

Ninth Grade A Leadership Year



THE BEMENT SCHOOL

OUR NINTH-GRADE PROGRAM IS A TRUE FRESHMAN YEAR,


except that our students are leading our school rather than entering it. As a capstone experience, the year is specifically designed to challenge and inspire our oldest students with opportunities to shine as leaders, leap forward academically, and transition to adolescence in a supportive setting. Our students eagerly await their ninth-grade year, which is filled with beloved traditions, milestones, and a life-changing cultural awareness trip. Across our programs, students in ninth grade hone skills in leadership, team building, and time management.



“As I grew up at Bement, I got to see what the ninth-grade experience was like. I had always looked up to the ninth-graders and dreamed of the day I got to be one. It is an extremely special year at Bement, and it provides an ease into secondary school.”

—Class of 2021 graduate



A photograph of three students walking on a dirt path in an outdoor setting, possibly a farm or garden. The student on the left is a young woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a dark blue t-shirt with a white shield logo containing the letter 'W' and the text 'FIELD HOCKEY' below it, and black leggings. The student in the middle is a young woman with long reddish-brown hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt with a white baseball bat logo and the text 'BASEBALL' below it, and black shorts. The student on the right is a young man with glasses, wearing a light grey t-shirt and light-colored shorts. They are all holding a large blue plastic basket filled with yellow lemons. The background consists of green bushes and a blue sky with white clouds.

A class trip with their advisors provides an opportunity to bond, build cultural awareness, and learn about their contributions individually and as part of our larger community.

“In ninth grade I was challenged with becoming a leader at Bement both academically and athletically. Staying for ninth grade prepared me for secondary school by creating a foundation of leadership and independence skills that allowed me to become a more well-rounded student.”

—Class of 2021 graduate



Ninth graders worked together to build a dock to allow students easier access to our pond at Pine Hill.

THE NINTH-GRADE CURRICULUM IS RIGOROUS AND LIVELY.

With courses such as Precalculus and Physics, we are constantly challenging our students to continue to grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally. By design, the student-teacher ratio in our ninth grade is among the lowest in our upper school, allowing our students to receive personalized attention and lead and participate in small group discussions. The visual arts and drama programs, as well as English classes, build public speaking skills, culminating in monologue writing and performances, the creation and presentation of a symbolic self-portrait, and the development and rehearsal of reflective speeches that students deliver during baccalaureate and commencement services. Every ninth-grade student also performs in the spring ninth-grade musical, with performances for the entire school community as well as parents, friends, and family.



ADVISING

The ninth grade has five advisors so that individual advisory groups are kept small, allowing everyone to have a voice. Outside class, our ninth graders have many chances to learn the importance of good citizenship and social responsibility. Ninth graders mentor younger students, plan and lead service projects, and captain our athletic teams.



“Having worked in Admissions for over 30 years, it is so much fun to work on the other side of the table, helping our kids find the right school for them. Along the way, I love learning about them not only within the secondary school counseling process but as an advisee, as one of my soccer players, or just hanging out with them in my office and joking around.”

— Jeffrey Pilgrim
Director of Secondary School Counseling



**ACCEPTANCES TO SECONDARY SCHOOL
FOR BEMENT'S 2019, 2020, AND 2021 CLASSES**

Berkshire School	Mercersburg Academy
Blair Academy	Millbrook School
Brooks School	Milton Academy
Cheshire Academy	New Hampton School
Choate Rosemary Hall	Northfield Mount Hermon School
Clarkson School	Peddie School
Concord Academy	Phillips Academy
Cushing Academy	Pomfret School
Deerfield Academy	Portsmouth Abbey School
Dublin School	The Putney School
Emma Willard School	St. George's School
Ethel Walker School	St. Johnsbury Academy
The Frederick Gunn School	St. Mark's School
Fulton Science Academy	St. Paul's School
The Governor's Academy	Stoneleigh-Burnham School
Groton School	Suffield Academy
Hill School	Tabor Academy
Holderness School	The Taft School
The Hotchkiss School	Tilton School
Hun School	Vermont Academy
Kent School	Walnut Hill School for the Arts
Kimball Union Academy	Westminster School
Lawrence Academy	Westtown School
The Lawrenceville School	Wilbraham & Monson Academy
The Loomis Chaffee School	The Williston Northampton School
The MacDuffie School	The Winchendon School
The Master's School	Worcester Academy

“Bement has been such a special place to me, and I will always remember my time here.”

—Class of 2021 graduate





OUR HISTORY

Grace “Menty” Allan Power Bement, a tutor and drama coach deeply interested in education and women’s suffrage, founded The Bement School in 1925. The school grew quickly as word spread about Mrs. Bement’s educational philosophy: education should be tailored to the needs of the individual child while emphasizing responsibility for the rights of others. This early foundation persists today, as Bement is dedicated to the development of each student while cultivating a strong community.

OUR MOTTO

Alis Propriis Vola Fly on Your Own Wings

OUR LOCATION

Located in the historic town of Deerfield, Bement is surrounded by natural beauty and situated within an intellectual and cultural haven that includes the esteemed Five Colleges, world-renowned museums, and charming New England towns. Our campus, where Deerfield Academy is our neighbor, is just minutes off I-91, which connects Hartford to Vermont and is easily accessible to nearby cities.



We invite you to visit.

CONTACT ADMISSIONS

We would be thrilled to assist you in learning more about Bement. Visit our website at bement.org. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly with any questions at 413.774.4209 or admit@bement.org.

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