



2024-25 Profile

Dana Hall School, founded in 1881, is a college preparatory boarding and day school for young women located 12 miles southwest of Boston. Dana Hall students have the freedom to experiment, express opinions, explore and take on new challenges. They are supported by strong role models and inspired by their peers. They find confidence and strength, they approach challenges with an empathetic mindset, and they acquire and build the skills they need to succeed in college and throughout their lives. Curriculum is important; how that curriculum is taught is critical.

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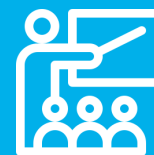
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Dana Hall Facts



- 456 students, grades 5-12
- 319 students, grades 9-12



- Standard course load is 5 major courses
- Student to faculty ratio is 6:1
- Average class size is 12



- Students from 10 states, 14 countries and regions
- 36% are U.S. students of color
- 11% are international*
- 29% receive financial aid
- 32% boarding students



Use the QR code to see the Class of 2024 Matriculation List.

**students on F1 visas*

Admission Readers Need to Know:

Dana Hall follows a trimester calendar.

Trimester I grades will be available December 5, 2024 and will be emailed automatically to admission offices for ED/EA candidates. Trimester II grades will be available March 7, 2025, emailed to admission offices upon request.

Latin IV/V Honors is a dual-enrollment program with the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

Our interdisciplinary **Data Science** course is the only offering of our Data Science Department. The course draws heavily on mathematics, computer science and social studies. With a specific eye on preparation for data fluency in college, the course has applications in economics, political science, epidemiology, environmental science, sociology, physics and other disciplines as the events of our world merit new exploration.

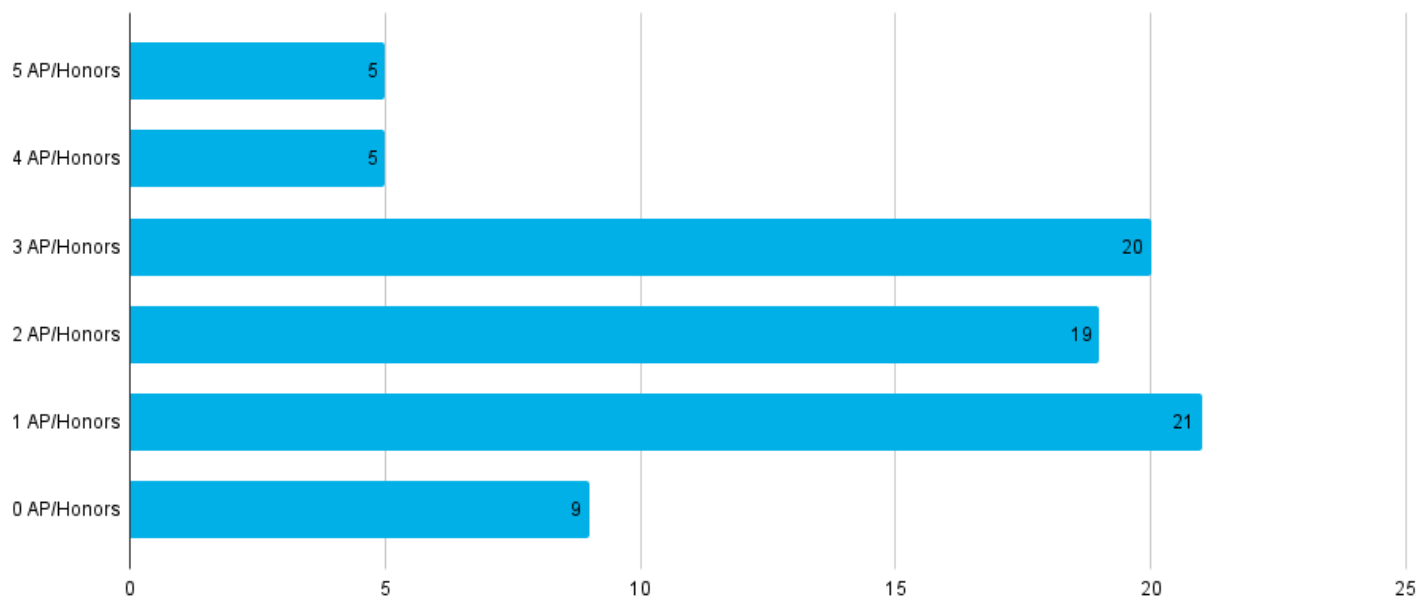
A+ grades were instituted in grades 9-12 beginning in the fall of 2024. Any grades earned prior to September 2024 have not been retroactively changed.

Environmental Science and Sustainability is a new course offered in 2024-25 focusing on the complex relationship between human societies and the natural world. Students investigate issues, including biodiversity loss, climate change and resource depletion, and analyze their impact on ecosystems and global communities. Through hands-on experiments, fieldwork and research projects, students develop an understanding of ecological principles, conservation strategies, and sustainable development.

AP and Honors Courses

Dana Hall offers 17 AP and 8 honors-level courses. Due to the rigor of our curriculum, students are often required to limit the number of AP and honors classes, even if they receive multiple recommendations. Most AP courses are by application only and require departmental approval.

Class of 2025 - Number of Junior Year AP/Honors Courses 79 students total



Curriculum Map

Highest level courses in each department are in **dark blue and bold**.

SCIENCE

Physics 9 or Accelerated Physics ⇨ Chemistry or Acc. Chemistry ⇨ Biology or Acc. Biology or AP Biology or Elective ⇨ Elective or **AP Physics or AP Chemistry or AP Biology**

Electives: Physics and Engineering, Environmental Science and Sustainability, Current Topics in Science

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1 ⇨ Geometry or Geometry Honors ⇨ Algebra II or Algebra II Accelerated or Algebra II Honors ⇨ Precalculus or Precalculus Accelerated or Precalculus Honors and/or Elective ⇨ Calculus or AP Calculus AB or **AP Calculus BC** or Elective ⇨

Advanced Topics in Mathematics

Electives: AP Statistics, Introduction to Calculus and Statistics

WORLD LANGUAGES

SPANISH/FRENCH

I ⇨ II or II Honors ⇨ III or III Honors ⇨ IV/V or AP Language ⇨ Spanish IV/V or **AP Spanish Literature**; French IV/V or **French V Honors**

LATIN

I ⇨ II ⇨ III ⇨ IV/V or **IV/V Honors*** (both two-year sequences)

*Latin IV/V Honors is a dual-enrollment, college credit course through UMass Boston

MANDARIN

I ⇨ II ⇨ III ⇨ IV or **AP Chinese Language and Culture**

SOCIAL STUDIES

Western Civilization ⇨ Area Studies ⇨ U.S. History or AP U.S. History ⇨ Elective or **AP European History**

Area Studies: Middle Eastern, African, or East Asian Studies

Electives: Comparative Politics, Economics

ENGLISH

Literature and Composition I or Literature and Composition I and Writing and Communication ⇨ Literature and Composition II ⇨

Literature and Composition III or AP English Language ⇨ Creative Writing: Found Voices or This is Us or **AP English Literature**

ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Foundations in Computer Science (minor) ⇨ Introduction to Computer Science Python (minor) ⇨ **AP Computer Science**

Elective minor course: Principles in Engineering

VISUAL ARTS

Studio Art ⇨ Drawing and Painting I ⇨ Drawing and Painting II/III ⇨ **AP Art and Design and/or AP Art History**