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ABOUT Founded in 1814, NYA is one of the original Maine Academies created in the late 18th and early 19th centuries (before Maine became a state) to improve educational opportunities for Maine children. Now a modern, coeducational, independent day and boarding school situated on 20+ acres, 10 miles north of Portland, NYA serves students from toddler through grade 12 with an additional certificate program for postgraduate students. In 2025, the Academy purchased a nearby apartment building and hired a director of residential life to offer an enriched residential experience to international and non-local domestic students.

ACCREDITATION NEASC

MEMBERSHIPS NAIS, AISNE, TABS, MAIS, NACAC, NEACAC, ACCIS, Cum Laude Society, MPA, NEPSAC

MISSION NYA is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational school. The Academy offers a structured program that establishes clear standards and high expectations in an environment that emphasizes values of mutual respect, trust, and community. North Yarmouth Academy is dedicated to fostering integrity, character, and intellect in its students.

Total Enrollment: 404 Pre-K to PG from 47 Maine Towns
8 U.S. states and 7 countries

UPPER SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Seniors: 37 PG: 1

Upper School Students: 156

International Students: 10%

Boarding/Homestay Students: 25

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

SCHOOL YEAR
2 Semesters

COURSE CONTACT
240 minutes per 6-day
schedule

18 AP Courses
2 Advanced Courses
*All other college prep courses
taught at an **Honors Level***

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

4 English
3 History
3 Mathematics
3 Laboratory Science
2 Modern/Classical Language
1 Visual or Performing Arts
3 Electives

76 Upper School Courses +
Independent Study options

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS
19 Credits

Curriculum
Guide



Average Class Size: 10

BIPOC: 10%

Over 40% receive need-based
financial assistance

Teachers with advanced degrees: 88%

HONORS (awarded each semester)

Highest Honors: 3.7 minimum semester GPA,
no grade below A-
High Honors: 3.3 minimum semester GPA,
no grade below a B
Honors: 3.0 minimum semester GPA,
no grade below a C

TRANSCRIPTS

Only grades earned in NYA classes appear
on the transcript. Year-end grades appear
on all official transcripts except the midyear
transcript which includes first semester
grades and an updated cumulative GPA.

GRADING SCALE

NYA does not rank students

- 4.0 scale
- Passing grade = D- / 60%
- 0.3 added for AP and Advanced courses
- Weighted cumulative GPA includes graded music
electives which earn 0.25 credits per semester

ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY

NYA offers a deep and intentional program replete with Advanced Placement courses, an enriched curriculum, challenging electives, the opportunity for self-designed and mentored independent study, and seven different specialized “Diplomas with Distinction.” AP and Advanced courses earn an extra .3 on the 4.0 GPA scale. All other non-AP or Advanced courses provide a rigorous experience and are considered Honors level equivalent. Developing character traits such as self-confidence and independence, through a pedagogy which includes a wealth of experiences extending beyond the traditional classroom and into the natural environment, NYA strives to graduate students who will be curious, lifelong learners.

DISCIPLINE REPORTING

With high expectations for good citizenship, honesty, and integrity in academics, athletics, and the college application process, the Academy does report discipline violations that resulted in suspension when asked by schools, colleges, and universities. All students are expected to be forthright when asked discipline questions in the application process.

NYA earned the College Board’s Platinum Honor Roll again in 2025.

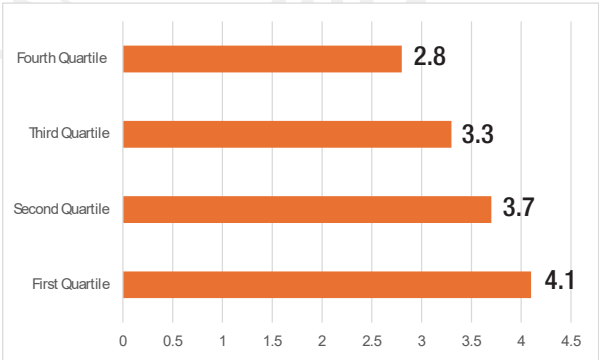
DEPARTMENTS	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	COURSES	MOST ADVANCED DEPARTMENT OFFERINGS
English	4	English I-IV Semester Electives	AP Language AP Literature
Mathematics	3 (through Algebra II)	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus AB Semester Electives	AP Computer Science Principles AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC
History/Social Science	3	Ancient Roots of Civilization (formerly Great Questions in World History) Modern World History US History Semester Electives	AP European History AP US History
Biological and Physical Science	3 (including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)	Physics Biology Chemistry Semester Electives	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science Advanced Physics
Modern and Classical Language	2 (through Level 2 in one language)	French I-IV Spanish I-IV Latin I-IV	AP French Language Advanced Latin Literature AP Latin AP Spanish Language
Visual and Performing Arts	1	Visual Arts Electives Chorus Wind Ensemble Jazz Band Orchestra Steel Band	AP Drawing AP 2D Art AP 3D Art AP Music Theory

THE CLASS OF 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

37 seniors, 1 postgraduate

SAT RESULTS*

MEAN GPA DISTRIBUTION



Highest GPA: 4.34 Average GPA: 3.48

MAY 2025 ALL SCHOOL AP EXAM RESULTS

Students who took 1 or more exams: 75
Exams Taken 163
Subject Areas: 18

Score of 4 or 5: 47%
86% of all test takers earned a 3 or higher

All students enrolled in AP courses are required to sit for the AP exam

AP Scholar with Distinction: 17
AP Scholar with Honor: 5
AP Scholar: 10

Mean Composite: 1269
Middle 50% Range: 1170-1410
Verbal Mean: 637
Middle 50% Range: 580-700
Math Mean: 632
Middle 50% Range: 560-730

NMS Semifinalist: 1
NMS Commended Scholar: 1

Percentage of seniors taking at least 1 SAT test: 50%

*through August 2025

PROGRAMMING

Diplomas with Distinction: Students may choose to graduate with one or more diplomas with distinction in STEM; Language, Culture, and Community; Music: Performance, Entrepreneurship, and Community; Outdoor and Environmental Leadership; Social Advocacy; Creative Writing; and Visual Art. 12 members of the Class of 2025 earned at least one Diploma with Distinction.

Senior Speech: (required) Seniors write and present a speech to the Middle and Upper School communities.

Character & Community: Students in all grade levels participate in programs designed to develop character, leadership, and community engagement.

Kauffmann Program: An exemplary study in adventure-based learning which preserves the legacy of former NYA Trustee and National Park Service conservationist, John M. Kauffmann. Focusing on environmental thinking, conservation, and wilderness travel, the program creates opportunities for students to acknowledge the importance of wilderness conservation and environmental issues.

Senior Project: (required) After the conclusion of AP and senior exams, graduating students complete a self-designed project focusing on community engagement, an internship, or an independent project.

Maine's Seal of Biliteracy: Six 2025 graduates earned Maine's Seal of Biliteracy by attaining fluency in a second language.

Financial Literacy and Sheldon MINT Lab: All Upper School students participate in this immersive program of the study of financial planning, including budgeting, saving, borrowing, investing, and taxation. The Sheldon MINT Lab provides a unique real-world investment opportunity where each class manages a \$40,000 investment portfolio in partnership with financial planning professionals.

Co-Curricular Opportunities: All students participate in an after school activity every season (sports, music, theater, robotics, or an approved off-campus activity). Students are also encouraged to join one or more NYA clubs or school organizations including student government, social service, robotics, trivia, music, art, and environmental activities. Club time is built into the weekly schedule.

Musical Ensembles: There are five curricular ensembles including Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Chorus, and Steel Band plus club ensembles which vary year to year. Current club ensembles include A Cappella and Bluegrass. There are two after school activities including Studio (garage/rock) Band and Musical Theater.

Athletics: There are 26 varsity teams. NYA competes in the Maine Principals' Association (MPA) in all sports except boys and girls ice hockey, which compete at the NEPSAC (prep) level. The girls hockey and boys lacrosse teams won their division/state championships in 2024-2025.

AFTER NYA

In the last five years, 221 students graduated from NYA. Most alumni move directly on to a four-year college or university, but each year a few choose to defer their enrollment to pursue a gap year experience such as a PG year, Junior Hockey, service, work, or travel. Regardless of their plans, all seniors and postgraduates work with the college counseling office to research and apply to colleges and in recent years, every graduate has earned admission to college. The college counselor sees each student as unique and supports their individual process with care and respect. The Academy values every student's achievement and post-graduation plan.

The Class of 2025: The class of 40 seniors and 2 postgraduates filed an average of 7.35 applications per student to a total of 156 institutions. They received acceptances from 110 schools and enrolled in 32 different colleges and universities in 11 states and Canada. 38 matriculated to 4-year institutions, and 4 are taking a gap year:

MATRICULATION IN NEW ENGLAND		MATRICULATION OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND		OTHER	
Massachusetts	13	North Carolina	3	Gap Year	4
Maine	7	Florida	2		
Connecticut	3	New York	2		
Vermont	2	Colorado	1		
Rhode Island	1	Pennsylvania	1		
		South Carolina	1		
		Texas	1		
		Quebec	1		

COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR CLASSES OF 2021-2025:

three or more enrollments

Bates College
Bentley University
Boston University
Clarkson University
Colby College
Concordia University (Quebec)
Connecticut College
Hobart and William Smith
Colleges
Merrimack College
Miami University (Ohio)
Northeastern University
Roanoke College
Stonehill College
University of Denver
University of Maine
University of New England
University of New
Hampshire
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
Wentworth Institute of
Technology

one or two enrollments

Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Central Maine Community College
Champlain College
Clark University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia University
Curry College
Dean College
Dickinson College
East Carolina University
Eastern Maine Community College

one or two enrollments (cont.)

Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Franklin Pierce University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
High Point University
Howard University
Husson University
Ithaca College
Lake Forest College
Lynn University
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
McGill University (Quebec)
Middlebury College
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Mount Holyoke College
Norwich University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pitzer College
Plymouth State University
Providence College
Purdue University
Queen's University (Ontario)
Quinnipiac University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Salve Regina University
Sarah Lawrence College
Southern Maine Community
College
Springfield College
St. Francis Xavier University (Nova
Scotia)

one or two enrollments (cont.)

St. Lawrence University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
The Landing School
Thomas College
Trinity College
Tufts University
United States Coast Guard
Academy
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota (Twin
Cities)
University of Oregon
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina
University of St Andrews
(Scotland)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University
Wagner College
Western New England
University
Wheaton College - MA
Williams College