

School Profile 2026–2027
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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 2026, 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 20-hour 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 or a variety of other jobs to support the school community.
- **Sports/Fitness** Students are required to participate in a varsity sport or fitness program for two of three seasons, three afternoons per week, every year.

Class of 2027 Academic Profile

- There are 40 students in the Class of 2027.
- Each year students are recognized as National Merit Semifinalists and National Merit Commended Scholars.
- By the end of July 2026, 87% of AP scores were 4 or 5; 97% 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 2027 is 1480 and the average composite ACT score for the Class of 2027 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 I or Statistics	Theoretical Calculus or Other Math Elective
Science	Biology I	Chemistry I or Chemistry I Advanced	Physics I or Physics I 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 2022–2026

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

***Schools in bold have had five or more matriculations from 2022–2026.**

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.