



NORTH COUNTRY SCHOOL
LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

Signature Programs

Our signature programs are at the heart of the North Country School experience. Through hands-on, place-based learning, students gain the tools they need to explore and create art, challenge themselves in the outdoors, care for plants and animals, and be active members of their community. North Country School graduates are curious and compassionate leaders who are well prepared to take on the challenges of secondary school, college, and beyond.



The Arts

Art happens every day at NCS: painting, ceramics, and wood shop creations in our art rooms; wool tapestries in our fiber arts studio; sketching and film photography outdoors; theater tech and musical productions in the WallyPAC, our state-of-the-art performing arts center. We cultivate creativity in every setting, giving students the freedom to push the boundaries of artistic expression.



The Outdoors

The Adirondacks serve as a living laboratory where children can seek inspiration and knowledge while learning real-world skills and respect for wild places. Students hike, ski, climb, paddle, and more under the guidance of seasoned educators, experiencing personal growth, developing resilience, and building problem solving and communication skills while cultivating a deeper sense of self.



The Farm & Garden

Animal care, barn chores, gardening, harvesting, and composting are all part of the NCS learning experience. Students learn responsibility for themselves, the environment, and the plants and animals that provide us sustenance. In our Teaching and Learning Kitchen, students use fresh produce from our gardens as they cook during Edible Schoolyard classes, and have cross-curricular learning experiences in earth science, world history, and more.



Community Life

Everyone is a vital and valued member of our community. Boarding students live in houses—not dorms—alongside houseparents and fellow students from a variety of grades and genders, creating a true family-like environment. Homenights give students the opportunity to spend the evening together, preparing dinner in their house's kitchen, playing board games by the fireplace, ice skating on our outdoor rink, or heading into Lake Placid for a movie. In living, working, studying, and playing together, our students learn to respect one another and assume responsibility for the community of which they are an integral part.