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DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Middlesex School is a nonsectarian, coeducational preparatory school founded in 1901. The present enrollment is 427 with 207 females and 220 males in grades nine through twelve, with 115 students in the Senior class. The student body represents 20 states and 22 foreign countries. The vast majority of students enter Middlesex in either the ninth or tenth grade. There are 67 teaching faculty, 81% of whom have graduate degrees. Classes are conducted six days a week. The average section size is 12.

CURRICULUM

Freshmen and Sophomores customarily take 5 1/2 credits per semester; Juniors and Seniors take 5 credits. Specific requirements include 8 semesters of English; 4 semesters of history, including 1 year of United States History; mathematics through Pre-calculus: Trigonometry; 2 years of laboratory science; a foreign language through the third-year level; and 4 half-credit courses in the arts. In addition, Juniors and Seniors are required to distribute their courses among the 4 divisions of the curriculum: 7 in the Humanities, 5 in STEM disciplines, 2 in the Social Sciences, and 1 in the Arts, with 5 courses unrestricted.

GRADING

The numerical system at Middlesex is designed to give a precise evaluation of each student's academic performance. Full-credit courses are given equal weight in computing averages. Neither a rank in class nor a cumulative average is computed. **Grading standards are unusually high. In the Class of 2027, the highest unweighted Junior-year average is 95.55.**

Middlesex's grading system has the following letter/number equivalencies:

A+ = 97-100 A = 93-96 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 = 50-59 P = Pass

High Honors: 90 and above Honors: 85-89.9

HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES BY DEPARTMENT

Art	AP Art History, AP Music Theory, Advanced Projects in Theater, AP Studio Art
Classics	AP Latin (Vergil), Advanced Studies in Latin Poetry*, Advanced Greek Literature*
Computer Science	Principles of Computer Science/AP Computer Science Principles, Programming in Java/AP Computer Science A, Discrete Mathematics and Data Structures*, Advanced Data Structures and Algorithms*, Data Mining and Analytics*, Advanced Data Mining and Analytics*, User Experience Design*, Full Stack Development*
English	AP English Literature, Senior English Electives* (students who take the AP English Language exam do so without the benefit of an AP course)
Mathematics	Advanced Statistics and Probability/AP Statistics, Differential Calculus/AP Calculus AB, Advanced Differential Calculus/Advanced Integral Calculus/AP Calculus BC, Vector Calculus*, Multi-Variable Calculus*, Linear Algebra*, Differential Equations*, Analysis of Probabilistic Systems*
Modern Languages	AP Chinese Language, AP French Language, Advanced French Literature*, Culture, Identity and Politics/AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature
Religious Studies	Senior Electives
Sciences	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C
Social Sciences	American Government/AP American Government and Politics, AP Economics (micro and macro), AP European History, AP U.S. History, Senior History Electives (students who take the AP World History exam do so without the benefit of an AP course)

*Courses that are the equivalent of a first or second-year college course

COURSE LEVELS

100	Standard
200	Accelerated
250	Advanced
300	Honors/Advanced
400	AP/AP-Level
500	College in High School/High Honors

The purpose of the Middlesex academic program is to instill a love of learning and develop the skills that are essential to education in the liberal arts, the fine arts, and the sciences. The Course Levels indicate the increasing expectations that faculty have for students as they engage with the extremely rigorous and in-depth Middlesex curriculum in their preparation for collegiate-level coursework and beyond.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

The standardized testing results below are for members of the Class of 2026 who submitted test scores as part of their college applications.

	Mean	Median	Middle 50%
SAT EBRW (61 students)	740	770	710 – 770
SAT Math (61 students)	740	760	710 – 790
ACT (25 students)	33	34	31 - 34

ADVANCED PLACEMENT – 2026

276 candidates sat for 791 examinations. The overall distribution of the scores is: 5.....37% 4.....38% 3.....19% 2.....3% 1.....<1%

Enrollment in all AP courses must be approved by the department. Advanced Placement English Literature and English Language exams are required of all Juniors.

AP Scholars: 38 students

AP Scholars with Honors: 30 students

AP Scholars with Distinction: 107 students

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

Middlesex School values honesty; both the student and the college counselor will report suspensions to all colleges that ask.

COUNSELOR LETTERS

In order to ensure objectivity, neither the student nor their parents see counselor letters.

THE CLASS OF 2026 WILL ATTEND THESE COLLEGES:

University of Chicago (11)	Union College (3)	Harvard University (2)
Babson College (5)	Boston College (2)	New York University (2)
Colby College (4)	Boston University (2)	Providence College (2)
Middlebury College (4)	Bucknell University (2)	Tufts University (2)
University of St Andrews (4)	Colgate University (2)	University of Connecticut (2)
Wake Forest University (4)	Cornell University (2)	University of Massachusetts (Amherst) (2)
Brown University (3)	Duke University (2)	Villanova University (2)
Trinity College (3)	Georgetown University (2)	

One to each of the following:

Amherst College	McGill University	SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology
Barnard College	Northwestern University	Tulane University of Louisiana
Bates College	Oberlin College	University of Colorado (Boulder)
Bentley University	Occidental College	University of Pittsburgh
Bowdoin College	Purdue University	University of Richmond
Dartmouth College	Queen's University	University of the South (Sewanee)
Denison University	Rhode Island College	University of Wisconsin
Emory University	Rollins College	Vanderbilt University
Endicott College	Salve Regina University	Verto Program, Guaranteed Transfer to Vanderbilt
Fairfield University	Scripps College	Washington and Lee University
Franklin & Marshall College	Skidmore College	Washington University in St. Louis
Gettysburg College	Smith College	Wesleyan University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	St. Lawrence University	2 Post Graduate Programs
Johns Hopkins University	Stonehill College	

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