



EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

Honoring its founder's vision, Emma Willard School proudly fosters in each young woman a love of learning, the habits of an intellectual life, and the character, moral strength, and qualities of leadership to serve and shape her world.

STUDENT BODY

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

350

91

12th Grade

90

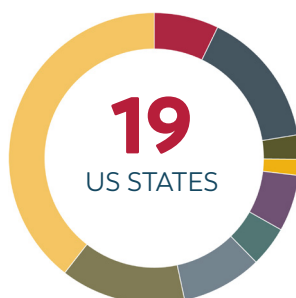
10th Grade

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11th Grade

72

9th Grade



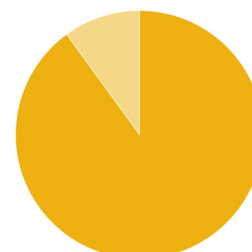
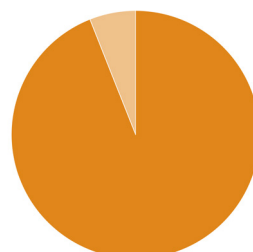
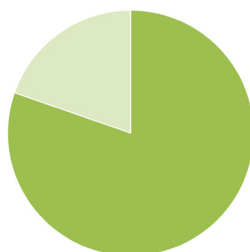
- African/African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Biracial
- European
- Hispanic/Latine
- Multiracial
- Other
- Prefer not to say
- White



- China
- Hong Kong
- Viet Nam
- United Kingdom
- Taiwan
- Afghanistan
- Canada
- India
- Japan
- Palestine
- Rwanda
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Other (23)

A financial aid budget of \$6.6 million enables 46% of the student body to receive financial assistance to attend Emma Willard School. The average financial aid award for those who qualify is \$51,994 for boarding students and \$29,937 for day students. Emma Willard School considers for admission any applicant who is inspired and feels well-served by our girls' school mission. We do not consider for admission any applicant who identifies as a boy. As we affirm our mission, Emma Willard School respects the gender identities of all current students.

FACULTY



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Emma Willard curriculum reflects the school's pursuit of excellence; capitalizes on the global nature of its student body; sustains a belief in the importance of leadership, ethics, and service in adolescent education; and honors the woman's perspective. Emma Willard offers a rigorous college preparatory program with Advanced Studies (AS) opportunities and upper-level electives in all disciplines. In line with our Program Pillars (emmawillard.org/academics), there are caps on the number of AS classes students are able to take. Ninth graders do not enroll in AS courses. Tenth grade students may choose one AS course, 11th graders up to two, and 12th graders up to three.

Advanced Studies: Advanced Studies (AS) courses are equal to or greater than Advanced Placement™ (AP) courses in rigor, but offer opportunities for extended inquiry and independent research, meaningful collaboration, and experiential learning. AS courses are designed through a rigorous internal process and are subject to approval by the Director of Curriculum and Innovation.

Personalized Study: Students may engage in personalized studies through several special programs:

- *Practicum* is an independent study program. It offers students opportunities for exploration and enrichment through academic and nonacademic experiences both on and off campus.
- *STEAM 9 and 10* are individualized courses for ninth and tenth graders. Students collaborate on projects aligned with their areas of interest. Projects culminate with poster presentations. (STEAM: science, technology, engineering, arts, math)
- *Signature* is a capstone program that allows students to explore a topic of their interest in depth. Students utilize individualized instruction to work on project goals for one academic year and present the results of their work during a special, all-school showcase.
- *Emma Artist Program* is for both performing and visual arts students who wish to pursue study beyond our advanced offerings in their particular arts discipline. Students work on their individual pieces while meeting weekly for performance classes, group critiques, collaboration, and improvisation sessions. Students perform and show their work throughout the year, with a final culminating arts showing at our all-school showcase.

Leadership Opportunities: Student leadership roles are divided into three tiers: White, Black, and Red. Red Tier roles are the most prestigious and the most time-consuming, for that reason, students may only hold one. They may not hold both a Red Tier role and a Black Tier role at the same time; however, students with a Red Tier Role may hold a maximum of two White Tier Roles. Visit emmawillard.org/student-leadership for details about student involvement.

GPA and Class Rank: Emma Willard does not rank students, nor do we provide a cumulative grade point average as part of a student's credentials. This practice is consistent with our founder's belief that "education should seek to bring its subjects to the perfection of their moral, intellectual, and physical nature." Believing that her vision encourages students to measure their strengths against their own potential rather than in competition against others, we do not report information that invites comparisons of students.

Grading:

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F/No Credit	<60

There is no grade of A+. "NC" (no credit) represents a failing grade. All arts courses are graded as CR/NC (credit/no credit) unless a letter grade is chosen by the student (for visual art courses only).

Grading for Ninth Graders: Students entering Emma Willard's ninth grade are graded on a credit/no credit basis for the fall semester. In the spring semester, ninth graders receive letter grades that are reported on transcripts. Comprehensive final exams may be included in this spring semester grade. Because of this, there is no year grade recorded for ninth grade. If colleges require a final grade for the purpose of calculating a GPA, we suggest using the spring semester grades for this purpose.

School Policy on Reporting Discipline: Making mistakes is a natural, necessary part of a student's personal growth and educational development. This is especially true in a boarding school environment such as Emma Willard's, where student behavior is monitored closely and consistently. While we acknowledge the need to report significant disciplinary events to colleges, we also believe that routine discipline is a developmentally appropriate tool to be used without fear of long-term consequences. Emma Willard therefore shares with colleges only disciplinary information about a student's suspension or expulsion.

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2025-2026 EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL COURSE LISTINGS AND CREDITS

(.25 and .5 credits = semester course, 1.5 credits = AS year course, 1.0 credits = year course)

ARTS

- Beginning Ballet/Contemporary Dance .5
- Intermediate Ballet .5
- Advanced Ballet .5
- Intermediate Contemporary Dance .5
- Advanced Contemporary Dance .5
- Hip hop/Jazz Dance Fusion .5
- Dance Choreography/Performance Workshop .25
- Core Training Fundamentals .25
- Orchestra .5
- Chamber Orchestra .5
- Choir .5
- Inner Choir .5
- Voice Seminar .25
- Music Appreciation: The World of Music .25
- Semiquavers .5
- Ceramics .5
- Introduction to Sculpture .5
- Introduction to Photography .5
- Film and Video .5
- Introduction to Drawing .5
- Introduction to Painting .5
- 3-D Design .5
- Graphic Design .5
- Intermediate Media Arts: : Photo, Video, and Design .5
- Advanced Media Arts: : Photo, Video, and Design .5
- Intermediate Studio Art 1.0
- Advanced Studio Art 1.0
- Intermediate Sculpture and Ceramics .5
- Advanced Sculpture and Ceramics .5
- Emma Artists I: Visual Arts .5
- Emma Artists I: Performing Arts .5
- Emma Artists II: Visual Arts .5
- Emma Artists II: Performing Arts .5
- Emma Artists III: Performing Arts .5
- Special Project in Arts .5
- Acting: The Art and Craft of Play .5
- Acting: Actor as the Creator .5
- Public Speaking: Expressive Speech and Storytelling .5
- Theatre Company .25
- Technical Theatre Support .25

ENGLISH

- English I 1.0
- English II 1.0
- English III 1.0
- English Support I
- English Support II
- Writing Support .5
- Fiction Writing for Sophomores and Juniors .25
- Nonfiction Workshop .5
- Gothic Literature .5
- Reading Film: Language and Art of Cinema .5
- Literature of the Good Life .5
- Songwriting .25
- Short Fiction Workshop .5
- Dystopian Fiction .5
- AS Postcolonial Perspectives: Literature & Theory 1.5
- AS The Politics of Emotion 1.5

HISTORY

- Classical Mediterranean History .5
- African History .5
- East Asian History .5
- Indian History .5
- History of the Middle East .5
- Latin American History .5
- European History .5
- Contemporary World History .5
- U.S. History 1.0
- Indigenous History of North America .5
- International Human Rights Studies: Genocide I .5
- International Human Rights Studies: Genocide II .5
- AS Comparative Government and Politics 1.5
- Modern African American History .5
- AS US History 1.5
- AS Art History 1.5
- AS Economics 1.5
- US Government and Politics 1.0

LANGUAGES

- French I 1.0
- French II 1.0
- French III 1.0
- French IV: Exploration of the Francophonie beyond French Borders 1.0
- AS French V: French Identity(ies) 1.5
- Spanish I 1.0
- Spanish II 1.0
- Spanish III 1.0
- Spanish IV 1.0
- AS Spanish V 1.5
- Latin I 1.0
- Latin II 1.0
- Latin III 1.0
- Latin IV: Literature and Empire 1.0
- AS Latin IV: Literature and Empire 1.5
- Chinese I 1.0
- Chinese II 1.0
- Chinese III 1.0
- AS Chinese IV 1.5

MATHEMATICS

- Math Support .5
- Algebra I 1.0
- Algebra II and Trigonometry 1.0
- Algebra II & Trigonometry with Non-Routine Problems 1.0
- Geometry 1.0
- Thinking Mathematically .5
- Financial Literacy .5
- Precalculus 1.0
- Precalculus with Non-Routine Problems 1.0
- Introduction to Engineering Design .5
- Calculus 1.0
- AS Calculus AB 1.5
- AS Calculus C with an Introduction to Multivariable Calculus 1.5
- AS Statistics 1.5

SCIENCE

- Physics Essentials 1.0
- Physics 1.0
- AS Physics 1 1.5
- Biology 1.0

- AS Biology 1.5
- Genetics .5
- Genetics Lab .5
- Astrobiology .5
- Chemistry 1.0
- Chemistry Essentials 1.0
- Foundations in Organic Chemistry .5
- AS Chemistry 1.5
- Neuroscience 1.0
- Anatomy & Kinesiology .5
- Marine Biology .5
- Environmental Science and Policy 1.0
- AS Entomology .75

TECHNOLOGY

- Introduction to Data Science with Python .5
- Introduction to Coding with Python .5
- AS Computer Science Explorations 1.5
- AS Computer Science with Java 1.5

ATHLETICS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- ARC Swim Instruction and Safety
- ARC Lifeguard Training .25

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- STEAM Research 9 .25
This one-semester course allows ninth graders to complete flexible, cross-disciplinary projects in STEAM fields. Emphasis is placed on teamwork, problem solving, and exhibiting final work. Final work is exhibited with a comprehensive poster.
- STEAM Research 10 .5
This year-long class offers tenth graders the opportunity to explore STEAM concepts of their choosing together in small teams. Students complete an extensive project composed of their own goals and outcomes. The experience culminates with an extensive poster.
- Practicum
Practicum is Emma Willard's independent study program. It offers students in grades 9-12 opportunities for exploration and enrichment through academic and non-academic experiences both on and off campus.
- Signature Program .5
Signature is a capstone course open to eleventh and twelfth graders. Students design their own, year-long projects, and share their experiences and outcomes in presentations to the entire school community. Together with their teacher, students make use of school resources and relationships on and off campus to craft their individualized projects.

SEMINAR

- Grade 9: Ready Seminar
- Grade 10: Ready Seminar
- Grade 11: Ready Seminar
- Grade 12: Ready Seminar

EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Classes of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

American University (3)	Lehigh University (5)	Tufts University
Arizona State University Tempe	Lewis & Clark College	Union College (2)
Bard College (5)	Loyola University Chicago (2)	University College London
Barnard College (3)	Lynn University	University at Albany (4)
Bates College (3)	Macalester College	University of California Berkeley
Bennington College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3)	University of California Davis (2)
Bentley University	McGill University	University of California Irvine
Bocconi University (2)	Michigan State University	University of California Los Angeles (3)
Boston College (4)	Mount Holyoke College (5)	University of California Riverside
Boston University (2)	Muhlenberg College	University of California San Diego (2)
Brandeis University (4)	New York University (20)	University of California Santa Barbara (2)
Brown University	Northeastern University (10)	University of California Santa Cruz
Bryn Mawr College (3)	Northwestern University (3)	University of Chicago
Bucknell University (3)	Oberlin College (4)	University of Connecticut
CUNY City College	Occidental College	University of Edinburgh
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	Pace University New York City	University of Hartford
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Penn State University - University Park (2)	University of Hong Kong
Centre College	Pitzer College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (6)
Champlain College	Princeton University	University of Maine
Chapman University	Providence College (4)	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Christopher Newport University (2)	Purdue University	University of Miami (2)
Claremont McKenna College	Queen's University (2)	University of Michigan (2)
Clark University (2)	Quinnipiac University	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Clarkson University (2)	Reed College	University of Oregon
Colby College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (4)	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Pittsburgh (3)
Colorado School of Mines	Rice University	University of Portland
Columbia University	Rochester Institute of Technology (3)	University of Rhode Island
Community College of Vermont	Rutgers University New Brunswick (2)	University of Rochester (3)
Connecticut College	SUNY University at Buffalo (2)	University of South Carolina
Cornell University (11)	SUNY at New Paltz	University of Southern California (3)
Dartmouth College	Saint Louis University	University of St Andrews
Dickinson College (2)	Saint Michael's College	University of Toronto (2)
Drexel University	Sarah Lawrence College (3)	University of Vermont (4)
Eckerd College (2)	School of Visual Arts	University of Virginia
Emerson College (3)	Scripps College (2)	University of Wisconsin Madison (3)
Emory University (6)	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of the Arts London
Endicott College	Skidmore College (6)	University of the Pacific
Fashion Institute of Technology	Smith College (7)	Vassar College (4)
Fordham University (7)	St. John's University	Villanova University (2)
Franklin & Marshall College	St. Lawrence University (2)	Wagner College
George Washington University (8)	Stanford University (2)	Washington University in St. Louis (4)
Georgetown University	Stony Brook University	Wellesley College (7)
Hamilton College (2)	Suffolk University	Wesleyan University (5)
Hampton University (2)	Swarthmore College	Wheaton College - MA
Harvard University (2)	Syracuse University (3)	William & Mary
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2)	The American University of Paris (2)	Williams College
Howard University	The Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Xavier University of Louisiana
Hudson Valley Community College	The New School (3)	
Ithaca College	The University of Texas at Austin	
Johns Hopkins University (4)	Trinity College (2)	
Kenyon College (4)		
Lafayette College (7)		

