



Key School engages children from 2.5 years of age through grade 12 in a progressive, coeducational, college-preparatory program on its picturesque 15-acre campus located 4 miles from downtown Annapolis.

COLLEGE PROFILE 2023-2024

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OUR UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS

206 students in Upper School (grades 9-12)

Class of 2024 comprises 52 students

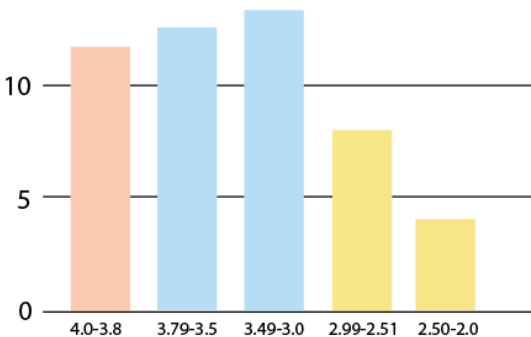
39% are students of color

6:1 student teacher ratio

Average class size is 16



CLASS OF 2024 DATA



GPA Average for Class 2024 at end of Junior Year: 3.35/4.0

51 Seniors

1 Senior not in the average, new to school

	A (93-100)	A- (90-92)
B+ (87-89)	B (83-86)	B- (80-82)
C+ (77-79)	C (73-76)	C- (70-72)
D+ (67-69)	D (63-66)	D- (60-62)
	F (0-59)	

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Academic year is divided into semesters on the block system
- Minimum of 5 courses each semester
- Maximum 6 courses each per semester
- Four 85 minute classes/day

ACADEMIC STATEMENT

- All courses are college preparatory; no honors designations
- All students take a core curriculum from 9th-11th grade in Humanities and Science
- The cumulative GPA is based on final grades
- Maximum GPA is 4.0
- GPA is not weighted
- GPA will be calculated at the end of 12th grade for a final cumulative GPA
- No Class Rank
- No honor roll or academic awards



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate, students must earn at least 18.25 credits:

Arts: 2 credits

English: 4 credits

History: 3 credits

Foreign Language: 2 credits

Laboratory Science: 3 credits

Mathematics: 3 credits

Physical Education: 1 credit earned over 3 years

Changing Lives: 0.25 credits



COVID-19/Academic Year 2020-2021

Students had the choice to begin the fall 2020 semester in a hybrid mode (alternating days on campus and virtual learning) or completely virtual. Some students chose to learn virtually all year.

COURSE AND TESTING SUMMARY

Highest courses offered: Advanced Biology, Advanced Chemistry, Calculus II/III, French Literature and Film, Advanced Spanish Literature, Advanced Studio Art

Students are unable to complete all of the highest level courses offered given the limitations of the schedule.

SAT/ACT

SAT and ACT - Not all students are taking exams given the landscape of test optional. Testing through September 2023

SAT: 59 tests, 39 students, 1255 average, 1160-1370 mid 50%

ACT: 18 tests, 14 students, 27 average, 24-31 mid 50%



ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

AP exams are optional for students. Advanced courses are the highest level courses offered. Key's courses do not align with the College Board curriculum. Courses are not designated as AP.

SCORED	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
5	5
4	11
3	8

24 students took AP exams - 40 tests were taken

The following AP exams are optional:

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics


Math: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics


English: English Literature and Composition


Language: French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture


Art: 2-D, 3-D and Drawing


UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS


SUBJECT	REQUIRED/CORE/COURSES	ELECTIVE COURSES
HUMANITIES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Civilization (9 - 2 credits) • Modern Civilization (10 - 2 credits) • American Civilization (11 - 2 credits) • Comparative Literature (12 - 1 credit, AP English Literature and Composition Exam optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Art of Reasoning: An Introduction to Logic and Debate (10, 11, 12 - .5 credits) • Creative Wiring (11,12 - 0.5 credit) • Cultures in Conflict (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Economics (11, 12 and 10 by instructors permission - 0.5 credit) • Environmental Perspectives (11, 12 and 10 by instructors permission - 0.5 credit) • International Film (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Introduction to Anthropology (10,11,12 - 0.5 credit) • J.R.R. Tolkien (11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Japan and The West (11,12 - 0.5 credit) • New Media Narratives (11,12 - 0.5 credit) • Philosophy and Communication (11,12- 0.5 credit) • Psychology (11,12 - 0.5 credit)


SUBJECT	REQUIRED/CORE/COURSES	HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES
LANGUAGES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic I (1 credit) • Arabic II (1 credit) • Arabic III (1 credit) • Arabic IV (1 credit) • French I-II (1 credit) • French III (1 credit) • French IV (1 credit) • Latin I (1 credit) • Latin II (1 credit) • Latin III (1 credit) • Spanish I (1 credit) • Spanish II (1 credit) • Spanish III (1 credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Latin (1 credit, AP Exam optional) • French V (1 credit, AP French Language and Culture Exam optional) • French Literature and Film (11,12 - 1 credit) • Spanish Language and Literature (1 credit, AP Spanish Language & Culture Exam optional) • Advanced Spanish Literature (1 credit, AP Spanish Literature & Culture exam optional)

SUBJECT	REQUIRED/CORE/COURSES	ELECTIVE COURSES	HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES
MATHEMATICS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I (1 credit) • Geometry (1 credit) • Geometry with Trigonometry (1 credit) • Algebra II (1 credit) • Algebra II with Trigonometry (1 credit) • Trigonometry and Finite Math (1 credit) • Pre-Calculus (1 credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Computer Science (0.5 credit) • Mathematical Modeling (10,11,12 - 0.5 credit) • Statistics (1 credit, AP Exam optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Calculus I (1 credit, AP Calculus AB Exam optional) • Advanced Calculus II (1 credit, AP Calculus BC Exam optional) • Calculus II/III (1 credit)

SUBJECT	REQUIRED/CORE/COURSES	ELECTIVE COURSES	HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES
SCIENCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Science: Data/Physics (9 - 1 credit) • Integrated Science: Energy/Chemistry (10 - 1 credit) • Integrated Science: Systems/Biology (11 - 1 credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Astronomy (11&12, 1 credit) • Introduction to Oceanography (11&12, .5 credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Biology (1 credit, AP Exam optional) • Advanced Chemistry (1 credit, AP Exam optional) • Physics (11&12, AP Physics 1 Exam optional)

SUBJECT	REQUIRED/CORE/COURSES	ELECTIVE COURSES	HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES
VISUAL ARTS <i>*Note all students must take 2 credits in Visual Arts and .5 credits in Performing Arts from the electives</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I (9- 1 credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2D Studies I (0.5 credit) • 2D Studies II (0.5 credit) • 3D Media I (0.5 credit) • 3D Media II (0.5 credit) • Digital Arts (0.5 credit) • Digital Photography I (0.5 credit) • Digital Photography II (0.5 credit) • Digital Video I (0.5 credit) • Digital Video II (0.5 credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Studio Fine Art I and II (0.5 credit each) AP Optional • Advanced Studio Art I and II (0.5 credit each) AP Optional

SUBJECT	ELECTIVE COURSES	HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES
PERFORMING ARTS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band (1 credit) • Chorus (1 credit) • Chamber Choir I (0.5 credit) • Chamber Choir II (0.5 credit) • Chamber Choir III and IV (0.5 credit each) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Theory I (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Music Theory II (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Acting, Theory and History (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Acting, Performance and Technique (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Playwriting (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Theater Design (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Theater Performance (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) • Dance Technique (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit)

SUBJECT
<p>Non-Department Courses: Community Service Elective (10, 11, 12 - 0.5 credit) Changing Lives (9 - 0.25 credit)</p> <p>Physical Education: While there are no specific required physical education classes in the Upper School, all students must obtain one credit for graduation. Students need 1/3 credit yearly in grades 9-11. Students may obtain these credits in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play two interscholastic sports in a given year • Enroll in the dance technique course • Sign up for one activity per semester that is approved for a Physical Education credit • Create an Independent Exercise Contract with a Physical Education teacher <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>

ABOUT US

Founded as a day school in 1958 by professors and parents affiliated with St. John's College, Key School graduated its first senior class in 1971. Key's rigorous academic program emphasizes experiential learning, interdisciplinary studies and global perspectives while encouraging both collaboration and independent thinking.

OUR MISSION

The Key School is founded upon the conviction that children are innately curious about themselves and the world; they want to learn, they want to discover, and they want to create.

Our mission is to nourish and guide this natural exuberance, energy, and delight in the search for meaning, so that each student embraces lifelong learning and develops into an informed, thoughtful, and constructive member of society.

OUR FACULTY

118 faculty members in the School

84 hold advanced degrees / 4 doctorates

29 have taught at Key for more than 15 years

OUR ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY

The general tone of Key is egalitarian, academically focused, informal, creative, and caring.

Key's program is designed to develop independent thinkers, creative innovators, effective collaborators, tenacious problem-solvers, and articulate leaders.

The School emphasizes the learning process, promotes individuality and encourages the free expression of ideas and points of view.

The adults on campus honor the intelligence and capacity of the student, and the students, in turn, create genuine and long-lasting connections with their teachers.

OUR CURRICULUM

Key's curriculum includes courses, materials and experiences intended to instruct, stimulate, challenge, and engender a delight in learning while developing a sustaining degree of intellectual curiosity.

Key faculty believe knowledge should be constructed, not delivered, and that real rigor comes from a deep understanding of the complexity of concepts and problems, not from the sheer amount of content covered.

In each course, Key's curriculum is designed to ask its students to analyze, question and construct meaning from information gathered.

DISTINCTIVE CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

Integrated Science Courses

- Required 9th through 11th: 9th Data; 10th Energy; 11th Systems
- Each course comprises integrated study of physics, chemistry and biology
- Topics from each of the traditional disciplines are chosen to match the overarching theme of each course
- For example, through classroom discussions and applied labs, students discover how cellular respiration (biological principle) is a series of oxidation-reduction reactions (chemistry concept)

Civilizations Courses

- Required 9th through 11th: 9th Ancient; 10th Modern; 11th American
- Two-credit humanities-based course that includes history and English

- Study of history and literature combined with study of philosophy, art, religion, politics, economics, law, and history of science
- Student essays require original thinking and logical rigor
- Sample essay: Assess role played by early Americans' belief that they were inhabiting a "New World" drawing on literary, historical and cultural evidence

Senior Projects

- All seniors complete a senior project
- Two-week internships or community-based service activities
- Students must submit proposals and have project formally approved
- Culminating exercise is a presentation about each project given to a faculty panel and their peers
- Recent projects include: shadowing and work at the Computational Biology Lab at Johns Hopkins University, writing a children's book, making guitars at *Paul Reed Smith Guitars* and conducting coral reef restoration.

Outdoor Education

- Provides opportunities for students to make connections between their academic studies and the natural world
- Coursework in the field is overseen by core discipline teachers and outdoor education staff
- Entire grades attend 1 to 6-day-long trips that include camping, backpacking, canoeing, and rock climbing
- Required trips include:
 - Grade 9 Island Odyssey: three days on remote Bay islands, studying ancient civilizations, physics, music, and art as well as the current environment of the Bay and its cultural implications
 - Grade 10 Rollin' on the River: four-day canoeing and camping excursion, where the study of history and chemistry become integral as they assess the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the region
 - Grade 11 Assateague: a five-day trip to Assateague Island where they explore the ecological interactions in and around the Chesapeake Bay and investigate the area's diverse habitats

COLLEGE ADVISING

Finding a college that fits the needs of the student is paramount to Key's college advising process. We work closely with students to help them identify their learning styles, personality tendencies, academic strengths, and social, extracurricular and community interests. Finding the right college is an important decision for seniors and we partner with our students and their parents to listen, understand and then determine the best list of potential schools. Our approach is personal, reflective and appropriately paced.

ATHLETICS

- Inclusive and competitive
- No "cuts": All students may play on an interscholastic team
- More than 75% participate in Key athletics

Varsity and JV sports include:

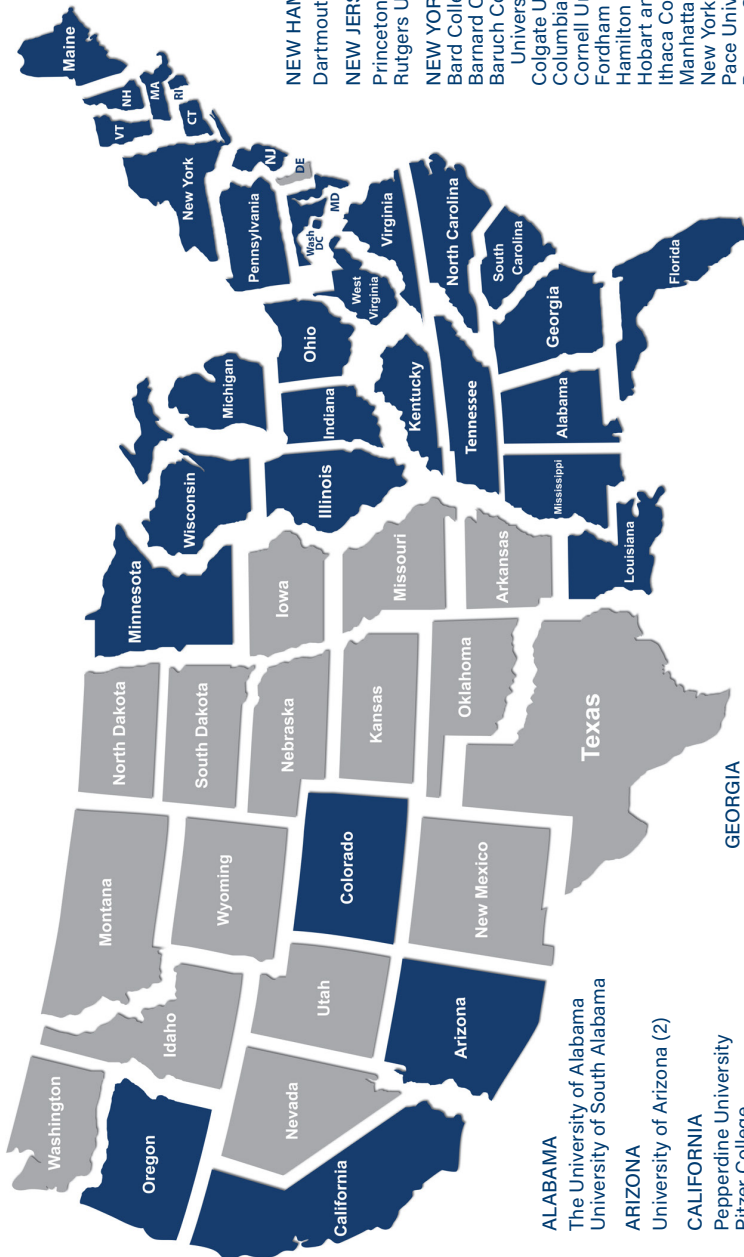
Fall: Cross-Country, Equestrian, Sailing, Soccer, and Volleyball
Winter: Basketball, Equestrian, Indoor Track, and Swimming
Spring: Baseball, Lacrosse, Sailing, and Tennis

REPORTING DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

The Key School does not volunteer to colleges information about minor infractions for which a student may have been suspended or placed on probation. If asked, the School will report disciplinary actions resulting from violations of local, state and federal law, from acts of significant academic dishonesty, or from any threat to the safety of the School community.

MATRICULATIONS BY STATE

2018 - 2023



ALABAMA

The University of Alabama
University of South Alabama

ARIZONA

University of Arizona (2)

CALIFORNIA

Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
San Diego State University
Scripps College
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley (5)
University of California, Los Angeles (2)
University of California at San Diego

COLORADO

Colorado College (2)
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
University of Colorado, Boulder (3)
University of Denver

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut College (2)
Sacred Heart University

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

American University (4)
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University (4)
Georgetown University
Howard University (2)

FLORIDA

Eckerd College (2)
Full Sail University
Jacksonville University
University of Miami (4)
University of Tampa (2)

GEORGIA

Georgia Institute of Technology,
Savannah College of Art & Design (5)
Spelman College (3)

ILLINOIS

Columbia College, Chicago (2)
DePaul University
University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign (2)

INDIANA

Purdue University (2)
University of Kentucky

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky
Louisiana State University

LOUISIANA

Louisiana State University
MAINE
Bates College
Bowdoin College
Colby College (2)
University of Maine

MARYLAND

Anne Arundel Community College (6)
Frostburg State University
Goucher College (2)
Howard County Community College
Johns Hopkins University (3)
Loyola University of Maryland (4)
McDaniel College

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston College
Boston University (2)
Brandeis University (3)
College of the Holy Cross
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mount Holyoke College
Tufts University
Williams College

MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo College
Michigan State University (4)
University of Michigan

MINNESOTA

Macalester College
MISSISSIPPI
University of Mississippi

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Salisbury University (5)
St. John's College (2)
St. Mary's College of Maryland (7)
Towson University (3)
United States Naval Academy (3)
University of Maryland (12)
University of Maryland,
Baltimore County (4)
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Washington College (3)

NORTH CAROLINA

Davidson College (3)
Duke University
Elon University
High Point University
OHIO
Case Western Reserve University (2)
Miami University of Ohio

OREGON

University of Oregon
Willamette University

PENNSYLVANIA

Bryn Mawr College (2)
Bucknell University (4)
Dickinson College (4)
Drexel University (5)
Franklin & Marshall College (5)
Gannon University
Gettysburg College

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dartmouth College (2)

NEW JERSEY

Princeton University
Rutgers University, New Brunswick

NEW YORK

Bard College (2)
Barnard College
Baruch College, The City
University of New York
Columbia University (2)
Cornell University (4)
Fordham University
Hamilton College (2)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Ithaca College
Manhattan College
New York University (3)
Pace University, New York City
Parsons School of Design at
The New School
Pratt Institute (3)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology (3)
St. Lawrence University (2)
Skidmore College
Syracuse University (8)
Union College (2)
University of Rochester
Wells College

NORTH CAROLINA

Davidson College (3)
Duke University
Elon University
High Point University
OHIO
Case Western Reserve University (2)
Miami University of Ohio

OREGON

University of Oregon
Willamette University

PENNSYLVANIA

Bryn Mawr College (2)
Bucknell University (4)
Dickinson College (4)
Drexel University (5)
Franklin & Marshall College (5)
Gannon University
Gettysburg College
OUTSIDE UNITED STATES
McGill University, Canada
University of Lincoln, United Kingdom
University of St Andrews, Scotland

Haverford College (2)

Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Penn State University, Abington
Penn State University (4)
Saint Joseph's University
Swarthmore College (2)
Temple University (2)
University of Pennsylvania (3)
University of Pittsburgh (3)
University of Pittsburgh
Honors College
Ursinus College (2)
Villanova University
Waynesburg University
Widener University

RHODE ISLAND

Brown University (2)
Providence College (2)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson University
College of Charleston (4)
University of South Carolina

TENNESSEE

Belmont University (2)
Vanderbilt University (3)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

VIRGINIA

Hampden-Sydney College
James Madison University
Liberty University
University of Mary Washington
University of Richmond (2)
University of Virginia (3)
Virginia Tech (3)
William & Mary (2)

VERMONT

Middlebury College
University of Vermont (2)

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia University

WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin-Madison (3)