

THE GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY



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The Governor's Academy attracts bright, bold, and ambitious students who want to go places in life. Gova is an open, optimistic learning community filled with life-changing opportunities. We love it here and so will you.

Surrounded by friends and teachers who know, support, and celebrate your individuality, you can discover and develop your passions. You can gain the courage and confidence to choose your own trajectory. And you can unlock your limitless potential and achieve excellence.

The depth of knowledge and breadth of experiences you find here—and the friends you meet here—will help you go further than you ever thought possible.

LET'S GO

Govs inspires and engages inquisitive students in ninth through twelfth grades on our expansive campus near a classic New England coastal town. Students have been learning and growing at Govs, the oldest boarding school in New England, for over 250 years.

The educational opportunities at Govs will transform your life. We watch with pride as our graduates go on to make a significant impact on the world.

A TRADITION OF INNOVATION

How do you sustain excellence across three centuries? You never stop innovating. Our campus blends historical buildings with classrooms that house cutting-edge tools and technology. Our next addition, a state-of-the-art research facility on the banks of the Parker River, will further advance our students' study of marine and environmental sciences.



WHO GOES TO GOVS?

Our students come from many different places—twenty-two states and nineteen countries—and perspectives. Get ready to meet all kinds of thoughtful, engaged people and make friends for life.

14%

identify as international students

20%

identify as domestic students of color

28%

receive financial aid

63%

are boarders



FEELS LIKE HOME

Govs has always been a place of open doors, open minds, and open hearts. From the moment you arrive, you'll feel a genuine warmth and an eager welcome.

Students spend so much time on campus that you won't feel a distinction between boarding or day. You will always find friends studying in the library or shooting hoops in the field house, and no one wants to miss the concerts, games, and special events that spill out of school days and into evenings and weekends. Whether we meet for dinner in the dining hall, grab burgers before a movie in Newburyport, or head into Boston's vibrant Chinatown for dim sum, we go together.



**NATALIE '23
LAWRENCE, MA**

The dorm is my second home. Moving into a new community, entirely different from my hometown, I found comfort living in such a vibrant space. My dormmates soon became my best friends, and I built close relationships with my dorm parents. The community in the dorm became my family away from home.



**DR. PETER H. QUIMBY '85, P'14
HEAD OF SCHOOL**

For over 250 years, the deep commitment of people to each other, both students and adults alike, has never changed. We can achieve more—we can go further—when we are engaged in meaningful relationships with others who have our best interests at heart and are invested in our reaching our full potential.

Dr. Quimby and his wife Dr. Laurie open their home to all students every Saturday night. At Mansion House, you can watch a playoff game, play ping-pong and board games, or bake cookies. You will feel right at home here.

ADULTS TO LEARN FROM AND LEAN ON

When your advisor brings bagels to Advisory, your Proctor shares a meaningful personal story at Chapel, or your dorm throws a block party complete with a bounce house, you see how small moments create big connections. These authentic, everyday engagements are how we build this extraordinary community.

It takes commitment and care to create this kind of community. Living and learning side-by-side, dedicated faculty and staff model our values as they mentor students. Faculty will come in early to review challenging concepts with you over breakfast and stay late to cheer at your performances and games. You will be supported at all times—day or night.



**MICHELLE DE LA GUARDIA
LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT CHAIR, SPANISH
TEACHER, AND GOVSPLUS DIRECTOR**

As a person of color, I connect with students from diverse backgrounds. I have an open mind and an open heart to the cultures, customs, and, often, home languages of the students in our community. I help students truly excel by teaching them about self-advocacy so that they can help themselves now and in the future.

SPARK INTEREST AND INSIGHT

Our rigorous college preparatory curriculum fosters intellectual and personal growth, fluency across disciplines, and a flexible, forward-thinking approach focused on sustainability.

With guidance from your advisor, you will choose from over 125 challenging courses, including honors, advanced, and AP classes across all disciplines. You will study alongside friends in small, interactive classes—typically about eleven students—led by educators who care deeply about their subject and your progress.

At Govs, learning is fascinating, challenging, and fun. We know you learn best when you are reaching, stretching, and growing—when you are on the edge of discovery. Our academic approach balances the opportunity to achieve with the freedom to explore.

Here, you will find a varsity team captain throwing pots in the ceramics studio, an award-winning poet stocking shelves at the local food bank, and the winter musical lead planting our organic garden. It takes courage, curiosity, and emotional resilience to develop new skills and reach for excellence.

AT GOVS, THE SEVEN ESSENTIAL SKILLS ARE WOVEN THROUGHOUT OUR CURRICULUM. WE ARE COMMITTED TO TEACHING STUDENTS TO:



APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE

At Govs, you don't have to wait until you graduate to change the world. You could design and run experiments to contribute to current scientific research, present your scholarly research in national publications and at the local historical society, and learn from top professionals from a variety of renowned institutions and industries.

SUCCEED WITH SUPPORT

You will learn how to advocate for yourself in the classroom and take advantage of extra help sessions and generous academic support. In fact, our strongest students are often the ones who spend the most time in the Learning Center, who bring their term paper for close reading to the Writing Lab, or who request a peer tutor. (Govs peer tutors not only excel in their particular subject, but also have been trained in teaching techniques.)



HOW MATTERS

In a learning community this exceptional, you need more than scores, grades, or awards to measure achievement. At Gova, we notice your willingness to work outside your comfort zone, the way you move on from your mistakes, and your approach to leadership. We notice the conflicts you resolve, your respect for other points of view, your unique contributions to our community, and your moments of reflection and discovery.

We will always see and support the whole you. And together, we help you push past your perceived limits and go beyond what you thought possible.



REAL PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

We prioritize discussion and project-based learning, so be prepared to get hands-on. Our school-wide focus on sustainability sends students into the ecosystems of the surrounding salt marsh to build databases on invasive species, into a historic home during architectural restoration to learn about construction techniques in the 18th century, and into our organic garden to analyze soil quality to determine the best mix of plants.

JOHN '20 SCOTTSDALE, AZ

The soccer, basketball, and baseball teams create a sense of family not only on the field and court but also in the dorm, dining hall, and classroom. Playing has helped me become a better man, student, and friend, and given me friendships to last a lifetime.

ELIANA '21 WEARE, NH

I have learned so much about the world through discussions in the classroom and conversations over dinner. These exchanges have opened my mind to the opinions of others while also allowing me to form my own beliefs. I have gained a deeper interest in others' experiences and the desire to explore the unfamiliar for myself.



AFTERNOONS ALL TOGETHER

While afternoons at Govs include opportunities for individual and team excellence, they also foster different—but no less essential—skills like laughing at yourself and taking a few risks. In our Afternoon Program, you could learn how to project your voice from a stage or how to express it on a page, when to make an assist and when to take your shot, and where to make your meaningful contribution to the wider community in which we live.

ARTS

From fall and spring drama productions to the annual winter musical, from Friday Morning Meeting band to orchestral concerts, and from dance performances to choral concerts, our performing arts programs set the stage for you to turn in a star performance—whether in the spotlight, on the catwalk, or in the orchestra pit.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We live our school motto, *Non Sibi Sed Allis*—not for self, but for others—and become better citizens and leaders when we give back to our community. You will notice shared values of gratitude and service to others amongst our students. From collaborations with Special Olympics and the American Cancer Society to contributing to personal causes and passions, you will have so many opportunities to give back.

ATHLETICS

Regularly winning titles in the fiercely competitive Independent School League (ISL), Govs will prepare you to compete on nationally ranked college teams. You will balance hard work, discipline, and fierce competition with teamwork and wellness.

FALL

*Cross Country / Field Hockey
Football / Soccer / Volleyball*

WINTER

*Alpine Skiing / Basketball
Hockey / Track & Field (Indoor)
Wrestling*

SPRING

*Baseball / Golf / Lacrosse
Softball / Tennis
Track & Field (Outdoor)*



BEJUNIOR '21 PETERBOROUGH, NH

Before Govs, I thought of myself as a student and as an athlete, not as an artist. I was encouraged to pursue a new passion—acting—in pre-season drama and the fall play. On the stage, I explored and analyzed the minds, realities, and plights of people who do not look like me or experience the world through the same lens. At Govs, I am challenged and supported in my journey to be my best self.

SO MUCH GOING ON AT GOVS

Some of your most memorable moments at Govs will be made outside the academic day and the Afternoon Program. Clubs come together around the interests of our students and reflect the dedication and diversity of our community. Our most active groups include the following:

- African American and Latino Affinity Group (AALA)
- Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
- Beekeeping Club
- Current Events Club
- Dance Club
- Environmental Club
- Fashion Design Club
- Gender and Sexuality Alliance (Spectrum)
- Harvard Model Congress
- International Club
- Photography Club
- Ping-pong Club
- Strong Women at The Governor's Academy (SWAGA)
- Student Council

THERE IS NOT A CLUB FOR YOUR PARTICULAR PASSION? TALK TO A FACULTY MEMBER AND ASK TO START ONE!



**MIKE LEFEBVRE
SCIENCE TEACHER**

Faculty, staff, and students share infectious passion for their interests everyday at Govs. When you are excited about an endeavor, suddenly there are many others ready to get involved and support you. Here, students feel safe to express themselves, safe to take their skills to a higher level, and safe to fail and try again.



WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

You will consider the significance of your experiences in and beyond the classroom when you begin your search for the right college. Through our signature College Search Seminar Series, the College Essay Writing Unit, and online aptitude and talent inventories, you will articulate your moments of learning and discovery and the issues and causes that matter most to you. Our intentional, comprehensive approach to the college search will ensure that you make authentic connections with the colleges you pursue—and that you have the confidence to choose the best college match.

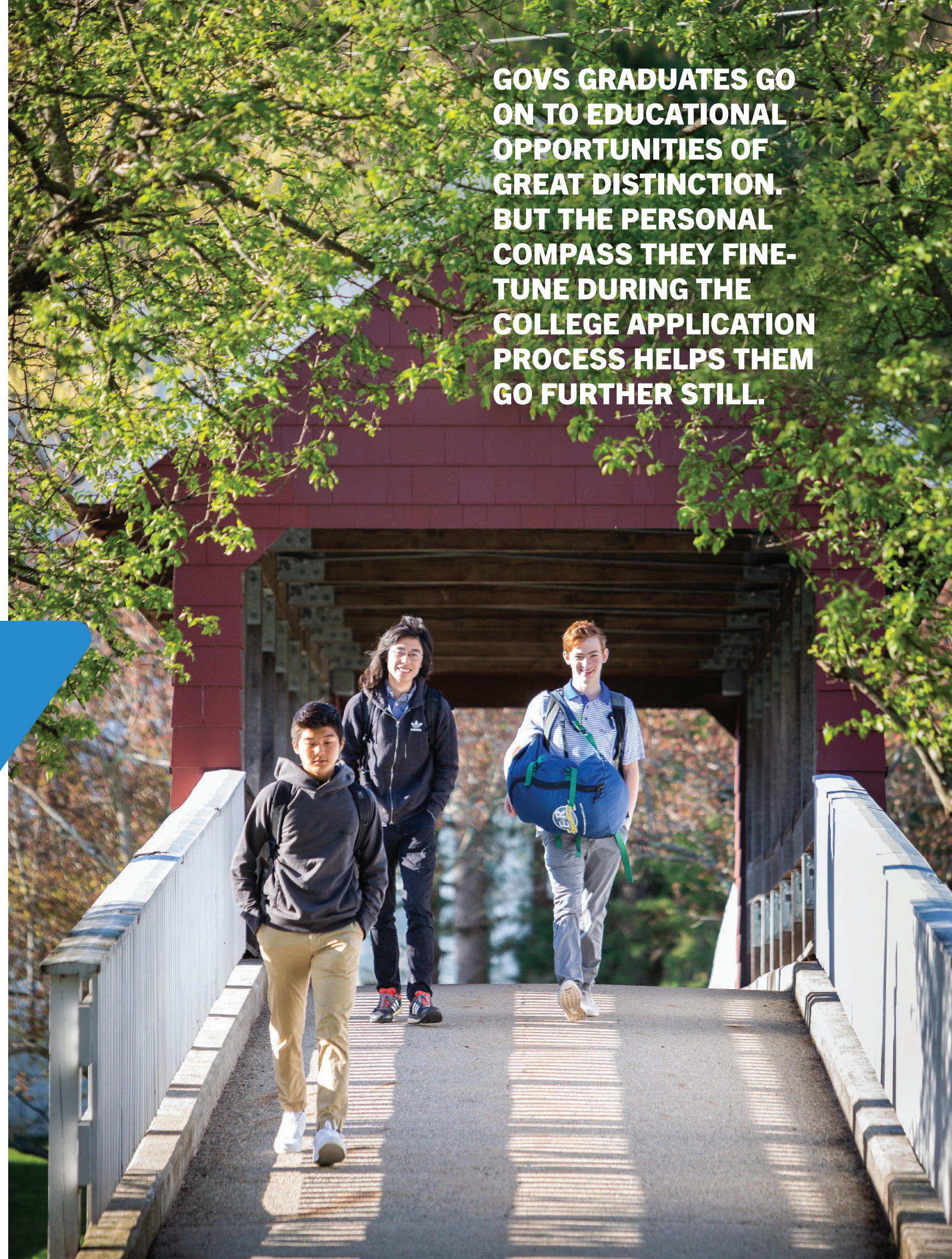
The wide range of colleges Govs graduates have chosen to attend over the last three years reflects the great accomplishments and diversity of our students.

Amherst College
Babson College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Colby College
Colgate University
Colorado College
Columbia University - Sciences PO
Dual Degree
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Fordham University
The George Washington University
Georgetown University
Hamilton College
Institute of Technology
Carlow (Ireland)
Johns Hopkins University

Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
The Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic University
Royal Holloway University of London
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Smith College
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
University of California- Berkeley
University of California- Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Massachusetts - Amherst

University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Southern California
Vassar College
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Williams College
Yale University

GOVS GRADUATES GO ON TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF GREAT DISTINCTION. BUT THE PERSONAL COMPASS THEY FINE-TUNE DURING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS HELPS THEM GO FURTHER STILL.



READY. SET. GO.

Byfield, Massachusetts may be just minutes from the historic and cultural attractions of greater Boston—but it feels like a world of its own. Search “campus map” on our website and get ready to explore!





SEE FOR YOURSELF

You know almost from the moment you get here if Govs is right for you. Come see our school for yourself. Every campus visit includes both a student-led tour and an interview with an Admission team member. Whether your interview takes place in-person or on-screen, you will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions and get a sense of just how far Govs can take you.

To schedule your tour and interview, call the Office of Admission at 978.499.3120.

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