



# GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY

*Discover Your World*

2020-2021 Profile

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**OUR MISSION** George Stevens Academy is a town academy on the coast of Maine. Founded in 1852, we are the high school for nearly all students from the seven towns in our rural community. We also enroll private-pay day and boarding students from around the world. Our students' interests, talents, and aspirations reflect the diversity of the communities from which they come.

GSA provides a comprehensive and challenging education for all students, for those who will build futures in surrounding communities and for those who will make lives elsewhere in the world. Our many academic and experiential programs foster a love of knowledge, inspire creativity, instill self-confidence, encourage good character, and prepare each graduate for a purposeful life in a changing world.

**OUR COMMUNITY** Located in the center of Blue Hill village, a small coastal town on a scenic, rural peninsula, the school serves as the local community high school to students from area towns. Our student body numbers 310, including 8 international and U.S. boarding students.

The GSA faculty numbers 36 (21 women and 15 men) with 50% holding advanced degrees. The student/teacher ratio is 10:1, and most classes range from 10-20 students.

**CLASS OF 2021** The Class of 2021 numbers 78, including 2 international boarding students. The grading scale is 0-100, with a passing mark of 70. Grades in courses designated Honors or AP receive an additional weighting of 10%. The transcript provides both an unweighted and weighted GPA on a 100-point scale. **GSA does not rank its students.**

**COVID-19 IMPACTS** In March 2020, GSA went to full remote learning for the remainder of the school year. Students were given the option of finishing under a Credit/No Credit system or with their full numerical grades; those choices are reflected on their transcripts for the spring semester. It is important to note that none of those final marks were used in computing the student's cumulative GPA. GPAs reported on the sixth-semester transcript are unchanged from what was reported on the fifth-semester transcript.

For 2020-2021, GSA is operating under a hybrid model with a block schedule. Students attend in-person classes two days a week, with remote and independent work for the remaining three days. Semester-length courses will last one quarter; full year courses will be completed in a single semester. Grades will be reported under the 100-point scale for all students.

**CURRICULUM** The GSA curriculum serves a wide range of students with courses that are comprehensive, experiential, engaging, and rigorous. Within that broad college prep framework, honors and AP courses are available in all core academic disciplines for students seeking the highest level of traditional rigor and college preparation.

#### *Curricular Highlights:*

AP courses offered in 2020-2021 are English Literature, English Language, U.S. History, Human Geography, Calculus AB/BC, Statistics, Biology, Environmental Science, Drawing, and 2-D Design. Students also may pursue AP courses not offered at GSA through AP4ALL, a Maine-based distance learning option.

Visual and Performing Arts offers a broad portfolio of courses, including Painting, Drawing, Photography, Jazz and Steel Bands, Music Theory, and Dance.

ISIP (Independent Study & Internship Program) is a key curricular opportunity open to juniors and seniors in good academic standing. Students develop their own projects and complete them during two weeks in February with supervision by a faculty advisor and an outside expert in the field; an evening event showcases every student's project in early March. *NOTE: Due to COVID-19-related restrictions, our traditional ISIP will not take place; instead, students will be able to design a similar learning opportunity to undertake at any time during the school year.*

Students may pursue coursework in Boatbuilding and Industrial Technology and Engineering. Digital Technology courses include Java, Robotics, and Computer Illustration and Modeling.

GSA offers opportunities outside of the traditional classroom setting with courses in Culinary Arts, Outdoor Leadership, and Ocean Studies. They may also complete up to two semesters of co-op education through internships at a business, nonprofit, or other organization.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** 22 credits required for graduation.

English 4 credits	Mathematics 3 credits	Science 3 credits
Social Studies 2 credits	U.S. History 1 credit	Visual and Performing Arts 1 credit
Electives 6-½ credits	Physical Education 1 credit	Health ½ credit

**INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES** GSA offers 12 interscholastic varsity sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. Visual and Performing artists can participate in four music groups, and there are two dedicated events each year for visual artists and at least two drama productions each school year. Student clubs include Chess Club, Gender & Sexuality Alliance, Math Team, Poetry Out Loud, and Student Council, along with language clubs for Spanish and French. *NOTE: Due to COVID-19-related restrictions, many of these sports and activities will be limited during 2020-2021.*

### SAT RESULTS

CLASS OF 2020 (73 students testing): Overall 930-1220 (mid 50%), mean = 1091; EBRW 475-625 (mid 50%), mean = 552; MATH 450-630 (mid 50%), mean = 539.

CLASS OF 2019 (64 students): Overall 940-1225 (mid 50%); EBRW 475-615 (mid 50%); Math 460-620 (mid 50%)

CLASS OF 2018 (69 students): Overall mean = 1141; ERW mean = 579; Math mean = 562

**COLLEGE PLACEMENT** The following colleges and universities have accepted GSA students in the past four years. Members of the Class of 2020 matriculated at the institutions in boldface.

Acadia University  
American University  
Babson College  
Bard College  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Bennington College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music

**Boston College**

Boston University

**Bowdoin College**

**Brandeis University**

University of British Columbia

Bryn Mawr College

California College of the Arts

**University of California, Davis**

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

**University of California, San Diego**

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz

Case Western Reserve University

Centre College

Clark University

Clarkson University

Colby College

**College of the Atlantic**

College of Charleston

College of the Holy Cross

College of William & Mary

College of Wooster

Colorado College

University of Colorado, Boulder

**University of Connecticut**

Connecticut College

**Cornell College**

Cornell University

The Culinary Institute of America

Curry College

Dartmouth College

Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia

University of Delaware

Dickinson College

Drexel University

**Drew University**

Earlham College

**Eastern Maine Community College**

Eastman School of Music

Eckerd College

University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Emerson College

**Emory University**

**Fashion Institute of Technology**

**Fordham University**

Franklin & Marshall College

George Mason University

The George Washington University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gettysburg College

Goucher College

Guilford College

**Hamilton College**

Hampshire College

Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford

Haverford College

Hawaii Pacific University

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**Husson University**

University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign

Indiana University  
University of Iowa  
Ithaca College  
**Kalamazoo College**  
Lehigh University  
**Lewis and Clark College**  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University of Chicago  
**University of Maine**  
University of Maine, Augusta  
**University of Maine at Farmington**  
University of Maine at Fort Kent  
University of Maine at Machias  
University of Maine at Presque Isle  
Maine College of Art  
**Maine Maritime Academy**  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
McGill University, Montreal  
University of Miami  
Miami University of Ohio  
University of Michigan  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
Mount Allison University, New Brunswick  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
Newcastle University, UK  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire  
The New School  
**New York University**  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin Conservatory of Music  
Occidental College  
The Ohio State University  
University of Oregon  
University of Ottawa  
**Pennsylvania State University, University Park**  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pepperdine University  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Prescott College  
University of Prince Edward Island  
Princeton University

University of Puget Sound  
Purdue University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
University of Rhode Island  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
University of Richmond  
**Rochester Institute of Technology**  
University of Rochester  
**Rollins College**  
Rutgers University  
**Saint Joseph's College of Maine**  
**Santa Clara University**  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
Scripps College  
Simmons University  
Skidmore College  
**Smith College**  
University of Southern California  
**University of Southern Maine**  
**St. John's College**  
St. Lawrence University  
SUNY Stony Brook  
SUNY Buffalo  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
**Temple University**  
Thomas College  
University of Toronto  
Trinity College (CT)  
University of Vermont  
Vassar College  
Virginia Tech  
**University of Virginia**  
Wake Forest University  
University of Washington  
**Whittier College**  
Willamette University  
Williams College  
Wellesley College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
Western Washington University  
Wheaton College (MA)  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute



*Students on the front lawn in spring with the science wing to the right and the Academy Building center.*