

**School Profile 2025-2026
CEEb/ACT School Code: 220222**

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Commonwealth School, an independent day school for 163 students in grades 9–12, is recognized for its adventurous intellectual exploration, nourished by outstanding faculty, and inspired by our generous community hailing from diverse backgrounds. In the Class of 2025, 100% of those who applied were admitted to four-year colleges and universities.

Notable Facts about Commonwealth School

- **Academic Honors** Commonwealth does not confer academic honors. There is no *Cum Laude* Society, book awards, or prizes for each subject in any year.
- **Senior Capstone** Each year, juniors are invited to apply to complete a Capstone over the course of their senior year as an independent research project. They are selected by faculty and board members and selection as a Capstone Scholar is considered a significant honor.
- **Arts** Students are required to take one art course per year; approximately one-third of students take two or more. Each class meets two periods per week all year.
- **Research and Writing** Using primary sources, students write three long research papers, one each in Ancient History, Medieval World History, and U.S. History.
- **Leadership** Commonwealth emphasizes collegiality over hierarchy. Student government is voluntary. Club leadership is shared or fluid. Twice a year, the entire school travels to a rural New England campground on a student-run, adult-chaperoned trip. Some students serve as Day Heads, overseeing work and activities for the day. Other students are Head Cooks, who plan meals for some 200 people and direct crews of dozens of sous-chefs and waiters; they also supervise and serve on clean-up crews.
- **Community Service** Students participate in many service projects over their four years to meet the community-service graduation requirement.
- **Project Week** Every year, students in grades 9–11 design and complete a one-week project or participate in a two-week overseas exchange. During senior year, students design and complete a three-week project.
- **Jobs** Nearly all students serve two weeks out of three on a crew that cleans up the school kitchen and lunchroom daily.
- **Sports/Fitness** Students are required to participate in a varsity sport or fitness program for two to three seasons, three afternoons per week, every year.

Class of 2026 Academic Profile

- There are 38 students in the Class of 2026.
- Each year students are recognized as National Merit Semifinalists and National Merit Commended Scholars.
- By the end of July 2025, 85% of AP scores were 4 or 5; 96% of scores were 3 or above. When AP exams are available for APE classes, most students earn a score of 4 or 5.

ACT and SAT The average SAT score for the Class of 2026 is 1470 and the average composite ACT score for the Class of 2026 is 33.

Ranking Commonwealth School does not rank its students.

Transcripts All ninth-grade courses are graded Pass (P)/Fail (E). Straight A's are uncommon.

Grading Scale: A+ (100–97); A (96–93); A- (92–90); B+ (89–87); B (86–83); B- (82–80); C+ (79–77); C (76–73); C- (72–70); D+ (69–67); D (66–63); D- (62–60); E (below 60).

Unweighted GPA Scale: A+ (4.33); A (4.0); A- (3.67); B+ (3.33); B (3.0); B- (2.67); C+ (2.33); C (2.0); C- (1.67); D+ (1.33); D (1.0); E (0).

Weighted GPA: add (1) for AP and APE courses and (.5) for Honors courses. Weighted and Unweighted GPAs are included on each transcript.

Course Offerings and Progression Most Honors (H) and all Advanced Placement (AP) courses are taught at the college level. AP equivalent (APE) courses have rigor that is equivalent to or surpasses AP requirements. Humanities, language, and computer science courses follow in numerical sequence.

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12 or Reasons for Writing
History	Ancient History	Medieval World History	U.S. History	Modern European History or Other History Elective
Language *	Language Level 1	Language Level 2	Language Level 3	Language Level 4 or Higher
Math **	Geometry or Geometry Advanced	Algebra 2/Precalculus or Algebra 2/Precalculus Adv.	Calculus 1 or Statistics	Theoretical Calculus or Other Math Elective
Science	Biology 1	Chemistry 1 or Chemistry 1 Advanced	Physics 1 or Physics 1 Advanced	Advanced Science Elective(s)
Arts †	One or More Arts Courses	One or More Arts Courses	One or More Arts Courses	One or More Arts Courses
Grade-Specific Courses † †	Ninth-Grade Seminar	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Head of School Seminar
Athletic Requirements	Two Seasons of Sports	Two Seasons of Sports	Two Seasons of Sports	Two Seasons of Sports
Other Requirements	Project Week, Community Service ^	Project Week, Community Service ^	Project Week	Senior Project

* LANGUAGES: French, Latin, Mandarin, or Spanish

** MATH: Representative example; students can progress through math curriculum according to their interest and ability, including upper-level courses such as Theoretical Calculus and Axiomatic Set Theory.

† ARTS COURSES: Acting, The Art and Science of Materials, Chorus, Chorale, Chamber Music, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Ceramics, Drawing and Painting, Life Drawing, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture

† † GRADE-SPECIFIC COURSES: Ninth-grade seminar teaches students how to communicate effectively, how to navigate Boston comfortably and conscientiously, and how to safeguard their health and wellness; Head of School Seminar challenges seniors to explore the role of purpose of education in the United States and more broadly.

^ COMMUNITY SERVICE: Progress Toward 20 Hours

View our full course descriptions
and graduation requirements in the
Academic Catalogue



College and University Matriculation 2021-2025

Barnard College	Middlebury College	University of Colorado Boulder
Boston College	Mount Holyoke College	University of Edinburgh
Boston University	New York University	University of Illinois
Bowdoin College	North Bennet Street School	Urbana-Champaign
Brandeis University	Northeastern University	University of
Brown University	Northwestern University	Massachusetts Amherst
Carleton College	Pomona College	University of Michigan
Carnegie Mellon University	Princeton University	University of Nottingham
Case Western Reserve University	Reed College	University of Oxford
Claremont McKenna College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Pennsylvania
Colby College	Royal College of Music	University of Rochester
Columbia University	Smith College	University of Southern California
Cornell University	Stanford University	University of Toronto
Duke University	Swarthmore College	University of Wisconsin—Madison
Emory University	Syracuse University	Vanderbilt University
Grinnell College	The New England Conservatory of	Vassar College
Harvard University	Music	Washington University in St
Haverford College	Tufts University	Louis
Johns Hopkins University	University College Dublin	Wellesley College
Kenyon College	University College London	Wesleyan University
Lesley University	University of California, Berkeley	Whitman College
Macalester College	University of California, Los	Williams College
Massachusetts Institute of	Angeles	Yale University
Technology	University of California San Diego	
McGill University	University of Chicago	

***Schools in bold have had five or more matriculations.**

Disciplinary Reporting Policy

Commonwealth School views discipline as part of the educational process and normally an internal matter. When colleges ask for information about a student's high-school disciplinary record, we will disclose at our discretion and ask the student to disclose accordingly. Should you have any questions about our policy, please contact Gena Rodriguez, Director of College Counseling.