



# GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY

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## 2021-2022 Profile

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George Stevens Academy is an independent high school on the coast of Maine. The academy is a caring educational community committed to meeting the needs of each local and residential student with a challenging, comprehensive academic and experiential program that fosters the pursuit of knowledge, inspires creativity, develops self-reliance, and prepares graduates for a purposeful life in a changing world.

### **SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**

Founded as Blue Hill Academy in 1803, the first secondary school to open its doors east of the Penobscot River in Downeast Maine, George Stevens Academy is today an independent, comprehensive high school of 310 students, including 8 international and U.S. boarding students. Located in the center of Blue Hill, a small coastal village on a scenic rural peninsula, GSA serves as the high school of choice for most in the seven peninsula towns. As a town academy committed to educating these students, GSA's local admission process is noncompetitive; we welcome all who can benefit from our programs.

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 2022**

The Class of 2022 numbers 66, 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 2020. It is important to note that none of those final marks for spring semester 2020 were used in computing the student's cumulative GPA.

For 2020-2021, GSA operated under a hybrid model with a block schedule. Students attended in-person classes two days a week, with remote and independent work for the remaining three days. Some students chose to be fully remote for the entire year. Semester-length courses were one quarter; full-year courses were completed in a single semester. Grades appear on transcript using the 100-point scale for all students and were counted in their cumulative GPA.

For 2021-2022, GSA will return to full in-person classes, operating under a comprehensive 4x4 block schedule. 0.5 credit courses will be completed in one quarter. 1.0 credit courses will be completed in one semester.

## CURRICULUM

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

### *Curricular Highlights:*

AP courses offered in 2021-2022 are English Literature, English Language, U.S. History, Human Geography, Calculus AB/BC, Statistics, Biology, Environmental Science, Drawing, and 2-D Design. Students may also pursue AP courses not offered at GSA through AP4ME, 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 and Internship Program) is a key curricular opportunity open to juniors and seniors. 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 showcasing every student's project takes place in early March. *ISIP was not offered during 20-21 due to COVID restrictions.*

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 do 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 twelve 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, Student Government, and Environmental Awareness Club, along with Language Clubs for Spanish and French. *NOTE: Due to the restrictions resulting from COVID-19, many of these sports and activities were limited during 2020-2021 but will be offered in 2021-2022.*

## SAT RESULTS

CLASS OF 2021 Insufficient data (due to COVID restrictions) for meaningful class of 2021 statistics. Only 13 students tested.

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

GSA students earned admission to the following institutions (2019-2021). Members of the Class of 2021 matriculated at the institutions in boldface.

### **Alfred University**

Allegheny College  
American University  
Bard College

### **Bates College**

Belmont College

### **Beloit College**

### **Bennington College**

Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College

Boston University

### **Bowdoin College**

Brandeis University

### **Brigham Young University**

Bryn Mawr College  
California Polytechnic - San Luis Obispo

### **California State University - Channel Islands**

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

### **Champlain College**

University of Chicago  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
Colby College

University of Colorado, Boulder

Colorado State University

University of Connecticut

Connecticut College

Cornell College

Curry College

Dickinson College

Drew University

Drexel University

University College, Dublin

Earlham College

### **Eastern Maine Community College**

Eckerd College

Emerson College

Emory University

Fashion Institute of Technology

Fordham University

Franklin & Marshall College

The George Washington University

Goucher College

### **Guilford College**

Hamilton College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

### **Husson University**

University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa

### **Ithaca College**

### **Jefferson University**

Johnson & Wales University

Kalamazoo College

Keene State University

Lewis and Clark College

Loyola Marymount University

### **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 Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Merrimack College

Miami University of Ohio

Michigan State University

University of Minnesota

Mount Allison University, New Brunswick

Mount Holyoke College

Mt San Antonio College (CA)

### **University of New England**

University of New Hampshire

New York University

Northeastern University

Oberlin College

Ohio State University

University of Ottawa

Pennsylvania State University, University Park

Pratt College of Art & Design

University of Puget Sound

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rice University

Rochester Institute of Technology

### **University of Rochester**

**Roger Williams University**

**Saint Joseph's College of Maine**

St. Michael's College (VT)

Salve Regina University

Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Simmons University

Skidmore College

**Smith College**

**Southern Maine Community College**

**University of Southern Maine**

**St. John's College (NY, NM)**

**St. Lawrence University**

**Suffolk University**

SUNY College of Environmental Science

Temple University

**Texas Christian University**

Thomas College

University of Toronto

Trinity College (CT)

Ursinus College

**University of Vermont**

University of Virginia

Wake Forest University

University of Washington

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wheaton College (MA)

Whittier College

University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Woodbury University (CA)**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute