



SCHOOL PROFILE

2010-2011

OVERVIEW

Administration

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Headmaster and Founder

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Dean of Students

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Dean of Guidance

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Accreditation

Massachusetts Department of
Elementary and Secondary Education

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

School

New England Academy is a private college preparatory day school located in Beverly, Massachusetts. The coastal location on the North Shore of Boston allows access for students to attend New England Academy from locations in greater Boston, New Hampshire, and Maine. The school is a highly sought after private placement for its rigorous college preparatory curriculum coupled with individual attention to students. The school is designed to address high academic abilities as well as the social and emotional challenges that students experience. Students are accepted for enrollment based on highly selective admissions criteria. New England Academy is accredited by the **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.**

Mission Statement

The mission of New England Academy is to provide students with a challenging academic curriculum in a supportive environment in which each student's academic talents, social, and emotional skills are developed in preparation for college and life.

Philosophy

The philosophy of New England Academy is that many children have the cognitive and academic ability to be academically successful, however, due to the child's social and/or emotional struggles, students are unable to access their academic skills and talents. New England Academy believes that when students are presented with a rigorous academic curriculum coupled with school based counseling,

National Affiliations

New England League of Middle Schools
National Honor Society
Association for Marketing Students
New England Association of Schools and Colleges

SAT Mean Scores	Math	Reading	Writing
New England Academy	528	596	578
Massachusetts	524	508	504
National	516	501	492

ACT Mean Scores	Composite
New England Academy	24.3
Massachusetts	21.0
National	21.0

School Code 220-129

the child will be able to find academic, social, and emotional success. At the heart of New England Academy's mission is to prepare students for college. New England Academy students participate in a college preparatory curriculum combined with direct college planning through work with our Dean of Guidance.

School Academic Levels

New England Academy is designed for students in grades seven through twelve. Academic classes are based on a two-tier system in which students can enroll in **college preparatory and/or honors level courses** in the core curriculum areas. In addition, students have the opportunity to take **Advanced Placement** courses through Virtual High School. Each student meets one-on-one with his/her counselor to discuss areas of academic strength and weakness as well as areas of interest. Through this academic analysis, students are able to carefully select their courses and map out their overall high school plan in preparation for college. Students at New England Academy are held to rigorous graduation requirements in preparation for college.

All students must have four years of English, Social Studies, Science, Math, Foreign Language, Physical Education, and extra-curricular activities. Each year long course earns one credit toward graduation. A typical A-F grading system is employed with the minimum passing grade of D. Grade point average is calculated on a four point scale with an A earning four points, B three points, C two points, and D one point. All grades, including transfer credits, are incorporated in a student's grade point average without specific weights for honors or advanced placement courses.

CURRICULUM

English Language Arts

The New England Academy English Language Arts curriculum is a dual program of writing and literary analysis. The writing component applies the “Write Traits” and “Write Source” series to teach the elements and process of writing across the curriculum. Students focus on using a process writing approach to compose open response and long compositions applying the six traits of effective writing: Idea Development, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions. In addition, students complete various forms of writing including research writing, academic writing, creative writing and personal writing. Students and teachers evaluate writing, based on rubrics, to identify areas of strength and need for improvement for each paper. Upper level students use the text, *Write for College*, which applies the “Write Traits” to prepare students for the rigors of writing at the college level.

The literary component at New England Academy combines high interest contemporary literature and classic literature. A variety of authors and genres gives students a comprehensive experience with texts and high level literary analysis. Readings include selections from the McDougal Littell Language and Literature Series including American Literature, World Literature and British Literature, as well as Focused Anthologies from Nexttext featuring Mythology, American Literature, World Literature and selected novels.

English course options include **Introduction to Literature, American Literature, World Literature, and British Literature.**

Social Studies

The Social Studies curriculum at New England Academy empowers students to learn about the past and how history connects to today. The **World History** curriculum focuses on cultural studies, key concepts, and themes that prepare our students to be global citizens. The two year in-depth **United States History** curriculum spans our country’s history from the beginning up through the 21st Century and includes geography, economics, citizenship and America’s history makers. This two year sequence prepares students for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Exam in United States History. Upper level students can take advantage of course offerings such as **Economics, Government, Modern America, or Civics.**

Mathematics

The New England Academy Mathematics curriculum is designed to give middle school students a foundation in number sense, algebra, geometry, and problem solving to apply to more advanced levels of math. High school students take advantage of course offerings including **Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus and Statistics.** The structured problem solving approach encourages the students to think through the steps of problem solving and demonstrate their mastery of concepts through discussion and writing. Hands-on activities and student-led lessons are incorporated during class to help students develop essential analytical skills.

Science

The New England Academy Middle School Science curriculum is an integrated program designed around teaching the overarching concepts in biology, earth science, physics and chemistry. This broad base engages students’ curiosity and develops overall science literacy to apply in more in-depth classes at the high school level.

Freshman and sophomore students at New England Academy are immersed in a two year Biology sequence. The courses include the cornerstones of **Biology** and extended studies in **Issues and Decision Making, Biotechnology, and Forensics.** This two year study will prepare students at New England Academy to take the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Exam in the area of Biology. Upper level students have course offerings including **Earth Science, Physics, and Chemistry.**

Foreign Language

New England Academy offers **Spanish** or **French** as a core content class for all students. In Level I Language Classes, students are exposed to foreign language through a world cultures approach. These classes introduce foreign cultures through people, language, and history. Upper level students take four years of a Foreign Language to develop literacy and fluency that further prepares them to become global citizens. The Foreign Language curriculum culminates with a community service project, school wide event, and/or a trip where students apply the language they have learned.

CURRICULUM

Electives

As part of the course work at New England Academy students participate in daily electives. Electives are offered so that students have the opportunity to take a variety of courses to stretch interests, provide new experiences or pursue a passion. Students are offered electives such as: **Art, Drama, Newspaper, Photography, Music, Media Analysis, Health, Fitness, Ethics, and Virtual High School on-line electives.**

Extra-Curricular Activities

Each week students at New England Academy participate in extra-curricular activities. These include such things as **Experiential Learning, Community and Global Service, Cross Country Running, Art, Drama, Music, Chess Club, Foreign Language Club, Physical Fitness, Sports Teams, Online Courses, International Neuroscience Brain Bee and National Honor Society.** Students also participate in the yearly **Academic Bowl Competition.**

College Preparation

At the heart of New England Academy's mission is to prepare students for college. Students and families receive support and assistance to complete every step of the college process from exploration to admission. Junior and senior level students meet one-on-one with the Dean of Guidance and participate in a College Planning course which enables them to explore their interest areas and future areas of study. In the second semester of the senior year, the students participate in workshops that prepare them for college life.

In addition to college exploration in the classroom setting, New England Academy has a partnership with Endicott College, a private coeducational college located in Beverly, Massachusetts, allowing high school seniors to take courses at Endicott for college credit. Furthermore, as part of the year round school experience, New England Academy students benefit from monthly visits from college representatives providing information about their college and programs of study, as well as tours of colleges throughout the area.

Class of 2010 College Acceptances

Boston College	Dean College	Northern Essex Community College	Southern N.H. University
Boston University	Emmanuel College	North Shore Community College	Suffolk University
Brandeis University	Emerson College	Quinnipiac University	University of Mass/Boston
Bunker Hill Community College	Endicott College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	UMass Lowell
Champlain College	Fairfield University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New Hampshire
Clark University	Hofstra University	Roger Williams University	University of Vermont
Colby Sawyer	Lesley University	Salem State College	Wheaton College
College of the Holy Cross	LaSell College	Salve Regina University	Whelock College
Connecticut College	Middlesex Community College	St. Anselm College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Daniel Webster	Northeastern University		Worcester Polytechnic Institute

