



# GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY

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## 2018-2019 Profile

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**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY** George Stevens Academy is an independent, comprehensive high school of 322 students, including 26 international and U.S. boarding students, in grades 9-12. Founded as Blue Hill Academy in 1803, it was the first secondary school to open its doors east of the Penobscot River in Downeast Maine. Located in the center of Blue Hill, a small coastal town on a scenic rural peninsula, the school serves as the community high school for students from area towns. George Stevens Academy is governed by an independent, self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. The parent body comprises a broad variety of small business owners, education and health care professionals, commercial fishermen, farmers, contractors, boatbuilders, musicians, theater professionals, visual artists, and workers in the area's tourist industry.

**ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS** The academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the State of Maine Department of Education and Cultural Services, and is a member of the National and Maine Associations of Independent Schools, the Independent Schools Association of Northern New England, and the Association of Boarding Schools.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 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 boarding 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.

**ENROLLMENT PROFILE** For the 2018-2019 academic year, GSA enrolled 322 students. The senior class numbers 76: 41 girls and 35 boys, including 14 boarding students. The student-teacher ratio is 10:1. Most classes have 10-20 students.

**FACULTY** Twenty-two full-time and 13 part-time teachers; 13 men and 22 women; 16 hold advanced degrees.

**CURRICULUM** All core academic classes are college prep unless noted on the transcript as fundamental, honors, or Advanced Placement (AP). Honors or AP courses are available in all core subject areas (English, science, math, social studies, world languages, and art) in grades 9-12. Students in grades 11 and 12 who are not enrolled in AP English Literature or AP English Language, respectively, take one semester each of junior and senior English. For the second semester, they choose from these electives: Maine Writers, Journalism, Reading across the Curriculum, Public Speaking, Creative Writing, and Writing for TV and Film.

In 2018-2019, the following AP courses are offered: Biology, Environmental Science, Calculus AB/BC, Statistics, English Literature, English Language, Human Geography, U.S. History, Drawing, and 2D Design.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 22 credits

English, 4 cr. / Mathematics, 3 cr. / Science, 3 cr. / Social Studies-History, 2 cr. / U.S. History, 1 cr. / Fine Arts, 1 cr. / Physical Ed., 1 cr. / Health, .5 cr. / Electives, 6.5 cr.

**NOTABLE PROGRAMS & ACHIEVEMENTS** Juniors and seniors in good academic standing pursue an independent study or internship project (ISIP) for two weeks in February. Projects are conceived by the student and supervised by a faculty advisor and an outside expert in the field; an evening display of every student's project takes place in early March. In the past 30 years, the GSA jazz band has won 19 state championships and placed second or third ten times. In the same period, the honors jazz combo and junior varsity combo have won 12 and six state championships, respectively. At the 2018 Maine State Instrumental Jazz Festival, GSA musicians earned six out of 20 MVP awards, and four GSA student musicians were accepted into the 2018 All-State Jazz and Classical Music festivals. More than 90 students participate in the GSA band, jazz band, four jazz combos, and the steel drum band. The boys' varsity basketball team has won the Maine state championship (Class C) for the past three years; the girls' varsity cross-country team has won the Northern Maine championship for the past three years and won the Maine state championship (Class C) in 2017. The boys' varsity tennis team has won 14 Northern Maine championships in the last 16 years.

### INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Varsity sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track, outdoor track, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. George Stevens Academy offers a broad array of activities in the fine and performing arts, including a three-day all-school arts festival in May, as well as opportunities for involvement in student government, community service, current affairs, cultural appreciation, technology, and many outdoor pursuits fostered by GSA's coastal setting and proximity to area mountains, lakes, and rivers.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE & RANK IN CLASS** Grade point average (GPA) and rank in class (RIC) are determined using George Stevens Academy credit only. Averages are rounded to the nearest tenth and ties are retained. GPA and RIC are officially calculated after the completion of a student's 11th grade year. A student's final GPA and RIC will be calculated at the end of the first semester of the senior year. Honors and AP courses are weighted an additional 10% in the calculation of a student's GPA.

**GRADES** George Stevens Academy uses percentage grades:

90-100 = A / 80-89 = B / 70-79 = C / Below 70 = F

**HONOR ROLL** High Honors = All grades 90 or above.  
Honors = All grades 80 or above.

**SAT AVERAGE, CLASS OF 2018 (69 students tested)**  
Mean Score: 1141 Mean ERW: 579 Mean Math: 562

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Colleges and universities that have accepted GSA students in the past four years include the following. Members of the Class of 2018 chose to attend 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  
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 University  
The Culinary Institute of America  
Dartmouth College  
Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia  
University of Delaware  
Dickinson College  
**Drexel University**  
Earlham College  
**Eastern Maine Community College**  
Eastman School of Music  
**Eckerd College**  
University of Edinburgh, Scotland  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
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  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
**Husson University**  
University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign  
Indiana University  
University of Iowa  
**Ithaca College**  
Lehigh University  
Lewis and Clark College  
London College of Fashion  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University of Chicago  
**University of Maine**  
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, College Park**  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
**McGill University, Montreal**  
University of Miami  
**Miami University of Ohio**  
University of Michigan  
**Middlebury College**  
Mount Allison University, New Brunswick  
Mount Holyoke College  
**Newcastle University, U.K.**  
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  
**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  
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**  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
University of Southern California  
University of Southern Maine  
St. Lawrence University  
Stetson University  
SUNY Stony Brook  
SUNY Buffalo  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
**Thomas College**  
Unity College  
**University of Vermont**  
Vassar College  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State  
University  
University of Virginia  
Wake Forest University  
**University of Washington**  
Whittier College  
Williams College  
Wellesley College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
**Wesleyan University**  
Western Washington University **Wheaton  
College (MA)**  
**University of Wisconsin, Madison**  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute