

# WASHINGTON ACADEMY

*Since 1792*

Creating opportunities for college-bound  
high school students with learning  
differences.



**Building Skills  
for Success**  
**On the Coast of Maine**

# Overview

Washington Academy provides a broad focus on **academic and leadership opportunities** that strikes the balance of support and challenge for students to achieve success. Students build self-confidence and develop skills for their future through supervised study, differentiation and accommodation, individual learning plans, early college classes, and eleven career technology courses. Hands-on learning experiences enhance a college-preparatory program of academics and guidance.

Combined with independent living skill-building in a flexible, creative environment, Washington Academy is creating opportunities for college-bound high school students with learning difference such as ADHD, dyslexia and dyscalculia. Working with our school counseling department, a 4-year plan of study is developed for all entering grade 9 students. Although it may change over their years at WA, students are provided with a plan that will prepare them academically and socially for their transition to college.

## Residential Life

There's no place like home. Washington Academy works hard to make students feel like they're family. Dorm parents live in the dorms, supporting 24-hour supervision. All WA dorm parents are teachers, creating an opportunity for students to know them in and out of the classroom. The girls' dorm, **Cates Dormitory**, has space for for 32 students. The **Talbot Dormitory** provides housing for 48 boys.







*"Marine Biology class provided me with a great field and hands-on learning experience about the ocean in our backyard." - Noah Roos '23*

## Outdoor Education

Outdoor education is popular at Washington Academy. **Marine Biology** and **Coastal Ecology** courses engage students in the study of Maine marine and coastal environments outside the traditional classroom. Students participate in hands-on research, exploring the research of others, and by interacting with marine biologists working in the field.

**Outdoor Leadership** is a double-block, full-semester class meeting 160 minutes per day, 5 days per week. The majority of the class time is spent outdoors in all types of weather! This course is designed as an introduction to outdoor career fields. Instructional units include: forests and forestry, flat-water canoeing, white-water canoeing, camping technique, survival priorities, navigation/orienteering and basic first-aid.

*"In Outdoor Leadership class we learn how to canoe icy streams and navigate mossy forests using walkie-talkies, compasses, GPS technology and each other." - Wren Fraser '22*



# Early College

**Early College** is a program of studies giving students the opportunity to take college-level classes while still in high school with the support of an Early College Learning Assistant. Through the Early College program, students discover the rewards of learning at the collegiate level, can receive dual credit, and begin a seamless transition to full-time college studies after high school graduation. WA offers both in-person classes through Thomas College and online through the University of Maine System and Husson University.

# Technology

Washington Academy recognizes the significance of technology in the classroom and beyond. **Computer Aided Design CAD** is a course educating students on how to use industry leading CAD software programs to model construction projects, create and distribute basic, industry-standard mechanical drawings leading to 3D printable files to produce 3D models.

An **Introduction to Computer Programming** course allows students to become familiar with twelve different programming languages including Python, Java, PHP, and JavaScript. Students also learn game and app design before moving on to AP Computer Science.

**Robotics** allows students to explore the interaction between science and technology. Students will work in small groups to research, design, program, and construct robotic devices that perform a certain task, or tasks.





# Raider Athletics

The WA athletic program provides our students with an opportunity to broaden their educational experiences through an assortment of twelve team and individual sports at varsity and junior varsity levels including soccer, volleyball, football, cross country, golf, basketball, cheer, wrestling, baseball, softball, track & field and tennis.

Raider playing fields and courts are all located on campus and include the Gardner Gymnasium, the Adien & Leon Look Baseball Field, the Foster Softball Field, the Clinton Gardner Tennis Courts, and the most recent addition, the Machias Savings Bank Community Athletic Field - home to Raider football and soccer.

The Washington Academy student-athlete embodies the spirit of interscholastic athletics by combining intellectual achievement with physical excellence. Many lessons learned in athletics will complement those taught in the classroom and home such as honor, respect, responsibility, commitment, preparation, teamwork and sportsmanship. Lifelong relationships among teammates, opponents and coaches are all apart of the athletic experience.

*"We have enough sports teams for everyone in the school to play a sport."  
- Coleton Whitney '24*



# WA at a Glance

STUDENTS

81.5%

INVOLVED IN AT  
LEAST ONE  
MEANINGFUL SCHOOL  
ACTIVITY

77%

CONTINUED ON TO  
COLLEGE OR  
UNIVERSITY

51%

PLAYED ON A  
SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC  
TEAM

42%

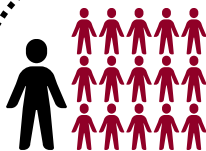
PARTICIPATED IN  
COMMUNITY SERVICE



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE  
14 STUDENTS



COUNSELOR-TO-STUDENT RATIO  
157:1



STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO  
15:1

## School Year Boarding Tuition

**All Inclusive - Full Year - 2 Semesters = \$55,000\***

\* Excludes health insurance and refundable student account.

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