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SCHOOL PROFILE | 2026-2027

Suffield Academy, founded in 1833, is an independent, nondenominational, coeducational secondary school enrolling students in grades 9-12 and postgraduate years. Suffield serves a diverse student body of boarding and day students from across the United States and from many foreign countries.

OUR MISSION The school is grounded in a tradition of academic excellence combined with a strong work ethic; respect for individual differences and a commitment to scholarship guide our curriculum and our pedagogy. We engender among our students a sense of responsibility and challenge them to grow in a school community which is both structured and nurturing. We expect our students to emerge from their Suffield experience prepared for a lifetime of learning, leadership, and active citizenship. Everything we do is framed by a commitment to our most essential values—**SUFFIELD'S CORE FOUR**—kindness, respect, effort, and leadership.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 410 total students [70% boarding • 30% day]
- 27% acceptance rate
- 19 represented states
- 26% domestic diversity
- 100% of students plan to attend a four-year college
- Class of 2026 applied to 283 colleges & universities
- 40% students on financial aid
- Average class size is 10 students
- 29 represented countries
- 23% international students
- 108 members in the Class of 2027

THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM Every student participates in our formalized Leadership Program that offers students at each grade level specific skills that will enable them to be effective leaders. The curriculum emphasizes public speaking, interpersonal skills, goal-setting, group dynamics, and problem-solving. Ninth and tenth grade students have class meetings twice a week and eleventh grade students meet once each week. Upperclassmen are selected each year to work as Teaching Assistants who help develop lesson plans, lead group discussions, and serve as important role models. Each Suffield senior has at least one formal leadership role on campus—they are all invested in leading the school. Each senior also presents a personal speech to our community as a capstone to his/her leadership experience at Suffield.

CURRICULUM Suffield Academy is on a ten-week trimester system utilizing a modified block schedule. Terms end in November, March, and June, with first term grades available around December 1. Each student must take a minimum of four courses each term. The typical course load for most students is five.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS Students must complete 18 credits to earn a diploma, including credits in: English [4]; Math [4]; Language, through level II [2]; Science [2]; History, including U.S. History and Area Studies [2]; and Arts [1]. In addition to these course credits, students must earn credits in Leadership each year.

DISCIPLINE POLICY Suffield Academy does not report disciplinary action on transcripts, school reports, and counselor recommendations.

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AP & HONORS COURSES

- Grade 9 students primarily do not take Honors/AP courses with the exception of English and math
- Only a handful of Grade 10 students enroll in AP courses
- AP offerings vary each year—Suffield typically offers 14 AP courses
- Departmental approval is required to enroll in Honors/AP courses
- A+ is rarely awarded as a term or year-end grade in any class

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

Although our regular coursework is very rigorous, our academic program includes Honors and AP courses designed to challenge and inspire students:

ENGLISH

Honors English I
AP Language
AP Literature
Honors English IV

HISTORY

Honors U.S. History
Honors Area Studies
AP U.S. History
Honors Philosophy
AP Government & Politics
AP Economics

LANGUAGES

Honors Spanish II
Honors French IV, V
Honors Spanish III, IV, V

PERFORMING ARTS

AP Music Theory

VISUAL ARTS

Honors Mixed Media

TECHNOLOGY

Honors Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science

MATHEMATICS

Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra II
AP PreCalculus
Honors Calculus
Honors Calculus II
AP Statistics
AP Calculus I: AB
AP Calculus II: BC
Honors Multivariable Calculus
Honors Linear Algebra

SCIENCE

Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Research Methods
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: E & M
AP Physics C: Mechanics

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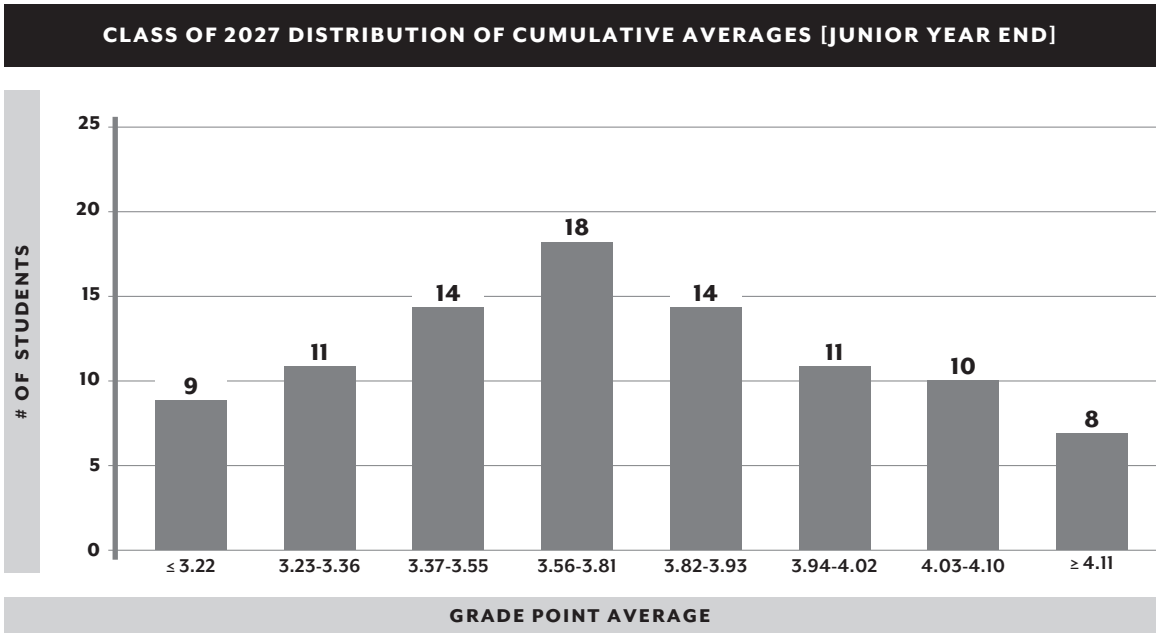
Suffield Academy does not publish a student's cumulative GPA or class rank. Instead, we provide the graph below for your reference. Grades from other schools are not a factor in calculating grade point averages.