

### THE SCHOOL

Located on 71 acres in the heart of New England's second largest city, our storied 190-year history, vibrant urban setting, diverse community, and immersive learning approach offer a real-world educational experience that extends *far beyond the classroom*.

Worcester Academy's mission is to instill in its students the desire to learn throughout life, to engage passionately with the world around them, and to be honorable persons of strong and resourceful character. We are a community-curious, thoughtful, generous, and thriving in our diversity. We embrace each of our core values as essential to the mission of Worcester Academy and as testimony of our beliefs and commitments: Honor, Respect, Community, Personal Growth, and Challenge.

Worcester Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

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### OUR COMMUNITY

**136**

Class of 2025,  
including 21  
postgraduates

**40%**

Boarding

**32%**

Domestic  
students of  
color

**57%**

Students  
receiving  
financial aid

**82**

Teaching  
faculty

**448**

Upper School

**60%**

Day

**51%**

Male

**28%**

Students  
from the  
Class of 2024  
committed to  
participate  
in collegiate  
athletics

**70%**

Faculty with  
advanced  
degrees

**94**

Middle School

**15**

States

**49%**

Female

**17**

Countries

**<1%**

Non-binary/  
other

### REQUIREMENTS

The Academic calendar is divided into two 17-week semesters. A typical course load is 6 credits per year. Students must receive approval to elect any Honors or AP courses, to take two math courses in the same year, or to take seven credits in a year.

**Extracurricular Requirements:**  
Students in all grades must participate in two extracurricular activities each year.

**English** **4 Years**

**World Language** **3 Years**  
*Consecutive years of the same language*

**Mathematics** **3 Years**  
*Geometry and Algebra II required*

**Science** **3 Years**  
*Biology and two other lab sciences*

**History & Social Sciences** **3 Years**  
*US History required*

**Health & Wellness**  
*Students must pass in grades 9 and 10*

**Visual and Performing Arts:** 4 semesters of coursework are required. One semester must be from Visual Arts, and one from Performing Arts. Incoming grade 11 students are required to take two semesters in the arts. Incoming grade 12 students have a one semester arts requirement.

**Discovery Project:** Each graduating student must complete a Discovery Project in their final year at Worcester Academy. This project aligns with Worcester Academy's Portrait of a Learner, representing an opportunity for students to research, explore, and create to honor the importance of lifelong learning.

**Community Service:** All Upper School students must complete community service hours before graduation. While students are encouraged to make a strong commitment to one or two projects, these hours may consist of a combination of the annual class community service events and work with other schools, non-profit and community organizations, and individuals as it suits the student's interests.

## CURRICULUM

**Worcester Academy offers a rigorous curriculum across the academic disciplines.** All courses are challenging and college preparatory. Honors courses are not available for all subjects. Below is a listing of the available Honors (27) and Advanced Placement (23) courses. Several Honors courses have an AP course prerequisite and are the equivalent of a first or second year college course. There is a strict set of prerequisites across all disciplines, but students may enroll in as many Honors or Advanced Placement courses as they are qualified to take and as their schedule permits. *Most AP classes are reserved for the upper grades.*

**Honors Courses**

Honors World Literature II  
 Honors Latin III  
 Honors Spanish III  
 Honors Spanish IV  
 Honors French III  
 Honors French IV  
 Honors Mandarin III  
 Honors Mandarin IV  
 Honors Algebra I  
 Honors Geometry  
 Honors Algebra II  
 Honors Precalculus  
 Honors Precalculus with  
 Calculus Topics  
 Honors Biology  
 Honors Chemistry  
 Honors Physics  
 Honors Anatomy & Physiology  
 Honors Genetics  
 Honors Infection and Disease  
 Honors Environmental Science  
 Honors Studio Art  
 Honors Music Studies

**AP Courses**

AP English Language and Composition  
 AP English Literature and Composition  
 AP Latin  
 AP Spanish Language and Culture  
 AP Spanish Literature and Culture  
 AP French Language and Culture  
 AP Chinese Language and Culture  
 AP World History (grade 10 course)  
 AP United States History  
 AP Economics (Micro and Macro)  
 AP European History  
 AP African American Studies  
 AP Comparative Government  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Physics 2  
 AP Physics C: Mechanics  
 AP Physics C: Electricity and  
 Magnetism  
 AP Music Theory

**Post-AP completion coursework -  
Equivalent of college level content**

Honors Linear Algebra  
*(prerequisite AP Calculus)*  
 Honors Multivariable Calculus  
*(prerequisite AP Calculus)*  
 Honors Data Structures I and II  
*(prerequisite AP Computer Science)*  
 Honors Organic Chemistry  
*(prerequisite AP Chemistry)*



## GRADING &amp; HONORS

**Grading Systems:** All courses are challenging and Worcester Academy grades on a traditional 4.0 scale: A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, etc. Both an unweighted and weighted GPA are reported on the transcript. The weighted GPA (WGPA) includes all courses and gives additional weight of 0.67 to Honors and AP courses. Worcester Academy does not rank.

**Academic Honors:** Each semester, outstanding academic achievement is recognized by naming students with a semester weighted GPA of 3.67 higher to the Headmaster's List. Students who earn a semester weighted GPA between 3.00 and 3.66 are awarded First Honors. Students who earn a semester weighted GPA between 2.67 and 2.99 are awarded Second Honors.

## POLICIES

**Policies on Reporting Discipline:** Worcester Academy continues to grow our commitment to Restorative Justice practices in student affairs. Our goals are to guide students to make good choices, improve and repair relationships, accept responsibility, and learn from their mistakes. We seek to maintain academic integrity and community safety and have graduates contribute positively to colleges. We will communicate incidents that would signal potential harm to a future community. Our reporting practice is in line with our vision, and intended to be neither punitive nor opaque.

## TESTING SCORES

**Advanced Placement 2022-2024:** In the last three years, 512 students have sat for 1127 Advanced Placement exams in 24 subjects. The distribution of the AP scores is:  
 5 - 21%  
 4 - 31%  
 3 - 24%  
 2 - 17%  
 1 - 7%

**SAT/ACT Scores:** In the current climate of test-optional admissions policies, Worcester Academy supports student choice regarding score submission and does not publish test score averages on the school profile. Such averages have become skewed by the implementation of test-optional policies at most colleges.

American University *	Hobart William Smith Colleges *	Texas Christian University *
Amherst College *	Indiana University-Bloomington *	The Catholic University of America
Arcadia University	Iona University	The New England Conservatory of Music
Arizona State University	Ithaca College	The University of Alabama
Assumption University *	Johns Hopkins University *	The University of Tampa *
Babson College *	Keiser University-Ft Lauderdale	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Baldwin Wallace University	Lake Forest College	Thomas Jefferson University
Bard College at Simon's Rock	Laramie County Community College	Trinity College *
Bates College *	Lehigh University *	Tufts University *
Bay Path University	Louisiana State University	Tulane University *
Baylor University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Arizona *
Bentley University *	Loyola University Chicago	University of California-Berkeley *
Berklee College of Music	Loyola University Maryland	University of California-Davis *
Binghamton University	Marist College *	University of California-Irvine *
Boston College *	Marquette University *	University of California-Los Angeles
Boston University *	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	University of California-San Diego *
Bowdoin College *	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California-Santa Cruz
Bowie State University	Merrimack College	University of Connecticut *
Brandeis University *	Middlebury College *	University of Delaware
Bridgewater State University	Muhlenberg College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Brown University	New York University *	University of Houston
Bryant University *	Niagara University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign *
Bryn Mawr College	Nichols College	University of Maine
Carnegie Mellon University	North Carolina State University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst *
Central Connecticut State University *	Northeastern University *	University of Massachusetts-Boston *
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Norwich University *	University of Massachusetts-Lowell *
Clark University *	Nova Southeastern University	University of Miami *
Coastal Carolina University	Occidental College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Colby College *	Pace University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Colgate University *	Pennsylvania State University-University Park *	University of New England *
College of Charleston *	Post University	University of New Hampshire *
College of the Holy Cross *	Princeton University	University of New Haven
Columbia College Chicago	Providence College *	University of New South Wales
Concordia University	Purdue University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Connecticut College *	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute *	University of Rhode Island *
Cornell University	Rider University	University of Rochester *
Curry College *	Roanoke College	University of South Carolina Aiken
Drexel University *	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Duke Kunshan University	Roger Williams University	University of Southern California *
Duke University *	Rollins College	University of Toronto
Duquesne University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Utah
Eastern Nazarene College	SUNY College at Oswego	University of Vermont *
Elon University *	SUNY Cortland	University of Virginia
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University *	SUNY at Albany	University of Washington *
Emerson College *	Sacred Heart University *	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Emmanuel College	Saint Anselm College *	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University *
Emory University *	Saint Michael's College *	Washington University in St Louis
Endicott College *	Salve Regina University *	Wesleyan University *
Fairfield University *	San Diego State University *	Wheaton College
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Santa Clara University *	William & Mary *
Florida Atlantic University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Williams College
Fordham University *	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Worcester Polytechnic Institute *
Franklin Pierce University *	Skidmore College	Yale University
George Washington University *	Smith College *	
Georgetown University	Southern Methodist University	
Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Utah University	
Guilford College	St. John's University	
Hamilton College *	Stonehill College *	
Harvey Mudd College	Syracuse University *	
Haverford College		

\*Multiple matriculations