



A NOBLE PARTNERSHIP



Hillside School and the DAR

Since 1925 Hillside has been the recipient of generous assistance from the Daughters of the American Revolution and is proud to be one of only five schools in the nation to be a DAR Approved School. Recent gifts from the DAR have included equipment for our woodshop, fitness center, multipurpose room, and athletic department. The DAR's ongoing support of our scholarship aid program enables boys who need Hillside to be able to attend regardless of a family's ability to pay. In addition to attending Continental Congress, state conferences, and chapter meetings, Hillside recognizes and honors the Daughters with our annual DAR Day celebration each year in May. We invite you to come to campus to meet our boys and see what makes Hillside such a special place. Please contact Hillside's Director of DAR Relations, Rich Meyer, at rmeyer@hillsideschool.net if you have any questions about Hillside or would like to come for a visit.

Student Body and Program Overview

Boys come to Hillside for a variety of reasons, often they have not been reaching their full potential. Each year we have approximately 140 students (all boys) in grades 4 through 9. Roughly two-thirds of those students are boarders, often representing 10 different states and 10 different foreign countries. Hillside offers a strong fundamental, yet innovative, education within a nurturing family environment. Emphasis on social skills and character development are also stressed. We have small classes (average class size of 10-15 students) and individual attention (faculty to student ratio is 7:1). Other important elements of the program include top-notch tutorial instruction (for those who need remedial support), leadership development, community service, and the arts. A strong sports program with at least 7 different teams each season helps to keep the boys well-rounded.



*This year we are celebrating 100 years of
being a DAR School. Scan to read more!*

Campus Today

The school was moved to its present location in 1927, after the original site was flooded to create the Quabbin Reservoir. The school is located on 150 acres of land in Marlborough, MA, approximately 30 miles west of Boston and 17 miles east of Worcester. Hillside is unique because it has both a working farm and Innovation Lab (iLab) on the campus. Students live and learn in a rural setting, but because of the proximity to Boston and Worcester, they also have the opportunity to visit museums and attend cultural, educational, and sporting events offered by these two cities.

A Lower School for K-3

We are thrilled to announce the expansion of the Hillside School campus, with a new lower school building for students in K-3. Completed in 2025, the lower school is a LEED certified green building, which is a reflection of Hillside's commitment to sustainability and our priority to create spaces that demonstrate excellence in design, construction, operations, and maintenance. We look forward to welcoming our first K-3 students in Fall 2026, empowering them to think critically, lead with purpose, and grow into individuals of strong character and positive values.

An IB World School

In June of 2025 Hillside School received its official authorization as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the Middle Years Program (MYP), making us the only Junior Boarding School in the United States to receive this prestigious designation. Research shows that students participating in the MYP have greater confidence, outperform non-IB students in critical academic skills, feel a commitment as citizens to the larger community, and are more engaged and motivated to excel. The IB program is a holistic and authentic approach to education that seeks to develop students who are open-minded, principled, reflective, and caring risk takers.

History & Mission

Hillside School was founded in 1901 on a farm in Greenwich, Massachusetts by Charlotte Drinkwater, a social worker, and her sister, Mary Drinkwater Warren, a teacher. The school was founded as a home, farm, and school for "Homeless and Other Worthy Boys." From its simple beginnings through the present day program, Hillside has remained steadfast in its mission of helping boys to maximize their potential in mind, body, and spirit by providing traditional values and educational skills preparing them for their high school years. Hillside embraces the 5 core values of Honesty, Compassion, Respect, Determination, and Brotherhood as our guiding principles which are woven into everything that we do.



*Who's Tallest ?
We are both growing mentally, morally and
physically every day.*