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SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

INSPIRED BY OUR FOUNDER: Located on 220 acres in Washington, Connecticut, The Frederick Gunn School is a coeducational, independent, college preparatory school for boarding and day students in grades 9-12 and post-graduate. Our programs emphasize character, teamwork, and independent thinking, and our students become active citizens, prepared to change the world in the same entrepreneurial way as our founder, to be a force for good.

Frederick Gunn was an outdoorsman recognized as the founder of recreational camping in the United States, a courageous abolitionist, and pioneering educator. In 1850, he created a school and an enduring philosophy that encourages students to discover what they believe in and to stand up for it. In July 2020, The Gunnery took the bold step of changing its name after 170 years to honor the vision and ideals of our founder.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR: The 2023-24 academic year consists of three terms (fall, winter and spring). Students may choose from 120 yearlong and term courses, including 31 AP and honors-level courses. Our seven-block schedule includes half-day classes on Wednesdays, allowing for athletic and co-curricular programs every afternoon, optional arts blocks, and mandatory study hall each evening. Classes meet three times per week/five days per week, for 65 minutes. There is a minimum of 180 class days.

WINTERIM: Modeled after short-term, mid-year programs offered at the college level, Winterim is a faculty-driven academic curriculum that prioritizes intensive student learning focusing on one big idea or question. Course offerings are designed by faculty, and many faculty form co-teaching partnerships to combine their disciplinary expertise for rich, contextualized learning. Classes are blended across all grades and run from November 28-December 8, 2023. Courses integrate the educational philosophy of our founder, Frederick Gunn, and reflect our commitment to experiential, place-based application of knowledge. Each course is offered on a credit/no credit or pass/fail basis and culminates in a final project in which students demonstrate their learning.

THE CENTER FOR CITIZENSHIP AND JUST DEMOCRACY: This signature program seeks to integrate a shared vision for ethical development across the academic, residential life, and co-curricular spheres of our school. Current scholarship on civic engagement has provided the foundation for our Citizenship Curriculum to build active, engaged citizens for our country and the world. Our four-year curriculum is based on the mission of the school and encourages students at every level to engage in topics and projects of interest that foster self-awareness and responsibility.

STUDENT BODY 325

245
BOARDING
STUDENTS



74
DAY
STUDENTS

5:1



STUDENT TO
FACULTY
RATIO



AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE
12

60



FACULTY



STUDENTS FROM
25
U.S STATES &
22
COUNTRIES



44
PERCENT OF
STUDENTS
RECEIVE
NEED-BASED
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH
 English II Honors
 Honors English: The Sociocritical Essay
 Honors English: Literary Criticism and Craft
 Advanced Placement: English Language and Composition
 Advanced Placement: English Literature and Composition

HISTORY
 Modern World History Honors
 Advanced Placement: US History
 Advanced Placement: Economics
 Advanced Placement: European History
 Honors Entrepreneurship Seminar
 Honors Philosophy Seminar

MATHEMATICS
 Algebra II Honors and Trigonometry
 Advanced Placement: Calculus AB
 Advanced Placement: Calculus BC
 Advanced Placement: Statistics
 Advanced Placement: Computer Science

SCIENCE
 Biology Honors
 Advanced Placement: Biology
 Advanced Placement: Environmental Science
 Chemistry Honors
 Advanced Placement: Chemistry
 Advanced Placement: Physics 1
 Advanced Placement: Physics 2

VISUAL ARTS & PERFORMING
 Advanced Placement: Music Theory
 Advanced Placement: Studio Art

WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES
 French III Honors
 Advanced Placement: French Language
 Spanish II Honors
 Spanish III Honors
 Advanced Placement: Spanish Language

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR A DIPLOMA:

- 4 ENGLISH** (*required every year*)
- 3 HISTORY** (*including U.S. History*)
- 3 LAB SCIENCE**
- 3 MATHEMATICS** (*through Algebra II*)
- 3 WORLD LANGUAGES** (*through Level III*)
- 1 VISUAL AND/OR PERFORMING ARTS**
(This can be accomplished through three single-term courses or one full-year course.)
- CENTER FOR CITIZENSHIP AND JUST DEMOCRACY:**
 - **1 TERM OF PATHWAYS** (*as a freshman*)
 - **1 TERM OF CITIZEN GUNN** (*as a sophomore*)
 - **1 TERM OF THE DECLARATION** (*as a junior*)
 - **THE CIVIC CHANGEMAKERS PROJECT**
(30-hour service commitment as a senior)
 - **GOOD CITIZENSHIP**
(civility and law-abiding behavior)

LETTER = NUMERICAL EQUIVALENT

A+97 - 100	C+.....77 - 79	
A94 - 96	C74 - 76	
A-90 - 93	C-70 - 73	
B+87 - 89	D+67 - 69	F59 or below
B84 - 86	D64 - 66	
B-80 - 83	D-60 - 63	

HONOR ROLL

There are three levels of Honor Roll students may achieve at The Frederick Gunn School:

Dean's List: all grades at or above 90

High Honor Roll: all grades at or above 85

Honor Roll: all grades at or above 80

HONORS IN OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

This selective program trains a small cohort of students to be effective leaders, moral thinkers, and engaged citizens through a curated set of experiences lasting up to three years of their time at The Frederick Gunn School. Students who graduate with this distinction have taken special seminars in outdoor leadership, earned certifications in outdoor skills such as Leave No Trace or Wilderness First Aid, taken courses that emphasize environmental philosophy and ecological awareness, and have participated in at least two significant outdoor leadership expeditions. Their experience is topped off with a capstone project that demonstrates their learning over the course of the program.



MATRICULATION

Representative Three-Year Matriculation 2021 - 2023

American University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
Central Connecticut State University
Chatham University
Claremont McKenna College
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of Wooster
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Denison University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elmira College
Elon University
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Franklin University Switzerland
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Hampshire College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Howard University
IE University, Madrid
Indiana University Bloomington

Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola University Maryland
Luther College
Manhattan College
Marist College
Merrimack College
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Pennsylvania State University,
University Park
Plymouth State University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Rollins College
Saint Michael's College
Salve Regina University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee, University of the South
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University
Springfield College
St. Lawrence University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
SUNY College at Geneseo
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The New School

Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College - New York
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California,
Santa Barbara
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan Ann Arbor
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina
Wilmington
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina
University of St Andrews (Scotland)
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washington College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Yale University

