



GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY

A World of Learning on the Maine Coast

2016-2017 Profile

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY George Stevens Academy is an independent comprehensive high school of 319 students, including 49 international and US boarding students, in grades nine through twelve. 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 village, a small coastal town on a scenic rural peninsula, the school serves as the local community high school with open admission to students from area towns. George Stevens Academy is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. The parent body is composed of a rich variety of small business owners, education and health care professionals, workers in the commercial fishing industry, contractors and boat builders, musicians, theater professionals, visual artists and craftspeople, and tourist industry workers.

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS The Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the State of Maine Department of Education & 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 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.

ENROLLMENT PROFILE For the 2016-2017 academic year, the Academy enrolled 319 students. The senior class numbers 93: 47 girls and 46 boys, including 12 residential students. The student/teacher ratio is 10:1. Most classes have between ten and twenty students.

FACULTY Twenty-eight full-time and seven part-time teachers; 18 men and 17 women; 19 hold advanced degrees.

CURRICULUM All core classes are college prep level unless noted as fundamental, honors, or AP. Honors and AP courses are offered for highly motivated college-bound students. Honors courses are available in all core academic subject areas in grades 9-12. In 2016-17 AP classes are offered in English Literature, US History, Human Geography, Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Statistics, Environmental Science, Physics, and Studio Art. In 2016, 78 students took 131 exams in 12 subjects.

NOTABLE PROGRAMS & ACHIEVEMENTS Juniors and seniors in good academic standing may elect to undertake an independent study or internship project for two weeks in February and March. Projects are supervised by a faculty advisor and an outside 'expert'; one-half credit is awarded for successful completion of the Independent Study and Internship Project (ISIP). In the past 29 years, the GSA jazz band has won 18 state championships and placed in the top three ten times. In the same period, the varsity and junior varsity jazz combos have won 11 and six state championships, respectively. Boys varsity tennis has won 13 Eastern Maine championships in the last 14 years and girls varsity tennis has won five Eastern Maine championships since 2001. In 2015-16, both boys varsity cross-country and boys varsity basketball won the Maine state championship (Class C).

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES Varsity sports include baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, golf, indoor and outdoor track, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling. George Stevens Academy offers more than forty extracurricular activities and programs, including an all-school Arts Festival and an award-winning jazz program.

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% for post-secondary admissions.

NATIONAL MERIT/AP SCHOLARS

Class of 2017 (to date): 2 AP Scholars w/Honor; 1 Distinction
Class of 2016 : 5 AP Scholars; 5 AP Scholars w/Honor; 3 Distinction
Class of 2015: 7 AP Scholars; 3 AP Scholars w/Honor; 5 Distinction

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 22 credits

English - 4 credits Mathematics - 3 credits
Science - 3 credits Social Studies/History - 2 credits
US History - 1 credit Fine Arts - 1 credit
Physical Ed - 1 credit Health - .5 credit
Electives - 6 credits

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.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST PERFORMANCE

Mid-50% of college-bound students:

Class	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Students tested
2016	490-660	500-620	480-620	51
2015	470-640	460-620	450-630	71
2014	460-630	500-710	460-630	54

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

The following colleges and universities have accepted GSA students recently. Members of the Class of 2016 are attending institutions in italics. Asterisks indicate schools attended by more than one 2016 graduate.

Alfred University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Beloit College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
California College of the Arts
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby College
College of the Atlantic
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Concordia University-Montreal
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dalhousie University
Eastern Maine Community College*
Eckerd College
Emerson College
Emory University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Green Mountain College
Hampshire College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Husson University*
Ithaca College
Juniata College
Lasell College
Lawrence University
London College of Fashion
Loyola University, Maryland
Maine College of Art
Maine Maritime Academy
Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Miami University, Oxford
Middlebury College
Mount Allison University,
New Brunswick
Mount Holyoke College
Northeastern University
The Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University,
University Park
Pratt Institute
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Saint Joseph's College-Maine
Saint Michael's College
San Juan College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Simmons College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Maine Community College
St. Lawrence University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The University of Tampa
Thomas College*
Tufts University
Unity College
University of Aberdeen
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Edinburgh
University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign
University of Maine (Orono)*
University of Maine at Augusta
University of Maine at Farmington
University of Maine at Fort Kent
University of Maine at Machias
University of Maine at Presque Isle
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of Northern Denmark-
Aalborg
University of Oregon
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Southern Denmark
University of Southern California
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Puget Sound
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vassar College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute &
State University
Wake Forest University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wheaton College (MA)
York St. John University