



DEERFIELD ACADEMY

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The School

Deerfield Academy was chartered in 1797 to serve the local population of a rural village in Western Massachusetts. Since the 1920s, it has been wholly independent and committed to excellence in a full liberal arts curriculum and wholesome community life for young men and women from throughout the United States and around the world in grades nine through postgraduate. A vibrant, ethical community that embraces diversity, the Academy prepares students for leadership in a rapidly changing world.

Admission and Enrollment

Applicants compete for admission on the basis of academic and extracurricular achievement, school records, recommendations, character and personal promise, and scores on the SSAT, the PSAT, the ACT, or the SAT. In 2021, 2274 students applied for 215 spaces in grades nine through postgraduate. The 2021-22 enrollment of 663 students includes 78 day students and 585 boarding students from 35 states and the District of Columbia, and 47 foreign countries. There are 207 seniors in the class of 2022: 112 are boys and 95 are girls. There are 137 members of the faculty.

Cost and Financial Aid

The annual financial aid budget is \$12,080,000. Thirty-seven percent of the student body receives aid; the average grant for a boarding student is \$54,600. The 2021-22 tuition for boarding students is \$66,100.

Cocurricular Activities

Each student spends approximately two hours every weekday afternoon in a required faculty-supervised activity. For most students, this is an athletic commitment at the varsity, junior varsity, or recreational level. For others, this time is spent in dance classes or theater rehearsals, or pursuing volunteer work through our community service program. A few students receive permission to engage in special projects in art, music, or an academic field.

Academic Calendar

Deerfield uses a trimester calendar. We do not have official first quarter or midyear grades. Fall Term grades are available after Thanksgiving. **Colleges will receive Fall Term grades for all senior applicants and those should be used as a student's "midyear" grades.**

Academic Program

Deerfield students engage in five seminar-style classes (average size: 12 students) each term; most classes are year-long, though some are one- or two-trimester electives. Many students choose to take a fine or performing arts course as a sixth pass/fail class. Infrequently, an advanced student may be granted permission to take a sixth graded class.

English and social studies classes at Deerfield are not leveled, with the exception of Honors European History, Honors US History, and American Studies. All world language courses, except those in Latin and Arabic, are conducted exclusively in the target language. As a result, some students find the adjustment to language classes at Deerfield to be difficult, and our placement of new students may reflect that. Academic work at Deerfield is evaluated on a numerical scale (0-100) where the minimum passing grade is 60. One hundred percent of our graduates attend four-year colleges and universities.

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Curriculum

All of Deerfield's courses should be viewed as challenging and college preparatory. Many classes use college level texts and match the pace of an undergraduate college course; others are post-AP level and the Honors or AP-course is the prerequisite.

For a more complete look at our curriculum, please visit: deerfield.edu/courses

Our course numbering system conveys the level of each offering.

100 level = introductory (9th grade)

200 level = intermediate (9th/10th grade)

300 level = advanced intermediate (10th/11th grade)

400 level = advanced (11th/12th grade)

500 level = AP level/1st semester college level

600 level = post-AP/2nd semester college level

700-800 level = second year of college +

xx3 = Honors level (includes Accelerated, Advanced) for some courses

Advanced Placement Examinations

We currently only offer AP courses in math and the arts. Prior to the 2021-2022 academic year, we also offered AP courses in sciences and computer science. Many students will choose to take an AP exam to demonstrate proficiency in a subject, even without officially taking an AP course.

In the class of 2022, 156 candidates sat for 618 AP exams.

85% of AP exams earned scores of 3 or higher.

Scores of 5 = 30%

Scores of 4 = 29%

Scores of 3 = 26%

Diploma Requirements†

English:	4 years
Mathematics:	3 years or through Algebra II
Foreign Language:	3 years of one language at Deerfield or the equivalent*
History and Social Science:	2 years, including a year of U.S. History or American Studies
Science:	2 years of laboratory science
Fine Arts:	2 trimesters
Philosophy or Religion:	1 trimester
Health Issues:	1 year in 9 th grade and 1 trimester in 10 th grade

*Students for whom English is a second language may request to satisfy this requirement with their native language.

†These requirements are for our three- and four-year students. Visit <https://deerfield.edu/students/academics/graduation-requirements/> to learn more about graduation requirements for new juniors, new seniors and PGs.

Grade Distribution Chart

Deerfield Academy does not rank its students or compute a cumulative GPA.

Unweighted annual GPAs appear on the transcript at the end of each school year.

GPAs earned by the classes of 2018 through 2022 in *the junior year only*

Grade	Number of students	% of class
95.00 and above	14	1%
93.00 to 94.99	99	10%
91.00 to 92.99	250	25%
89.00 to 90.99	243	24%
87.00 to 88.99	242	14%
86.99 or below	115	11%
No Deerfield GPA (SYA Juniors/new Seniors or PGs)	141	14%

Standardized
Testing

Testing profile for the last graduating class (2021)

SAT	Middle 50%	Mean	ACT	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	640-730	680	English	27-35	31
Math	640-770	691	Math	25-34	29
Total	1280-1480	1371	Reading	28-35	31
			Science	25-34	30
			Composite	27-34	30

Disciplinary
Disclosure
Policy

Deerfield Academy’s disciplinary system reflects the purposefully high behavioral and academic standards to which we hold our students. There are two components to reporting discipline—the institution and the student. Deerfield Academy has updated its institutional policy to the following: For as long as Deerfield Students are enrolled at the Academy, Deerfield will consider them in good standing and will not report internal disciplinary action to colleges, universities, and scholarship programs. If students withdraw pending discipline or are required to withdraw by the school, Deerfield will communicate that change in status. As for the individual student, when an application asks whether a student has a disciplinary or academic infraction at any time during their high school career, the student will answer the question honestly.

Deerfield Academy maintains and benefits from a relationship with colleges, universities, and other educational programs that is based on openness and trust. For serious infractions, we reserve the right to communicate with colleges or other programs regardless of the particular application’s requirements.

Pandemic
Related
Changes
of Note

For the 2020 Spring Term, Deerfield transitioned to remote learning and all students received Pass/Fail grades.

For the 2020-2021 academic year, Deerfield adopted a modular schedule wherein all students were enrolled in two year-long equivalent classes each trimester, totaling six courses per year. Remote instruction, both synchronous and asynchronous, was available for students who were unable to return to campus or were forced to quarantine. In order to accommodate the new schedule, the following curricular adjustments were made:

- Accelerated science courses were not offered (Chemistry 1A, Biology 1A and Physics 1A) so students who ordinarily would have taken accelerated science courses were not given that option.
- AP Physics C was broken down into two full-year-equivalent courses, AP Physics C: Mechanics (Fall Term) and AP Physics C: E & M (Winter Term).
- We had to remove some courses from our catalog – for example, several one-term courses and Electric Vehicle Engineering were eliminated.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, Deerfield adopted a six-period rotating block schedule that features three 90-minute classes per day. The majority of students take five classes. *Please note that this means that our students are currently adapting to their third curricular structure in just three years.*

**College
Matriculation**

Colleges attended by three or more students in the last five graduating classes (2017-2021)
*by 10 or more students / **by 20 or more students / ***by 30 or more students

Amherst College*	McGill University
Bates College	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Boston College*	Middlebury College**
Boston University*	New York University*
Bowdoin College*	Northeastern University*
Brown University***	Northwestern University
Bucknell University	University of Notre Dame
University of California, Berkeley	Occidental College
University of California, Los Angeles	University of Pennsylvania**
University of California, San Diego	Pennsylvania State University
Carleton College	Princeton University**
Carnegie Mellon University	Rhodes College
University of Chicago**	Santa Clara University
Colby College*	Skidmore College
Colgate University*	University of Southern California*
College of the Holy Cross*	Southern Methodist University*
College of William and Mary	University of St. Andrews
Colorado College	St. Lawrence University
Columbia University***	Stanford University
Connecticut College	Swarthmore College
Cornell University***	University of Toronto
Dartmouth College*	Trinity College*
Denison University	Tufts University*
Dickinson College	Union College London
Duke University*	United States Military Academy
Endicott College	United States Naval Academy
Fordham University	Vanderbilt University
George Washington University	University of Vermont
Georgetown University***	University of Virginia***
Hamilton College*	Wake Forest University
Harvard University**	Washington and Lee University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Washington University in St Louis
Howard University	Wellesley College
Johns Hopkins University	Wesleyan University*
Kenyon College	Williams College*
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Yale University*
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	