

# School Profile Academic Year 2023-24

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## ABOUT TABOR ACADEMY

Tabor Academy is a four-year coeducational, college preparatory boarding and day school located on Sippican Harbor in Marion, Massachusetts. Founded in 1876 on the belief that a healthy school community finds common ground while embracing differences, our school enrolls a student body rich in ethnic, religious, economic, and international diversity. Tabor's academic, artistic, athletic, and community programs provide distinctive opportunities for students to achieve genuine understanding, attain significant skills, and identify and pursue personal goals. As the "School by the Sea," Tabor sustains a unique maritime heritage that embodies, in all its programs, the qualities a seagoing life requires: thoughtful preparation for and awareness of the wider world, perseverance, courage, a sense of direction, and humility. The SSV Tabor Boy, a 115' sail training vessel, has been owned and operated by Tabor since 1952.

## FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Senior Class: 147 Boarding: 106 Day Student: 41
- Total Enrollment: 538
   Total Boarders: 371 / Total Day: 167
   Total States: 26 / Total Countries: 24
   Domestic students of color: 16%
   International students: 21%
   Students receiving financial aid: 37%
- Teaching Faculty: 79
- 71% faculty hold advanced degrees
- Average class size: 12-14
- Student/teacher ratio: 7:1

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

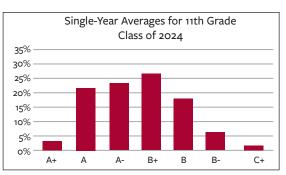
Tabor uses a trimester calendar. We do not have official first quarter or midyear grades. Fall Term grades are available after Thanksgiving. Colleges will receive Fall Term grades for all senior applicants and those should be used as a student's "midyear" grades.

## GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS STANDING

Grades are based on a 100-point scale and grade points for the GPA are calculated according to the chart below. Honors and Advanced courses receive a weighted factor of .50 GPA points. A student's official GPA is calculated based on the final average of a course.

98-100 (A+)	93-97 (A)	90-92 (A-)
4.33 GPA pts	4.0 GPA pts	3.67 GPA pts
87-89 (B+)	83-86 (B)	80-82 (B-)
3.33 GPA pts	3.0 GPA pts	2.67 GPA pts
77-79 (C+)	73-76 (C)	70-72 (C-)
2.33 GPA pts	2.0 GPA pts	1.67 GPA pts
67-69 (D+)	63-66 (D)	60-62 (D-)
1.33 GPA pts	1.0 GPA pts	0.67 GPA pts
		59 & below (F)
		o GPA pts

Tabor's student body is composed entirely of college preparatory students, ninety-nine percent of whom attend competitive, four-year colleges. Given the school's selective admissions policy and academic strength, class rank in such a group is misleading. As such, Tabor does not calculate class rank.



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#### HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

**English: 4 credits** 

Mathematics and Computer Science: 3 credits (4 recommended)

Science: 2 credits (Including Biology)

History/Social Science: 2 credits (Including United States History)

Modern and Classical Languages: (3 credits of 1 foreign language (through Level 3) or 2 credits of 2 languages)

Fine & Performing Arts: (students entering 9th grade, 6 units) (students entering 10th grade, 4 units) (students entering 11th grade, 2 units)

#### ADVANCED TOPICS

Moving beyond the AP curriculum to embrace greater academic rigor and teaching autonomy, Tabor offers advanced-level courses known as Advanced Topics. Students who complete these courses are given the option to take the AP exam if a correpsonding test is offered.

## DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

It is Tabor's policy to support students in reporting serious disciplinary consequences to colleges. We will notify colleges if an applicant's enrollment as a student at Tabor changes or if the Head of School believes that a circumstance warrants a disclosure. On applications in which a student is asked to disclose disciplinary information to colleges, we counsel them through the process and inform them that failure to disclose is a violation of Tabor's core values. We expect that students answer questions about disciplinary honestly. If a disciplinary violation occurs after a student has filed an application with a college, the student will notify the school within 10 days of the incident. The student's college counselor will then follow up with colleges directly to confirm receipt of the disciplinary report.

#### MOST ADVANCED COURSES AVAILABLE

\* Students must meet academic requirement and receive teacher recommendation to be considered for Honors or AT Courses

Honors Courage & Conviction in Literature Advanced Topics: Multi-Genre Literature Advanced Topics: Rhetoric & Composition

ce: Honors Algebra 2 Honors Precalculus Advanced Topics: Calculus AB Advanced Topics: Calculus BC Honors Calculus Seminar (*Prerequisite: AP Calculus BC*) Advanced Topics: Diff Eq & Linear Algebra Advanced Topics: Statistics Advanced Topics: Computer Science

> Honors Chemistry Honors Physics Advanced Topics: Biology Advanced Topics: Calculus Based Physics Advanced Topics: Chemistry Advanced Topics: Environmental Science Advanced Topics: Marine Science

Honors United States History Advanced Topics: Macroeconomics Advanced Topics: United States Government Advanced Topics: United States History Advanced Topics: World History

Honors Chinese Levels 2 and 3 Honors French Levels 2 and 3 Honors Latin Levels 2 and 3 Honors Spanish Levels 2 and 3 Advanced Topics: Chinese Advanced Topics: French Language & Culture Advanced Topics: French Literature & Film Advanced Topics: Latin Advanced Topics: Latin 2 Advanced Topics: Spanish Language & Culture Advanced Topics: Spanish Language & Culture

Advanced Topics: Ceramics Advanced Topics: Madrigal Singers Advanced Topics: Photography Advanced Topics: String Ensemble Advanced Topics: Studio Art Advanced Topics: Wind Ensemble

### COVID STATEMENT

**2020-2021:** For those unable to travel to campus, Tabor offered the option to enroll remotely. Classes were live-streamed to remote students.

## CURRICULAR NOTES AND SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

**Courseload:** In general, 9th and 10th graders are expected to carry six courses each trimester, five of which should be in the core academic areas. Students in grades 11 or 12 may choose to carry five courses and forego a sixth elective course.

Marine Science: Capitalizing on our waterfront location and state-of-the-art wet lab, Tabor offers full-year and trimester length courses in marine science. These courses encompass a focus on marine life, ecology, and conservation. Many of these classes include original research. Tabor partners with scientists at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, to provide students with additional opportunities.

Naval Honor Program: As a Naval Honor School, a distinction Tabor has maintained since 1941, Tabor may nominate students to each of the Federal Service Academies. In support of this status, Tabor offers academic and co-curricular opportunities in boating and seamanship. Completion of five nautical science units qualifies a student to apply for a Naval Honor certificate.

Senior Projects: Interested seniors may apply to pursue a self-designed project spanning the third trimester. Selected by an academic committee through an iterative proposal process, student projects are supervised by a subject area specialist. Seniors pursuing projects are approved for a reduced co-curricular and/or course schedule according to the project's demands. Projects culminate with finished products, accompanied by daily journal reflections and project analyses, as well as community-wide presentations.

**Independent Study:** Students may pursue specialized topics beyond our curriculum through an independent study. These occur under the supervision of a faculty member. Students are limited to one independent study per trimester, and with permission, it may replace a sixth course. They are graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

#### 2021-2023 COLLEGE MATRICULATION

\*Indicates where 3+ students matriculated.

American University\* Amherst College Assumption University\* Auburn University Babson College\* Bates College Belmont University Bentley University\* Boston College\* Boston University\* Bowdoin College Brandeis University\* Brown University Bryant University\* Bryn Mawr College Bucknell University\* Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University Central Maine Community College Chapman University Clark University Clarkson University Colby College\* Colgate University College of Charleston\* College of the Holy Cross\* Colorado College Columbia University in the City of New York Connecticut College\* Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art Cornell University\* Dalhousie University Davidson College Denison University\* Dickinson College Drexel University\* Duke University Eckerd College\* Elmira College Elms College Elon University\* Emerson College Endicott College\* Fairfield University\* Falmouth University Florida State University Fordham University\* Furman University Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology Gettysburg College Grinnell College Hamilton College\* Harvard University Hawaii Pacific University High Point University Hobart William Smith Colleges\* Howard University

Illinois Institute of Technology Indiana University-Bloomington Ithaca College Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College Lafayette College\* Lehigh University Loyola Marymount University\* Loyola University Chicago\* Loyola University Maryland Lynn University Maine Maritime Academy Massachusetts Maritime Academy Miami University, Oxford Michigan State University Middlebury College Mount Holyoke College Nazareth College New York University\* Northeastern University\* Northwestern University Occidental College Ohio State University Pennsylvania State University\* Pratt Institute-Main Princeton University Providence College\* Queen's University Reed College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute\* Rhode Island School of Design Rice University Rochester Institute of Technology\* Rollins College Rutgers University-New Brunswick Sacred Heart University\* Saint Michael's College San Diego State University Santa Clara University\* School of the Art Institute of Chicago Seattle University Simmons University Skidmore College Smith College Spelman College St. John Fisher University St. Lawrence University\* St. Mary's College of Maryland Syracuse University\* Texas Christian University The George Washington University The Glasgow School of Art The New School The University of Alabama The University of British Columbia The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill The University of Tampa The University of Tennessee-Knoxville The University of Texas at Austin\* The University of Virginia's College at Wise Trinity College\* Trinity College Dublin\* Tufts University Tulane University of Louisiana\* Union College (NY)\* United States Coast Guard Academy University College Dublin University College London University of California-Berkeley\* University of California-Davis University of California-Irvine University of California-Los Angeles University of California-San Diego University of California-Santa Cruz University of Chicago University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Denver\* University of Glasgow University of Maine University of Massachusetts-Amherst University of Massachusetts-Boston University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth\* University of Massachusetts-Lowell University of Miami\* University of New England University of New Hampshire\* University of Notre Dame University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania\* University of Pittsburgh University of Rhode Island University of Richmond\* University of Rochester University of San Francisco University of Southampton University of Southern California\* University of St Andrews University of the Arts London University of Utah University of Vermont\* University of Virginia\* University of Washington University of Wisconsin Utica University Vassar College\* Villanova University\* Wagner College Wake Forest University Washington and Lee University Webb Institute Wesleyan University West Virginia University Wheaton College - Massachusetts William & Mary Worcester Polytechnic Institute\*