



DEERFIELD ACADEMY

2023-24 School Profile

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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 people from throughout the United States and around the world in grades nine through postgraduate. Deerfield's Core Values include citizenship, face-to-face interactions, connectedness, reflection and balance, pursuit of mastery, and shared experiences.

Enrollment

The 2023-24 enrollment of 653 students includes 73 day students and 580 boarding students from 32 states and the District of Columbia, and 42 foreign countries represented; 35% are domestic students of color and 11% are international. There are 204 seniors in the class of 2024. There are 150 members of the faculty.

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 and, as such, we do not have typical 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.**

Starting with the 2021-2022 academic year to present, Deerfield adopted a six-period rotating block schedule that features three 90-minute classes per day.

Academic Program[#]

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

Academic work at Deerfield is evaluated on a numerical scale (0-100) where the minimum passing grade is 60 and the median grades are generally between 85 and 90. Qualifying cumulative grade averages for the term of 93.0 or above garner High Honors distinction and 90.0 or above garner Honors distinction. **One hundred percent of our graduates ultimately attend four-year colleges and universities.**

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. Over the past three years, Deerfield has moved away from teaching AP courses, and we currently only offer official AP courses in math and the arts along with an AP Seminar. 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.

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Course Numbering Changes at Deerfield Academy for 2023-24

Deerfield has completely rehailed the course numbering system this year and one should not try to compare nor align it to the prior system. We have provided this additional information to give context to the changes that will be seen on our students' transcripts, and we hope it will help you better understand the nature of the total overhaul of our new course numbering system. The chart below outlines our graduation requirements, most advanced courses, and course abbreviation notes as they pertain to our new system. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

New Course Numbering Rubric:

100-level typically for 9th and 10th graders or courses that are the first in a leveled sequence

200-level typically for 10th graders or courses that are the second in a leveled sequence

300-level typically for 10th - 12th graders or courses that are the third in a leveled sequence

400-level typically for 11th and 12th graders or courses that are the fourth in a leveled sequence

500- and 600-level courses that are the fifth or sixth in a leveled sequence

Accelerated and Honors Courses

XX5 are **accelerated** courses, moving students through additional material at a faster pace

XX9 are **honors** courses that encompass materials with greater depth and breadth

SUBJECT	GRADUATION REQUIREMENT+	MOST ADVANCED COURSE(S) & NOTES
English	4 years	All 12th-grade English courses are equally rigorous. Note: Course abbreviations include ENG and IDE.
Mathematics	3 years through Algebra II	AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Statistics, Advanced Calculus with Intro to Multivariable, Multivariable Calculus & Diff Equations, Linear Algebra, and Special Topics.
History & Social Sciences	2 years, including a year of U.S. History or American Studies	Honors European History, AP Seminar, Honors United States History, American Studies, Honors Economics. All 12th-grade History/Social Sciences courses are equally rigorous. Note: Course abbreviations include HIS, ECN, IDH, LAW, POL, PSY, and SOC.
Science & Computer Science	2 years of laboratory science	Honors Biology 1, Honors Biology 2, Honors Chemistry 2, Honors Environmental Science, Honors Physics 2, Honors Computer Science, Data Structures & Algorithms, Digital Logic & Computer Architecture. Note: Course abbreviations include BIO, CHE, COM, PHY, and SCI.
Foreign Language *	3 years of one language or equivalent	Courses designated at Level 500 and beyond.
Visual & Performing Arts	2 trimesters	AP Studio Art, Post-AP Studio, Honors Studio Art, Honors Dance Ensemble, Honors Vocal Ensemble, Honors Band, Honors Chamber Music, Honors Music Composition & Analysis, Advanced Acting. Note: Course abbreviations include ART, DAN, MUS, and THE.
Philosophy & Religion	1 trimester	All 11th- and 12th-grade Philosophy and Religion courses are equally rigorous. Note: Course abbreviations include PHI and REL.
Health	1 trimester in 9th grade and 1 trimester in 10th 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.

Prior to this 2023-24 school year our course numbering system was as follows:

- 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

Please visit <https://deerfield.edu/students/course-planning> for a more complete look at our curriculum.

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 2020 through 2024 in *the junior year only*:

Grade	Number of students	% of class
95.00 and above	15	1.5%
93.00 to 94.99	102	10.2%
91.00 to 92.99	247	24.8%
89.00 to 90.99	247	24.8%
87.00 to 88.99	145	14.5%
86.99 or below	112	11.2%
No Deerfield GPA (SYA Juniors/new Seniors or PGs)	127	12.7%

Standardized Testing

Testing profile for the last graduating class (2023):

SAT	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	650-750	690
Math	630-770	691
Total	1270-1510	1382

ACT	Middle 50%	Mean
English	30-35	32
Math	27-35	30
Reading	32-35	32
Science	28-34	30
Composite	29-34	31

Advanced Placement Examinations

Students can choose to take an AP exam to demonstrate proficiency in a subject, even without officially taking an AP course. In the 2022-23 school year, 294 students sat for 680 AP exams. 93% of AP exams earned scores of 3 or higher:

- Scores of 3 = 21%
- Scores of 4 = 39%
- Scores of 5 = 33%

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, are required to withdraw by the school, or otherwise officially separate from the school, Deerfield will communicate that change in status in a timely manner. 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 2020-2021 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, 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.

College Matriculation

Colleges attended by three or more students in the last five graduating classes (2019-2023)

*by 10 or more students / **by 20 or more students / ***by 30 or more students

Amherst College*	Hamilton College*	Santa Clara University*
Babson College	Harvard University**	Skidmore College
Bates College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Southern California*
Boston College*	College of the Holy Cross	Southern Methodist University*
Boston University*	Howard University	University of St. Andrews
Bowdoin College*	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	St. Lawrence University
Brown University***	Johns Hopkins University*	Stanford University
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	Swarthmore College
University of California, Berkeley	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Syracuse University
University of California, Los Angeles	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	University of Toronto
University of California, San Diego	McGill University	Trinity College*
University of California, Santa Barbara	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*	Tufts University*
Carleton College	Middlebury College*	Union College
Carnegie Mellon University	Morehouse College	United States Military Academy
University of Chicago*	The New School	United States Naval Academy
Colby College*	New York University*	University College London
Colgate University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Vanderbilt University
Colorado College	Northeastern University*	University of Vermont
Columbia University**	Northwestern University*	Villanova University
Connecticut College	University of Notre Dame	University of Virginia***
Cornell University**	Occidental College	Wake Forest University*
Dartmouth College*	Pennsylvania State University	Wellesley College
Denison University	University of Pennsylvania**	Wesleyan University
University of Denver	Pomona College	Williams College*
Dickinson College	Princeton University*	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Duke University*	Providence College	Yale University**
Endicott College	Rice University	
George Washington University	University of Richmond	
Georgetown University***	University of Rochester	