

# KENT SCHOOL 

PROFILE 2023-2024

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## SCHOOL

Kent School, a coed boarding school two hours north of New York City, is a leader in whole-student education for students in grades 9-12 (with a post-graduate or PG-year option). We believe the best and deepest learning occurs within the context of a community. Kent's intentional focus on our students' intellectual, social, ethical, and spiritual growth creates an environment of belonging and kindness that empowers our students to thrive.

A Kent education promotes the development of active empathy, servant leadership, critical and creative thinking, effective communication, and engaged citizenship. Kent students flourish as they engage with our demanding college preparatory curriculum; competitive athletics teams; numerous arts programs; and our emphasis on leadership,
wellness, and community service.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are guided by our motto - Simplicity of Life, Directness of Purpose,
Self-Reliance - to educate our students intellectually, socially, ethically, and spiritually so that they will be prepared to contribute to the common good in the world beyond Kent School.


## BY THE NUMBERS

Students
520
520 students (91\% boarding)

| Students come from |
| :--- |
| states |



## Campus

## 1200 <br> acres, including a section of the Appalachian Trail and

Housatonic River
miles of cross-country trails

## $1 / 4$



Average class size
students in the Class of 2024

## 35\%

of students receive
financial aid

Academics
75
teaching faculty

71\%
of faculty members who hold advanced degrees
©.1 Student to faculty ratio

## 24

Advanced Studies courses
Applied

## Learning

 Engineering Programs5
multi-level languages including
Chinese, Latin, and Ancient Greek

## COURSE LOAD

At least five major courses every trimester of the four years. Sixth formers may take four Advanced Studies courses as a normal load, and may take one elective per term on an Honors-Pass-Fail basis. Classes are held six days a week. Each class period is 50 minutes in length. Weekly chapel or equivalent religious service is required. All students participate in a daily work program to support the community.

## RIGOR OF COURSE LOAD

Rigor of course load is based on courses taken at Kent School only. Rigor is determined by counting one point per year for Honors courses, two points for Accelerated and Advanced Studies courses, and three points for other Advanced Studies Diploma requirements. Levels of rigor are Average College Preparatory, Demanding, Very Demanding and Most Demanding.

## Class of 2023

65 (44\%) students had a Most Demanding course load
35 ( $24 \%$ ) students had a Very Demanding course load
26 (17\%) students had a Demanding course load
$23(15 \%)$ students had an Average College Preparatory course load

## GRADING SYSTEM, RANK IN CLASS AND GPA

- Kent records letter grades on an unweighted 4.0 GPA scale
- Kent does not calculate a student's cumulative GPA or class rank
- Mathematics and Science Departments offer four levels of curricular rigor: Advanced Studies, Accelerated, Honors and Regular
- Accelerated courses are more selective than honors courses
- Only one transcript grade (the final grade) for year-long major courses is recorded

| Grades Available | Course credit value: |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fall term (December) | Full year major $=1$ credit |
| Winter term (March) | One term major $=1 / 3$ credit |
| Spring term (June) | One term minor $=1 / 6$ credit |
|  | Musical group $=1 / 6$ credit |

ACT Test Scores (Mean)

|  | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | 27.1 | 26.3 | 28.2 |
| Math | 26.7 | 25.3 | 27.4 |
| Reading | 28.0 | 27.6 | 29.9 |
| Science | 26.5 | 25.4 | 27.5 |
| STEM | 20.0 | 20.1 | 22.2 |
| Composite | 27.0 | 26.0 | 28.1 |

## DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

| Subject | Requirement |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | 4 years |
| Math | 3 years |
| Foreign Languages | 3 levels |
| Science | 2 years with labs |
| History | 2 years including History |
| Theology | 1 trimester |
| Visual Art | 1 trimester |
| New Student Seminar | 1 trimester |
| Performing Arts: | 1 trimester course, or |
|  | 3 trimesters of lessons, or |
| Music | 3 trimesters of practical participation |
| or Dance | 1 trimester course |
| or Theatre | 1 trimester course |

## ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

Kent is committed to opportunities for college-level work. Kent's curriculum features a series of Advanced Studies courses that encourage independent scholarship.

Students may also choose to graduate with an Advanced Studies diploma in a discipline or program of their choice. To do so, they will complete a series of prerequisite courses and prepare a body of work that is of sufficient complexity and depth to warrant the Advanced Studies designation.

Artifacts of deep learning might include a research paper; a chapbook of poems; a suite of musical or theatrical performances; a portfolio of drawings or paintings; a translation from a second language; a report of laboratory or field explorations; an exposition of mathematical ideas; an engineering solution; and so on.

The Advanced Studies program is to be implemented over a three-year period. The Class of 2024 will feature diplomas in STEM fields like engineering and mathematics.

## Other Changes

- Students may now take Statistics in their Sixth Form year, a course equal in rigor to Introduction to Calculus.
- AS Calculus BC has been retitled Advanced Studies Calculus, and AS Calculus AB renamed Honors Calculus.
- AS US History will no longer be offered. Instead, students in the Fourth or Ffth Form year may pursue the study of US History from a chronological or thematic perspective.

ALFRED UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PARIS - 2
BABSON COLLEGE-7
BARNARD COLLEGE
BATES COLLEGE-2
BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY-3
BOSTON COLLEGE - 8
BOSTON UNIVERSITY - 15
BOWDOIN COLLEGE
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BROWN UNIVERSITY - 2 BRYANT UNIVERSITY-2 BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY - 4 CA POLYTECHNIC STATE U.-SAN LUIS OBISPO - 2 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE - 4 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES - 5 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA-SANTA BARBARA - 2 CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY-2 CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY - 2 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY-2 CHATHAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO - 3 CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE CLARK UNIVERSITY - 2 CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COLBY COLLEGE - 6 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-BOULDER - 2 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - 9 CONNECTICUT COLLEGE - 3 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT - 4
CORNELL UNIVERSITY - 8
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
DENISON UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF DENVER - 3
DICKINSON COLLEGE
UNIV. OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DREXEL UNIVERSITY
DUKE UNIVERSITY
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
ELON UNIVERSITY
EMERSON COLLEGE-2
EMMANUEL COLLEGE - 3
EMORY UNIVERSITY - 6
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY - 7
FRANKLIN \& MARSHALL COLLEGE - 2

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY - 6
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY - 7
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
HAMILTON COLLEGE - 8
HARVARD UNIVERSITY - 3
HAVERFORD COLLEGE - 3
HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
HOBART \& WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES - 3
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS - 2
UNIV. OF ILLINOIS-URBANA-CHAMPAIGN - 2
INDIANA UNIVERSITY-BLOOMINGTON - 3
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY-2
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY - 3
KENYON COLLEGE - 3
LAFAYETTE COLLEGE - 3
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY - 3
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY-2
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE - 2
MARIST COLLEGE - 2 MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
MASSACHUSETTS INST. OF TECHNOLOGY - 2
MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY
MIAMI UNIVERSITY (OH) - 2
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI - 6
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR - 2
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE - 3
MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY (PA)
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
monroe college - new rochelle
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND
THE NEW SCHOOL - 2
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY - 14
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY-RALEIGH
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-CHAPEL HILL
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY-15
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY-2
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME - 2
OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA - 4
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH - 2
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY - 5
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE - 2
PURDUE UNIVERSITY-2
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE - 2
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN - 3
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

RICE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND - 2
ROANOKE COLLEGE
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - 2
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER - 2
SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY-2
SANTA FE COLLEGE
SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART \& DESIGN - 2
SKIDMORE COLLEGE - 2
SMITH COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - 5
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY - 7
UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS - 6
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY - 5
ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE
stonehill college
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY - 6
UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA - 2
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
TEXAS A \& M UNIVERSITY - 2
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-AUSTIN
THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO - 2
TRINITY COLLEGE - 17
TUFTS UNIVERSITY - 7
TULANE UNIVERSITY - 5
UNION COLLEGE (NY) - 2
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY - 6
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY-3
VASSAR COLLEGE - 2
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT - 4
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY-7
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - 2
WAGNER COLLEGE
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY - 3
WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS - 4
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON-TACOMA
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO
WELLESLEY COLLEGE - 2
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY - 6
WILKES UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM \& MARY - 4
WILLIAMS COLLEGE - 4
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON - 3 WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
YALE UNIVERSITY-2

