



Eagle Hill School

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School Profile 2024-2025

HISTORY

Established in 1967, Eagle Hill is an independent boarding school located in Hardwick, Massachusetts. Serving a co-educational population of 220 young men and women in grades eight through twelve, Eagle Hill is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and recognized for its expertise in developing individualized courses of study for students described as learning disabled.

PHILOSOPHY

Following its education philosophy of learning diversity, Eagle Hill provides each student with a challenging course of study and individualized academic support. The student-to-teacher ratio allows for an intimate learning environment, and class sections are curated carefully with consideration given to academic achievement, pace of instruction, and a myriad of other factors.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AND ACADEMIC CREDIT

One academic credit is awarded for each term completed in each course. Following a traditional four-year program of study, students enroll in 216 credits (i.e., 6 classes x 9 terms x 4 years). Successful completion of 200 credits is required for graduation. Minimum distribution area requirements are outlined in the table below. A final course grade of D or better is required for course credit.

	MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION	REQUIRED COURSE(S)	MINIMUM CREDITS RECOMMENDED FOR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PREPARATION
ARTS AND HUMANITIES English Diversity and Social Justice History Visual and Performing Arts World Language	86	Government (8) Social Construction of Identity (3)	108
QUANTITATIVE REASONING Math Science Computer Applications Computer Science	58	Biology (8)	70
CORE ENRICHMENT Pragmatics Life Skills Physical Education	22	Seminar on Learning (1) College Orientation (3) Personal Finance (3) Physical Education or Athletics (12)*	22

*3 credits are awarded for each season in which a student participates in athletics; 4 credits must be earned through coursework.



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CURRICULUM

Working with an academic advisor, each student prepares a unique course of study at Eagle Hill School, meeting the school's distribution requirements detailed above and allowing each student to develop core academic competencies for advanced study, explore diverse subject matters, and pursue his or her passions as a student. The school's nine-term academic calendar and innovative scheduling allow students greater flexibility in preparing individualized course plans. See the sample below:

TERM DATES Approximate	TERM 1 9/12-10/4	TERM 2 10/5-11/1	TERM 3 11/2-12/5	TERM 4 12/6-1/12	TERM 5 1/16-2/7	TERM 6 2/8-3/11	TERM 7 3/12-4/3	TERM 8 4/4-5/7	TERM 9 5/8-5/30
COM. PREP 7:45-8:39	Dedicated Extra Help Time								
PERIOD 1 8:43-9:37	Health			Reading and Writing Critical Analysis					
PERIOD 2 9:41-10:35	Public Speaking	Anatomy and Physiology							
PERIOD 3 10:39-11:33	Trigonometry							Making with Metal	
PERIOD 4 11:37-12:31	College Orientation		Golf Statistics	Physical Education		Woodworking			
LUNCH 12:35-1:15									
PERIOD 5 1:19-2:13	Daily Rituals	Government							
PERIOD 6 2:17-3:11	Post Modern Literature					Anthropology			
OFFICE HOURS 3:11-3:34	Dedicated Extra Help Time								

Sample Schedule

GRADING SYSTEM

97-100 = A+	87-89 = B+	77-79 = C+	67-69 = D+
93-96 = A	83-86 = B	73-76 = C	65-66 = D
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-	0-64 = F

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK

Class rank and GPA are not routinely reported at Eagle Hill. The school chooses not to use a system that measures students against one another.

HONOR ROLL AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students who earn a term average of 88 or better with no grade below 80 are recognized on the academic honor roll. Honor Roll recognition is awarded three times each year, at the conclusion of terms three, six, and nine. Students who earn a place on the academic honor roll throughout the year are recognized with the Academic Excellence award.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REPORTS

When asked, Eagle Hill School reports all at-home suspensions that occur during a student's senior year and all major infractions of the code of student conduct (e.g., harm to an individual or the community, a pattern of inappropriate behavior) for a student's entire tenure at Eagle Hill.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Eagle Hill offers the IB Diploma Programme beginning in the junior year. Students not enrolled in the full diploma Programme may take several IB courses.

Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme. Eagle Hill School is authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme. For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>.

Eagle Hill School does not offer AP courses.

HONORS PROJECTS

Students interested in completing advanced independent study in an academic subject can submit a proposal to complete an honors project. The proposal must be approved by the committee of academic department chairs. Upon completion, the project is reviewed by faculty based upon the following criteria: soundness of research, effectiveness of performance and presentation, and evidence of original scholarship. Students accepted for honors projects commit themselves to a greater level of academic independence and to an additional workload. Projects may be short-term or may take multiple years to complete. Successful completion of an honors project is noted in the awards section of the transcript.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Eagle Hill offers a full foreign language program but does not require enrollment in a class for graduation. Foreign language study is not recommended for every student at Eagle Hill. Students work closely with an advisor to select courses appropriate for them.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Eagle Hill requires each student to complete 10 hours of community service for each year enrolled in grades nine through twelve. Most students far exceed this requirement.



Learning Differently Demands Teaching Differently

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96% of Eagle Hill graduates matriculate to a four-year college.

5-Year Matriculation List

Adelphi University	Lasell College	Savannah College of Art & Design
Agnes Scott College	Lawrence University	Simmons University
American University	Lewis & Clark College	Skidmore College
Assumption University	Long Island University - Post	St. John's College (Santa Fe)
Belmont Abbey College	Loyola Marymount University	St. Lawrence University
Belmont University	Loyola University Maryland	Southern Oregon University
Berklee College of Music	Loyola University New Orleans	Stetson University
Boston University	Lynn University	Suffolk University
Brandeis University	Maine College of Art	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology (Cobleskill)
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)	Manhattanville College	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Champlain College	Marist College	Syracuse University
Chapman University	Marshall University	Texas A&M University
Colby College	Mass College of Liberal Arts	Texas Christian University
College of Charleston	Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	The College of New Jersey
Colgate University	McDaniel College	The College of Wooster
Columbia College Chicago	Merrimack College	The George Washington University
Connecticut College	Middlesex Community College	The University of Arizona
Curry College	Mitchell College	The University of Tampa
Dean College	Morgan State University	Trinidad State College
Dickinson College	Muhlenberg College	Trinity College
Drexel University	Nassau Community College	University of California (Irvine)
Eckerd College	New England Institute of Technology	University of Chicago
Elon University	New Mexico Military Institute	University of Denver
Emerson College	Northeastern University	University of Hartford
Emmanuel College	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Mass, Amherst
Endicott College	Norwich University	University of New England
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Occidental College	University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
Fitchburg State University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of New Haven
Florida Institute of Technology	Pace University (New York City)	Union College
Full Sail University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Michigan
Georgetown University	Pitzer College	University of Mississippi
Gettysburg College	Plymouth State University	University of Puget Sound
High Point University	Pratt Institute	University of Rhode Island
Hobart and Williams Smith College	Providence College	University of South Carolina
Hofstra University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Virginia
Howard University	Quinsigamond Community College	Ursinus College
Iona College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Warren Wilson College
Ithaca College	Rhode Island School of Design	Wellesley College
James Madison University	Roger Williams University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Johnson & Wales University - RI	Rollins College	Western Colorado University
Kennesaw State University	Sacred Heart University	Western New England University
Kenyon College	Saint Mary's College of CA	Westfield State University
Lafayette College	Saint Michael's College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Landmark College	Santa Clara University	
	Santa Rosa Junior College	