



# George Stevens Academy

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2024-2025 Profile

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## **COMMUNITY**

George Stevens Academy is a caring educational community committed to meeting the needs of each local and residential student with a challenging academic and experiential program that fosters the pursuit of knowledge, inspires creativity, develops self-reliance, and prepares graduates for a purposeful life.

Located in the center of Blue Hill, Maine, a small coastal village on a scenic rural peninsula, GSA is an independent, comprehensive town academy of 229 students. George Stevens Academy serves as the community high school for students from seven area towns, who may choose to attend by virtue of their local residency. The faculty numbers 26, 50% of whom hold advanced degrees. The student/teacher ratio is 10:1. Most classes range from 10-20 students.

## **CLASS OF 2025**

The Class of 2025 has 62 students. The grading scale is 0-100, with a passing mark of 70. Grades in courses designated Honors or AP are weighted an additional 10%. Transcripts provide both the unweighted and weighted GPA on a 100-point scale. GSA does not rank its students.

**From 2021-2024, GSA operated under a 4x4 block schedule, with half-credit courses completed in one quarter and full-credit courses (i.e., major academic courses) completed in one semester. Starting in 2024-25, full credit courses will be year-long, and half-credit electives will be one semester.**

## **CURRICULUM**

GSA provides a comprehensive curriculum to a wide range of students. Honors and AP courses are available in all core academic disciplines to students seeking the highest level of rigor and college preparation. These are enhanced by a broad range of courses in fine and performing arts, technology, and engineering. The entire curriculum is infused with a commitment to experiential, hands-on learning and a spirit of collaboration.

### *AP and Honors Courses*

AP courses offered in 2024-2025 are English Literature, English Language, U.S. History, Calculus AB/BC, Statistics, Biology, Environmental Science, Drawing, and 2-D Design. Students may also pursue AP courses not offered at GSA through AP4ME, a Maine-based distance learning option. Twenty honors courses in English, science, social studies, math, world languages, and visual art are offered at every grade level. In addition, many students elect to participate in online University and Community College courses to pursue their interests.

### *Fine and Performing Arts, Engineering, and Technology*

In Visual Arts, students may choose among a broad portfolio of courses in Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Audio Production, and Architectural Design. Performing Arts courses include Band, several Jazz Combos, Steel Band, and Music Production. In Technology and Engineering, students may pursue coursework ranging from Design Technology, Digital Fabrication and Home Repair and Maintenance to Engine Technology, Woodworking, Drafting, Metals, and a two-year welding sequence.

### *Experiential Learning*

ISIP (Independent Study and Internship Program) is a key curricular opportunity open to juniors and seniors. Students develop their own projects and complete them during two weeks in February/March with supervision by a faculty advisor and an outside expert in the field; an evening event showcasing every student's project takes place in late March.

GSA also offers opportunities outside the traditional classroom setting in Culinary Arts, Outdoor Leadership, the Maine Environment, Ocean Studies, and programs offered by Hancock County Technical Center. Students may also participate in the GSA Career Internship Program through businesses, nonprofit, or other organizations.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students must earn a minimum of 23 credits and perform 40 hours (class or 2026 and following 60 hours) of community service to earn a George Stevens Academy diploma. The following must be included in every student's program:

- Four credits of English, including Senior English *or* AP English Language & Composition;
- Three credits of mathematics, including two credits in algebra or higher-level analytic math and one credit in geometry;
- Three credits of science;
- Three credits of social studies, including U.S. History;
- One credit of visual or performing arts;
- One credit of physical education;
- Half-credit health;
- Half-credit Independent Study and Internship Program;
- Elective credits to reach a total required for graduation.

**INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES** GSA offers twelve interscholastic varsity sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. There are two dedicated events for visual artists and at least two drama productions each school year. Student organizations include Chess Club, Trivia Club, Math Team, Newspaper, Student Council, Philosophy Club and several other student activities.

### **CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION**

Members of the Class of 2024 were accepted at the following colleges and universities. Institutions to which they matriculated appear in **bold**.

#### **Class of 2024 college acceptances (bold indicates where graduates will attend)**

**Allegheny College**

American University

Bard College

Bennington College

Bentley University

**Bowdoin College**

Bryn Mawr College

**Central Maine Community College**

Champlain College

Clark University

College of Charleston

College of the Atlantic

College of Wooster

**Colorado College**

Colorado State University

Connecticut College

Cooper Union

Dickinson College

**Eastern Maine Community College (5)**

**Fashion Institute of Technology**

Fordham University

**Georgetown University**

**Hampshire College**

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**Husson University (2)**

**James Cook University, Australia**

Kalamazoo College

**Kennebec Valley Community College**

Lehigh University

Lesley University

Loyola Marymount University

Lynn University

**Maine Maritime Academy (3)**

Maryland Institute College of Art

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

**Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences**

McGill University, Canada

Mount Holyoke College

**New York University (2)**

**Northeastern University**

Occidental College

Otis College of Art and Design

Roger Williams University

Parsons School of Design

Penn State University

Plymouth State University

Pratt Institute

Quinnipiac University

Regis College

**Rochester Institute of Technology**

**Roger Williams University**

Saint Joseph's College of Maine

Salem State University

San Francisco State University

**Santa Fe College**

**Sarah Lawrence College**

Savannah College of Art and Design

Sewanee University of the South

Simmons University

**Skidmore College**

Smith College

**Southern Maine Community College (3)**

Saint Lawrence University

Suffolk University

**Thomas College**

Union College

**University of Chicago**

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Hartford

**University of Maine (5)**

University of Maine Augusta  
**University of Maine Farmington (2)**  
University of Maine Machias  
**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**  
**University of Massachusetts, Lowell**  
University of Miami  
**University of New Brunswick, Canada**  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire

**University of Southern Maine (6)**  
**University of Vermont**  
**Vassar College**  
Vermont State University  
**Washington County Community College**  
**Wentworth Institute of Technology**  
Wheaton College  
**Whitman College**