

THE WARDLAW+HARTRIDGE SCHOOL

2026-2027 PROFILE

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SCHOOL

The Wardlaw+Hartridge School is an independent coeducational day school serving 63 communities and is located on 36 acres in central New Jersey. The total number of 414 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 includes an Upper School enrollment of approximately 215.

Wardlaw+Hartridge is an NAIS leader in terms of student economic, social, cultural, and racial diversity. The school evolved in 1976 from a merger of The Wardlaw Country Day School for boys, founded in 1882, and The Hartridge School for girls, founded in 1884. It is accredited by the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools, holds memberships in the National and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools, a member of the College Entrance Examination Board, the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Wardlaw+Hartridge School prepares students to lead and succeed in a world of global interconnection. We provide an educational atmosphere characterized by academic challenge, rigorous inquiry, support for individual excellence, diversity, and a familial sense of community.

DIVERSITY

The diversity of thought, background and culture at Wardlaw+Hartridge distinguishes us among independent schools, strengthens the global orientation of our curriculum and enriches the daily experience of every member of the school community, inside and outside the classroom. The school continues to be deeply committed to reflecting the diversity of the surrounding area within the school population. Our community self-identifies in the following percentages:

Asian	44%	Hispanic or Latino	10%	Middle Eastern	1%
Black or African American	16%	Multiracial	11%		
International	6%	European	12%	Financial Aid Recipients	50%

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is exclusively college preparatory. Wardlaw+Hartridge not only prepares students to succeed in demanding college programs, but also educates students in the broadest sense of the term. Our aim is to graduate well-rounded citizens equipped with the intellectual, social, ethical and aesthetic qualities they need to achieve their full potential.

Course offerings are listed in our Curriculum Guide, found at [2026/2027 Curriculum Guide](#). We offer **22 Advanced Placement classes** in addition to **22 Honors classes**. Not all classes are offered every year, however. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are designated as such in the course title on the transcript. In addition, each year **we offer some specialized advanced level courses**, which we consider to be on par or beyond AP level for our most dedicated students. These are designated as **Advanced Topics** and include: **Capstone Research Seminar and Research in Genetics II as well as some select Independent Study offerings**.

Students are not advised to take more than six core academic courses in a given school year. Students who **wish to take AP classes must meet the prerequisite guidelines** set forth in our Curriculum Guide **and receive departmental approval**. Any exception to these guidelines requires administrative and faculty approval. This year, 52% of the Seniors have been approved for more than three APs. Only 14% will be allowed to take five - our most rigorous load. **All students taking an AP course are expected to take the equivalent exam in May.**

ADVANCED TOPICS: CAPSTONE RESEARCH SEMINAR

The optional Advanced Topics: Capstone Research Seminar hones and broadens students' academic research, scholarly writing, and research presentation skills. Students learn and employ state-of-the-art research methodologies as they design and carry out original scholarly research. Each student produces a unique and comprehensive final research article on a pressing issue in the discipline of their choice. Completed research projects are published in the [Wardlaw+Hartridge Capstone Research Journal](#). *Note: This course is viewed and weighted as Advanced Placement (AP) given its rigor.*

GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Global Scholars Program is designed for students who are interested in learning about current international challenges while demonstrating positive dispositions toward global stewardship. Students typically enroll in this program in 10th grade, earning an endorsement on their Wardlaw-Hartridge transcript after completing requirements within each of the following six strands: world language competency; specialized global coursework; cross-cultural experience; service learning; Capstone Research Seminar; and globally-focused participation in school community.

CONSERVATORY PROGRAM

The Conservatory Program is designed for students who are dedicated to acquiring the knowledge and skills they will need to lead and succeed in the performing arts in college and in professional settings. Students typically enroll by the second trimester of their sophomore year, selecting the Performance or Production track. Performance requirements include: participation in Band or Choir, instrumental or vocal lessons weekly, required Music Theory courses, participation in W+H Musicals and Chamber Music as well as group recital performances and participation in music competitions. Production requirements include: enrollment in Technical Theatre Practicum, Technical Film Production and Studio Recording, while providing support in the Performing Arts Center during any plays, musicals and concert performances.

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to reimagine learning to empower students and educators to thrive in a globally networked society. GOA schools develop the strategies and tools to lead innovation, and GOA faculty design rigorous learning experiences focused on cultivating relationships, sharing diverse perspectives on global issues, and encouraging a passion for learning. GOA courses equip students with the skills, strategies, and tools to be successful modern learners.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from The Wardlaw+Hartridge School a student **must accumulate a minimum of 66 credits, at least 16 credits per year for grades 9-12**. The 66 credits must include four years of English, three years of mathematics, three years of science, three years of history, three consecutive years of world language, and one year of the arts, four years of physical education, two years of health, and an optional Advanced Topics: Capstone Research Seminar. Beginning with the School Year 2026/2027, community volunteer hours will be required for each student, each academic year.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

The Wardlaw+Hartridge School fully supports its enrolled students. If college admission officers have questions about an applicant's conduct, or any other aspect of an application, we welcome inquiries and discussion.

CLASS OF 2027 TEST RESULTS

SAT Results* (58 Test-Takers)

Evidence Based Reading and Writing

Mid 50%: 590-740

Mathematics

Mid 50%: 620-770

ACT Results* (10 Test-Takers)

ACT Composite

Mid 50%: 22-34

Class of 2027 Average of Advanced Placement Exams

58 students in the Class of 2027 sat for 223 AP Exams in May of 2026.

81% of exams earned a score of 3 or higher;

64% of exams earned a score of 4 or 5.

ACADEMIC PROFILE FOR CLASS OF 2027

GPA Range for Class of 2027 (65 Students): 79.64-101.34

Average cum (weighted) GPA for Class of 2027: 94.69

Wardlaw+Hartridge does not compute rank in class due to the small size and competitive nature of the student body.

JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION, CLASS OF 2027

A student's GPA is based on grades obtained in their major academic courses. The reported GPA is calculated on a 100-point scale and is weighted for Honors (x 1.025) and AP (x 1.05) courses. Grades are assigned numerically and not by letter.

100-97 = A+	89-87 = B+	79-77 = C+	69-67 = D+	Below 60 = F
96-93 = A	86-83 = B	76-73 = C	66-63 = D	P = Pass
92-90 = A-	82-80 = B-	72-70 = C-	62-60 = D-	

COURSE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F	TOTAL
AP COMP SCI A		3	3											6
AP CALCULUS AB	5	10	3	1										19
AP CALCULUS BC	2	2												4
PRE-CALCULUS	3	2	2		1									8
PRE-CALCULUS HONORS		2	7	7	1	1								18
ALGEBRA II	1	2		3	1	1	1				2			11
AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE		3		2										5
AP CHEMISTRY	3	1	1											5
AP BIOLOGY	3	8	3	1	2		1							18
PHYSICS	3	1	2	2	4	4	2	1						19
PHYSICS HONORS	2	15	5	11	4									37
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	5	4												9
RESEARCH IN GENETICS, H	5	1	1											7
AP MICROECONOMICS	1	3												4
AP MACROECONOMICS	1	7	4	1	2									15
US HISTORY		3	1	2	4		2	1	1		1	1		16
US HISTORY HONORS	7	9	1	1										18
AP US HISTORY	2	8	6	9	2									27
ENGLISH III	1	9	5	1	4		1							21
AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE	17	23	5											45
SPANISH III HONORS	3	5												8
SPANISH IV HONORS	4	1	4			1								10
CHINESE III HONORS	3	2												5
CHINESE IV HONORS	4	3	1											8
LATIN IV HONORS	6	1												7

Note: For the sake of space, only classes where four or more students were enrolled are included in the distribution chart.



Five Year Matriculation List 2022-2026

Aberystwyth University
Alfred College
American University
Amherst College*
Barnard College*
Bentley College*
Binghamton University
*Boston University**
*Brown University**
Bryant University*
*Carnegie Mellon University**
Case Western Reserve University*
Colgate University*
Columbia University*
Connecticut College*
*Cornell University**
Denison University
Dickinson College*
Drew University*
*Drexel University**
East Carolina University
Elon University
Emerson College*
Emory University*
Fairleigh Dickinson University*
Fordham University*
Franklin & Marshall College
*George Washington University**
Georgetown University
*Georgia Institute of Technology**
Harvard University
Haverford College
Howard University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Lafayette College
Lehigh University*
Loyola University Maryland

Marist University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercy University
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Middlesex College*
Montclair State University
Moravian University
Mt. San Antonio College
Muhlenberg College*
*New York University**
*Northeastern University**
Ohio Wesleyan University
*Oxford College of Emory University**
Pennsylvania State University *
Pratt Institute
*Princeton University**
*Purdue University**
Raritan Valley Community College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rider University
Roger Williams University
Rowan University*
*Rutgers University (New Brunswick)**
Rutgers University (Newark)*
Sacred Heart University*
Sarah Lawrence College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
*Seton Hall University**
Siena College
*Skidmore College**
Smith College
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Stevens Institute of Technology*
Syracuse University*
*Temple University**

The College of New Jersey*
The Ohio State University
The University of Findlay
University College London
*University of California, Berkeley**
University of California, Davis*
University of California, Irvine*
*University of California, Los Angeles**
University of California, San Diego
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Massachusetts (Boston)*
*University of Miami**
University of New Haven
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester*
University of Texas at Austin
*University of Toronto**
University of Virginia*
*University of Washington (Seattle)**
Vanderbilt University
*Villanova University**
Virginia Polytechnic Institute*
Washington University in St. Louis*
Wesleyan University
Western Carolina University
William & Mary College
Williams College
Yale University*

*Multiple Students
Class of 2026 Italicized