



# MISS HALL'S SCHOOL

“At Miss Hall’s, you will make amazing friends, learn to use your voice, advocate for yourself, and become the type of leader you’ve always aspired to be.”

## JOIN US



### OUR MISSION

Miss Hall's School inspires and encourages each girl to pursue the highest standards of learning and character; to contribute boldly and creatively to the common good; and to seek a purposeful life based on honor, respect, growth, and personal authenticity.

### WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1898, Miss Hall's School was one of the first all-girls boarding schools established in New England. Today the School is a nationally recognized, boarding and day independent secondary school that combines an exceptional college-preparatory curriculum with two acclaimed leadership programs, Horizons and the Girls' Leadership Project.

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION MISSION STATEMENT

At Miss Hall's School, we champion social justice; insist that all community members demonstrate respect for each other through words and actions; and affirm that diversity, equity, and inclusion are essential to learning and problem solving, discovery and personal growth, and cultivating empathy and cultural

competency. Guided by these beliefs, and with the understanding that being an inclusive community requires ongoing work and commitment, we foster cross-cultural dialogue and allyship to honor and celebrate our diverse community.

Miss Hall's is a place where girls lead, where their voices shine. That's why most of this book was written by Miss Hall's students.

Sure, there's some info from adults here and there, but mostly it's girls sharing the things they wish they'd known when they were applying.

Once you've explored these highlights, join us in person for a tour (the students are pretty great at them) to learn first-hand why Miss Hall's might be the place for you.



There's no way we could fit everything about Miss Hall's into a few short pages. When you see this symbol, that means there's more to see, hear, and experience at [misshalls.org](https://www.misshalls.org).



# OUR CAMPUS

Our campus in the heart of the Berkshires isn't just gorgeous, it's also crammed with places to learn. **1.** Linn Hall supports a bold curriculum in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). It's also home to our Horizons program. **2.** The Klein is our expressive arts building, and it has abundant space to do everything from acting to photography, textile design to sculpture. **3.** The Library is a great resource for all types of projects. We also have comfy beanbags and a fireplace.

## WITHERSPOON HALL

MHS dorm life is like joining a family: comfortable, safe, and surrounded by people who truly have your best interests at heart. As cheesy as it may sound, I love everyone on my hall and wouldn't wouldn't change that experience for anything in the world. —Sophie '19

## CENTENNIAL HALL

Centennial Hall is where all the magic happens. —Mariah '18

## O'DAY FIELD

I look forward to being with my team and working tirelessly to become a force to be reckoned with. —Sally '17

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## THE LIVING ROOM

One of my favorite places would have to be the Living Room. The atmosphere has a comfortable and cozy vibe, and it's almost always teeming with life. You can have a chat with friends, do homework, or even take a nap. —Celcie '21

## ELIZABETH GATCHELL KLEIN ARTS CENTER

My friends and I like going to the Klein; the art studio is really fun and chill. We can either do homework or art, listen to music, or do whatever. —Kathryn '22



Take a virtual tour of our campus at [misshalls.org](http://misshalls.org).



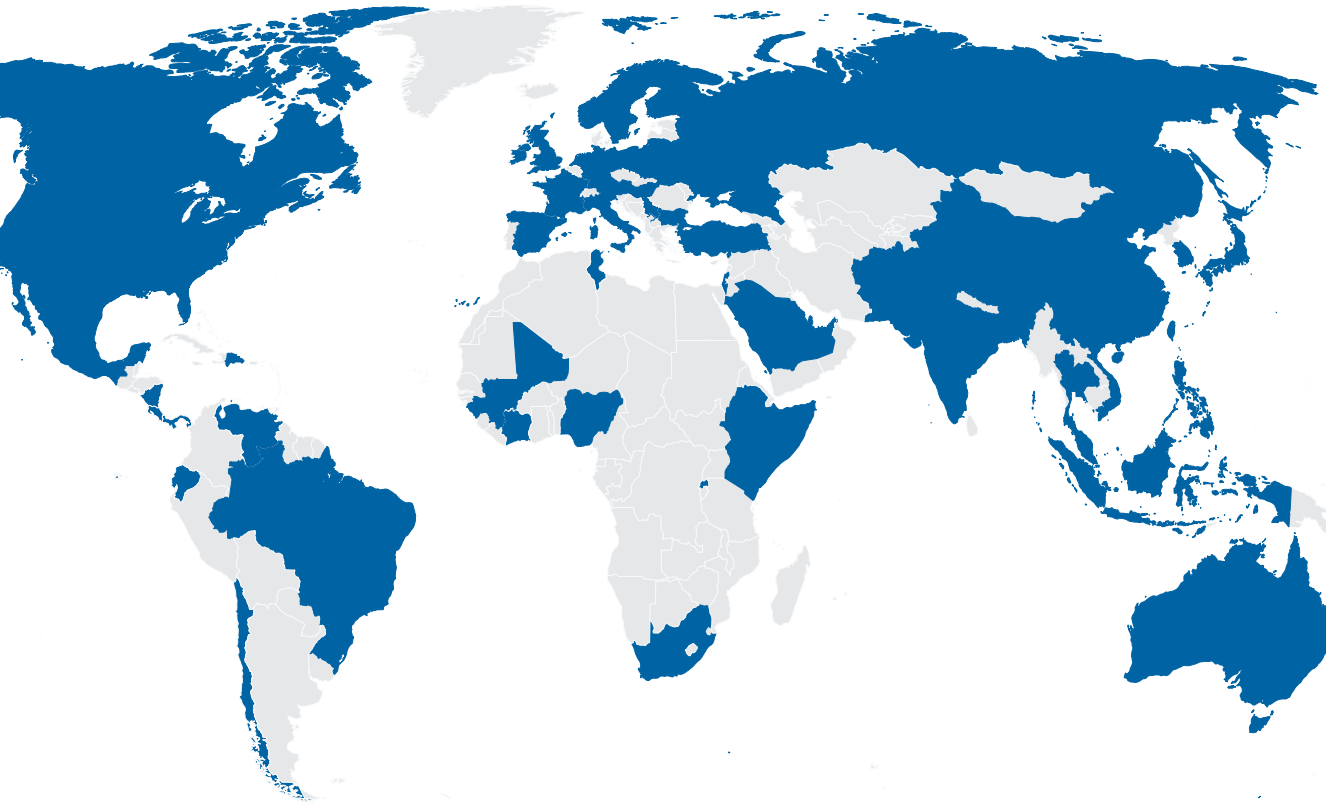
# OUR STUDENTS HAVE COME FROM...

**60+**  
COUNTRIES  
(AND MORE  
THAN 40  
STATES)

**70%**  
BOARDING

**30%**  
DAY

**3,800**  
ALUMNAE LIVING IN 50+  
COUNTRIES



I enjoy that we all come from different backgrounds, because I feel like with each of us bringing a piece of home with us, we can recognize how similar we all are.

—KEREN '21

» Students from a variety of countries and states talk about what it's like to make Miss Hall's home.

What I enjoy most about the diversity of the MHS community is getting the opportunity to learn about and experience so many different cultures among my classmates. The diversity at MHS has opened my eyes to so many traditions, holidays, and ways of life I may have never learned about otherwise.

—HADLEY '21



### MHS STUDENTS ATTEND

- Amherst College
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Colorado College
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Hamilton College
- Harvard University
- Haverford College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Mass. Inst. of Technology
- New York University
- Oberlin College
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Smith College
- Tufts University
- Vassar College
- Williams College
- Yale University

# HORIZONS

A ONE-OF-A-KIND PROGRAM

Horizons is Miss Hall's experiential, service-learning and internship program that provides students with opportunities to volunteer and intern each week at local social service and cultural organizations, businesses, and professional offices (such as Pittsfield Community Television, where students master the controls).

Each Thursday, the entire school day changes: ninth grade students immerse themselves in on-campus workshops and projects that prepare them for future Horizons work, build leadership skills, and strengthen connections among them. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors spend the morning volunteering and interning around the Berkshire community or leading on-campus, independent projects that shape the world around them.

**"As I apply for summer jobs, I have been reflecting on the limitless opportunities Miss Hall's has provided me. Writing my resume is simple; I have three years worth of Horizons internships to pull experience from."**  
—Olivia '18



**"One of the main reasons I came to Miss Hall's was the Horizons program. I loved the idea of service and internships being integrated into the curriculum."**

—IZZY '18



See a complete listing of internship sites at [misshalls.org/horizons](https://misshalls.org/horizons).



# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, & MATH

New initiatives in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) include projects and courses such as “Engineering and Society.” The Grace Murray Hopper Innovation Lab is where we explore robotics, electronics, computer programming, 3D printing, and more.



## ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Committed to integrating classroom technologies across all areas of study, Dr. Chris Himes provides vision and leadership for an academic department dedicated to innovation.



## PUTTING THE ‘A’ IN STEAM

Students in Expressive Arts Chair Sophie Lane’s yearlong Filmmaking course show Massachusetts State Senator Adam Hinds how creating their own films prepares them for the future.



## PANDA SOLAR PROJECT

Vivian '18—now a student at M.I.T.—led the installation of campus solar now monitored by students in the introductory physics course, Energy, Electricity, and Magnetism.

“I took the STEAM class with Dr. Himes junior year, and I had a lot of fun! I really enjoyed being able to use my creativity and letting my imagination run wild.”

—EMILY '20



## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Eleventh graders don waders and go hands-on in local ponds, rivers, and lakes to analyze aquatic ecosystems and biodiversity as part of Science Chair Donna Daigle’s Ecology and Environmental Science course.



A complete curriculum guide and academic department listing is on our website at [misshalls.org](http://misshalls.org).



## THERE'S NO DENYING THE MAGIC OF MISS HALL'S



Ask Miss Hall's students what they love about living here (check out our new residence hall!) and coming to school each day (Linn Hall is our favorite spot!) and they'll tell you it's the independence and responsibility: the opportunity to shape their own culture, make their own decisions, and lead.

**ADJUSTING TO LIFE AT COLLEGE IN A FEW YEARS? WITH THIS EXPERIENCE—IT'S NO BIG DEAL.**

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The best thing about Miss Hall's is the environment that encourages personal and academic development, and the amount of opportunities it gives to its students.

—AMANDA '21

We are all about happy, connected, empowered students. One key way of creating this magic is by ensuring that girls have the time and space to explore personal interests that bring them joy.



Learn more about how our students spend their days by visiting [misshalls.org](https://www.misshalls.org).



# A MONDAY IN THE LIFE

WITH OLIVIA '18 (AND OTHERS!)

**I love the atmosphere, the enthusiasm from teachers, faculty, and students, and the diversity.** One of the great things I have learned about Miss Hall's so far is it's constantly striving for growth. In an environment where everyone is growing, it pushes every person to grow as well, and I have grown so much here. —Sam '22

**I have learned so many life skills in Horizons.** One of the most important things I learned is how to create my own resume and cover letter, and just how to advocate for myself and contribute positively in a real life work environment. —Merriam '19

**I've had amazing teachers who have pushed me and have a love for their classes.** Every single teacher has played a part in my life and in shaping who I am today. —Cely '19



**12:30** Community Meeting. the whole school comes together—faculty, staff, and students—for announcements and updates. I love when the whole school is together!

**7:30 to 9:00** Each night of the week is designated for Study Hall. This is a great time to work on homework, study for tests, or meet with my friends for group projects.

**9:05** Time to grab a quick bite in the Dining Room. Tuesday nights feature different weekly activities, like a bonfire and s'mores in the Quad or game night in the Student Center. On some nights, we have a hall party, or just have fun in the dorm!

**7:00** Wake up & get dressed—lots of freedom within the dress code!

**11:45** Lunch with friends—so many options, but today is pasta bar!



**7:45** Breakfast with friends, review Spanish verbs. Leave a few minutes early to get to Linn Hall.

**8:30** Computer Science with Dr. Himes.



**10:50** Modern Middle East with Dr. Alexander; it's discussion-based, so I can ask lots of questions.

**9:25** Advanced Algebra II. Matrices, here we come!

**1:10** Spanish with Sra. Nicholson—I finish my test early + spend the rest of the period in the Student Center studying.

**2:35** English class with Dr. Schutzman. Connecting "Othello" to "The Tempest." I love my Shakespeare Class!



**3:25** This is when the school's music ensembles meet. I am a member of Grace Notes, our *cappella* group!

**4:30** School day is done (just kidding)—onto volleyball practice!



After practice or rehearsal—time for friends + dinner!



(Sports seasons at Miss Hall's are split into trimesters, so fall for me is volleyball, winter is the musical, and spring is equestrian.)





The best thing about Miss Hall's is how friendly everyone is and how easy it is to become part of the community. I had an abundance of new friends on the first day of orientation, and I had bonded with my teachers by the end of the first week of classes. I love how one can walk down the hall, and smile at anyone, faculty that they don't know, or upperclasswomen, and they will no-doubt receive a smile back.

—ANNA CLAIRE '21

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