ADV, HON
Language	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON	ST, HON
ESL	ST	ST	ST	ST
Arts	ST	ST	ST, HON	ST, HON

HONORS COURSES

Taken only with the permission of the department chair and/or the completion of a qualifying assessment. Honors courses merit a .33 increase in GPA points associated with grades in that course at the end of each trimester.

Arts: Honors Dance I, Honors Dance II, Honors Dance III, Honors Digital Media I, Honors Digital Media II, Honors Lawrence Academy Singers, Honors Performance Studies, Honors Theater Ensemble, Honors Visual Art I, Honors Visual Art II, Honors Visual Art III

English: Honors English Composition, Honors Literature, Honors Writing

History: Honors U.S. History; Honors Senior History; Honors Terrorism, Extremism, Radicalism

Language: Honors Chinese 3, Honors Chinese 4, Honors Chinese 5, Honors French 3, Honors French 4, Honors French 5, Honors Latin III, Honors Latin IV, Honors Spanish 3, Honors Spanish 4, Honors Spanish 5, Honors Spanish 6

Mathematics: Honors Integrated Algebra and Geometry II, Honors Algebra II and Trigonometry, Honors Precalculus, Honors Calculus, Honors Multivariable Calculus, Honors Statistics

Science: Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Experimental Chemistry, Honors Environmental Science, Honors Marine Science, Honors Physics, Honors Research in Astronomy

NUMERICAL EQUIVALENTS USED FOR AVERAGING

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

Colleges Attending – Lawrence Academy Graduates 2020-2023

American University	Indiana University	Swarthmore College
Amherst College	Jacksonville University	Syracuse University
Assumption University	James Madison University	Temple University
Babson College	Keene State College	Texas Christian University
Bard College	Kenyon College	The Ohio State University
Bard College	Lafayette College	The University of Tampa
Bates College	Lake Forest College	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Baylor University	Lasell University	The University of Texas at Austin
Bentley University	Lehigh University	Trinity College
Berklee College of Music	Loyola Marymount University	Tufts University
Boston College	Lynn University	Tulane University
Boston University	Manhattan College	Union College
Bowdoin College	Marist College	University of Arizona
Brandeis University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	University of California (Berkeley)
Bryant University	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of California (Davis)
Bucknell University	Merrimack College	University of California (Los Angeles)
Case Western Reserve University	Montana State University	University of California (Riverside)
Central Connecticut State University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Chicago
Centre College	New York University	University of Colorado Boulder
Clark University	Nichols College	University of Connecticut
Coastal Carolina University	North Carolina State University	University of Dayton
Colby College	Northeastern University	University of Denver
Colgate University	Norwich University	University of Hartford
College of Charleston	Occidental College	University of Louisville
College of the Holy Cross	Oregon State University	University of Maine
Colorado College	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Maryland (College Park)
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Pace University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Connecticut College	Parsons School of Design at The New School	University of Massachusetts (Lowell)
Denison University	Penn State University	University of Miami
Dickinson College	Pitzer College	University of Michigan
Drew University	Providence College	University of New England
Duke University	Purdue University	University of New Hampshire
Elon University	Quinnipiac University	University of New Haven
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Emerson College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Notre Dame
Emmanuel College	Roger Williams University	University of Rhode Island
Emory University	Rutgers University	University of Richmond
Endicott College	Sacred Heart University	University of St Andrews
Fairfield University	Saint Anselm College	University of Toronto
Florida Southern College	Saint Michael's College	University of Utah
Fordham University	Salve Regina University	University of Vermont
Franklin & Marshall College	Santa Clara University	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Franklin Pierce University	Sarah Lawrence College	Ursinus College
George Washington University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Villanova University
Georgetown University	Scripps College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Gettysburg College	Sewanee: The University of the South	Wagner College
Goldey-Beacom College	Skidmore College	Wake Forest University
Hamilton College	Smith College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Hamilton College	Sophia University	Wesleyan University
High Point University	St. John's College (Santa Fe)	Williams College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	St. Lawrence University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Hofstra University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Xavier University
Howard University	Stonehill College	
IE University	Suffolk University	