



THE HEWITT SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

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ABOUT THE HEWITT SCHOOL

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Founded in 1920, The Hewitt School inspires girls and young women to become game changers and ethical leaders who forge an equitable, sustainable, and joyous future. Our innovative, one-of-a-kind curriculum gives students a strong academic foundation combined with life and real-world leadership skills so they graduate uniquely prepared to make a difference on their college campuses, in the workforce, and in society.

SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

Students

- Class of 2026 - 52 Students
- 40% of K-12 student population identifies as students of color
- Students attend from all five boroughs of NYC and beyond
- 33% of students receive financial aid

Faculty

- 69 teaching faculty
- 53 with advanced degrees (M.A. or higher)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- English *4 credits*
- Mathematics *3 credits*
- Classical and Modern Languages *3 credits*
- History *3 credits*
- Humanities *1 credit*
- Science *3 credits*
- STEM *1 credit*
- Performing Arts/Technology/Visual Arts *3 credits*
- Physical Education *4 year requirement*

EXTENDED INQUIRY PROGRAM

Hewitt's Extended Inquiry (EI) program gives students an opportunity to earn honors credit by completing a rigorous, original, independent research project that extends their learning in courses or disciplines of their choosing. Students who opt to complete an EI project enroll in a twice-weekly seminar, where they meet with their mentor and have collaborative discussions with their peers. The majority of the project is completed outside of class time. Each EI project includes the critical reading and writing necessary to synthesize research and present a written argument. In addition, students who complete an EI project present and defend their work to a panel of teachers and students.

GRADE 9

After winter break, students may apply to complete an extended inquiry (EI) project in at most one course. After successfully completing the project requirements, students will receive the EI designation on their end-of-year transcripts.

GRADE 10

After the first quarter, students in 10th grade may apply to complete an extended inquiry (EI) project in any one course or that connects the concepts from at most two courses. After successfully completing the project requirements, students will receive the EI designation for the course(s) related to their projects on their end-of-year transcripts.

GRADE 11/12

After the first quarter, students in 11th grade may apply to complete an extended inquiry (EI) project in any one discipline or that connects the concept from at most two disciplines. This is a 1.5 year project that begins in 11th grade and continues through the first semester of 12th grade. In 11th grade, students choose a research question, complete an annotated bibliography, write a 10-16 page research paper, and present their research to a panel of faculty members. In 12th grade, students continue the research they started in 11th grade by adding some kind of original work to their project. After successful completion of the project, students will earn the EI designation with either a pass or high pass as determined by the 11/12th grade EI Committee. This designation appears on their end-of-year transcript.

CONSTELLATION LEARNING PROGRAM

Hewitt is a member of Constellation Learning, a collective of independent schools coming together in a globalized, blended learning community. Hewitt's participation enriches our elective offerings and provides students primarily in grades 11 and 12 with the opportunity to learn in a collaborative, flexible, and alternative setting with other motivated students from around the country. Educators from other independent schools teach Constellation Learning courses, which are included on the Hewitt transcript.

UPPER SCHOOL COURSES AVAILABLE FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

English

Finding Your Voice: Literature and Performance
 American Literature
 Coming of Age in Literature and Society
 Creative Monsters
 Crime Fiction
 Dangers of a Single Story: Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Peoples
 In Dark Times: The Dystopian Imagination
 Literature of Film
 Reading and Writing the City
 Same Story, Different Day

History

World History
 U.S. History
 Anthropology/Introduction to Anthropology
 Comparative Religions
 A Global History of Disasters
 History of Modern South Asia
 Latin American History
 Law and the American Legal System
 Music and the American Experience
 Political and Economic Theories, Practices, and Conflicts
 Rebels and Renegades: Artists in the 20th Century

Mathematics

Geometry
 Algebra II
 Accelerated Algebra II with Trigonometry
 Precalculus
 Calculus
 Mathematical Problem Solving and Posing
 Probability and Statistics

Science

Conceptual Physics
 Chemistry
 Biology
 Physics II: Topics in Astronomy and Physics
 Chemistry II: Topics in Organic and Inorganic Chemistry
 Neuroscience and Society
 Science and Engineering in Practice
 Uncovering Climate Change: Science, Economics, and Culture

World Languages and Classics

French I, II, III, IV, V
 Spanish I, II, III, IV, V
 French Cinema: Exploring Society, History, and Cultural Identity
 Les Femmes: Women in French Literature and Francophone Cultures
 Film and Society: Exploring the Hispanic World through Cinema
 Women in Latin American Cultural Studies
 Latin II, III
 Latin Literature: Epic and Lyric
 Latin Literature: Philosophy and Memoir
 Latin Literature: Roman Historiography and Identity

Visual and Performing Arts

Photography I
 Advanced Photography
 Ceramics I
 Advanced Ceramics
 Introduction to Studio Art: Elements of Creative Process
 Advanced Painting

Advanced Studio Art: Using Creative Process for Life
 Introduction to Filmmaking
 Advanced Filmmaking
 Introduction to Acting
 Beginning/Intermediate Acting
 Advanced Acting
 Chamber Choir
 Chamber Orchestra
 Dance Company
 Dance Composition
 Drama Production Labs A, B, and C
 Handbell Choir
 Beginning Guitar/Guitar I
 Guitar II

Technology

Introduction to Design Engineering
 Advanced Design Engineering
 Introduction to Mechanical Engineering
 Advanced Mechanical Engineering
 Introduction to Computer Programming
 Advanced Computer Programming
 Introduction to Fabrication/Fabrication I
 The Art of Code
 Advanced Robotics
 Robotic Engineering/Engineering Robotics
 Sustainable Design
 Game Design
 Methods and Applications in Scientific Inquiry

Transdisciplinary Studies

Hewitt Action Research Collaborative
 Leadership for Sustainability 1, 2
 The World on Your Plate: Nutrition, Culture, and the Ecology of Food Systems

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Between 2021 and 2025, Hewitt students matriculated at the colleges and universities listed below.

American University*
 Amherst College*
 Arizona State University
 Babson College
 Bard College
 Barnard College*
 Bennington College
 Boston College*
 Boston University*
 Bowdoin College
 Brown University*
 Bucknell University*
 Butler University
 California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Chapman University*
 Colgate University*
 College of William & Mary
 Colorado College
 Columbia College Chicago
 Columbia University*
 Cornell University*
 Davidson College*
 Duke University*
 Emory University*
 Franklin & Marshall College
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University*
 Georgia Institute of Technology*
 Hamilton College*

Hampton University
 Harvard University
 Howard University
 Indiana University*
 Istituto Marangoni, Milano
 Johns Hopkins University*
 Lafayette College*
 Lehigh University*
 Loyola Marymount University
 Macalester College
 McGill University*
 Middlebury College*
 New York University*
 Northeastern University*
 Northwestern University
 Occidental College
 Pratt Institute
 Princeton University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
 San Diego State University
 Santa Clara University
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Sciences Po
 Scripps College
 Skidmore College*
 Smith College
 Southern Methodist University
 Spelman College
 Syracuse University*
 Trinity College Dublin - Columbia University Dual BA Program

Tufts University*
 Tulane University*
 Union College
 Universiteit Utrecht
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Los Angeles*
 University of Miami*
 University of Michigan*
 University of Pennsylvania*
 University of Richmond
 University of Southern California*
 University of St Andrews*
 University of Sydney
 University of Texas at Austin*
 University of Vermont*
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin*
 Vanderbilt University*
 Vassar College
 Verto Education Program
 Villanova University*
 Wake Forest University*
 Washington University in St. Louis*
 Wellesley College*
 Wesleyan University*
 Wheaton College
 Williams College*
 Yale University*

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