



DEERFIELD ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027 / CEEB CODE: 220685

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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.

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ENROLLMENT:

- 658 students: 74 day students and 584 boarding students
- 36 states, District of Columbia, and 52 foreign countries represented
- 16% international students
- 38% receive financial aid
- 198 seniors in the Class of 2027

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND PROGRAM:

- Trimester system 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**
- Six-period rotating block with three 90-minute classes per day
- Students take five graded seminar-style classes each trimester; advanced students 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
- Many classes are year-long, while others are one- or two-trimester electives
- Average class size: 12
- Academic work is evaluated on a numerical scale (0-100) where the minimum passing grade is 60
- Term cumulative grade averages for the term of 90.0 or above garner Honors distinction and 93.0 or above garner High 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 several years, Deerfield has moved away from teaching AP courses; 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.

Cocurricular activities:

- Required approximately two hours every weekday afternoon for faculty-supervised activity
- For most students, activities include an athletic commitment at the varsity, junior varsity, or recreational level, dance classes or theater rehearsals, or pursuing volunteer work through our community service program
- Some students receive permission to engage in special projects in art, music, or an academic field

REQUIRED GRADUATION CREDITS*:

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years through Algebra II
History & Social Sciences	2 years, including a year of U.S. History or American Studies
Science & Computer Science	2 years of laboratory science
Foreign Language +	3 years of one language or equivalent
Visual & Performing Arts	2 trimesters
Philosophy & Religion	1 trimester
Health	1 trimester in 9 th grade and 1 trimester in 10 th grade

* 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.

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

See next page for most advanced courses & notes

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

GRADE DISTRIBUTION CHART:

Deerfield Academy does not rank its students or report a cumulative GPA. Unweighted annual GPAs appear on the transcript at the end of each school year. GPAs earned by the classes of 2023 through 2027 in the *junior year only*:

GRADE	# OF STUDENTS	% OF CLASS
95.00 and above	27	2.7%
93.00 to 94.99	149	14.9%
91.00 to 92.99	286	28.6%
89.00 to 90.99	211	21.1%
87.00 to 88.99	134	13.4%
86.99 or below	75	7.5%
No Deerfield GPA (SYA Juniors/new Seniors or PGs)	118	11.8%

See next page for college matriculation list

STANDARDIZED TESTING:

SAT Summary—Class of 2026		
SECTION	MIDDLE 50% RANGE	MEAN
EBRW	640–740	683
Math	620–760	687
Total	1260–1480	1370

ACT Summary—Class of 2026		
SECTION	MIDDLE 50% RANGE	MEAN
English	30-35	32
Math	25-33	29
Reading	29-36	32
Science	26-33	29
Composite	29-34	31

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS:

Although Deerfield only offers official AP courses in math, the arts, and AP seminar, students can choose to take an AP exam to demonstrate proficiency in a subject, even without officially taking an AP course. In the 2025–26 school year, 295 students sat for 708 AP exams. 97% of AP exams earned scores of 3 or higher:
Scores of 3 = 17%
Scores of 4 = 41%
Scores of 5 = 39%

CLASSICAL STUDIES PROGRAM (CSP) & MUSIC DISTINCTION PROGRAMS:

The CSP is a distinction students can earn with the fulfillment of specific classics coursework (Latin Concentration or Classical Studies Concentration with Latin & Greek) along with a series of extracurricular commitments with the Classics Club. In meeting these requirements, a student has participated in a coherent academic experience that provides perspective and depth in the study of ancient literature and material culture. The Music Distinction Program recognizes students who have shown an exceptional dedication to the art of music making during their time at Deerfield Academy. Students earn this distinction with enrollment in music class all terms from 10th–12th grade and the completion of a Senior Capstone Music Project (e.g., recital, lecture, commercial EP release, composition portfolio, etc.)

MOST ADVANCED COURSE(S) & NOTES:

English	All 11 th -grade English courses are equally rigorous and taught at an AP level. All 12 th -grade English courses are equally rigorous and taught at a post-AP level. <i>Note:</i> Course abbreviations include ENG and IDE.
Mathematics	AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Statistics, Data Science Sr. Capstone, Advanced Calculus with Intro to Multivariable, Multivariable Calculus & Diff Equations, Linear Algebra, and Special Topics.
History & Social Sciences	Honors European History, AP Seminar, Honors United States History, American Studies, Honors Economics, Honors Historical Research. All other 12 th -grade History/Social Sciences courses are equally rigorous and taught at a post-AP level. <i>Note:</i> Course abbreviations include HIS, ECN, IDH, LAW, POL, PSY, and SOC.
Science & Computer Science	Honors Biology 1, Honors Biology 2, Honors Chemistry 2, Honors Environmental Science 1, Honors Environmental Science 2, Honors Physics 2, Honors Computer Science, Data Structures & Algorithms, Digital Logic & Computer Architecture. <i>Note:</i> Course abbreviations include BIO, CHE, COM, PHY, and SCI.
Foreign Language *	Courses designated at Level 500 and beyond. <i>Note:</i> Arabic only offered to 400 level.
Visual & Performing Arts	AP Studio Art, AP Drawing & Painting, Post-AP Studio, Honors Studio Art, Honors Dance Ensemble, Honors Vocal Ensemble, Honors Band, Honors Chamber Music, Honors Music Composition & Analysis, Acting Studio, and Advanced Acting. <i>Note:</i> Course abbreviations include ART, DAN, MUS, and THE.
Philosophy & Religion	Honors Philosophy and Religious Studies Research. All 11 th - and 12 th -grade Philosophy and Religion courses are equally rigorous. <i>Note:</i> Course abbreviations include PHI, REL, IDC, and IDP.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION:

Colleges attended by three or more students in the last five graduating classes (2022–2026)

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

American University	Lehigh University	United States Military Academy
Babson College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States Naval Academy
Bates College*	Middlebury College***	University at Albany, State University of New York
Boston College*	Mount Holyoke College	University of California-Los Angeles
Boston University	New York University*	University of Chicago*
Bowdoin College*	Northeastern University	University of Connecticut
Brown University**	Northwestern University*	University of Denver
Bucknell University	Pomona College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Carnegie Mellon University	Princeton University*	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Colby College*	Purdue University	University of Michigan*
Colgate University*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of New Hampshire
College of the Holy Cross	Rice University	University of Notre Dame
Colorado College	Rutgers University—New Brunswick	University of Pennsylvania**
Columbia University*	Santa Clara University	University of Richmond
Connecticut College	Skidmore College	University of Rochester
Cornell University**	Smith College	University of Southern California
Dartmouth College*	Southern Methodist University*	University of St Andrews*
Denison University	Spelman College	University of Vermont
Duke University*	St. Lawrence University	University of Virginia**
Emory University	Stanford University*	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Endicott College	Swarthmore College	Vanderbilt University**
Georgetown University***	Syracuse University	Villanova University*
Hamilton College*	The George Washington University	Virginia Tech
Harvard University***	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Wake Forest University*
Haverford College	The University of Texas at Austin	Wellesley College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Trinity College	Wesleyan University
Howard University	Tufts University**	William & Mary
IE University—Madrid	Tulane University	Williams College*
Johns Hopkins University	Union College	Yale University***

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.