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MILTON ACADEMY

2021–2022 School Profile

The School

Milton Academy cultivates in its students a passion for learning and a respect for others. Embracing diversity and the pursuit of excellence, we create a community in which individuals develop competence, confidence, and character. Our active learning environment, in and out of the classroom, develops creative and critical thinkers, unafraid to express their ideas, prepared to seek meaningful lifetime success and to live by our motto, "Dare to be true."

Founded in 1798, Milton Academy is an independent, college preparatory, K-12 school, boarding and day in grades 9-12, and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Milton Academy affirms that Black Lives Matter.

COVID-19 Updates About Grading and Standardized Testing

For the 2019-20 school year, final grades for full-year courses and half-courses represent work done before March 13, 2020, when Milton moved to online learning. Credit indicates that the student also received a mark of Pass for all required work after March 13, 2020. All second semester courses were graded on a Pass/Fail basis. All first semester courses retain the grades awarded in February, 2020.

For the 2020-21 school year, Milton returned to its usual practice of assigning grades to course work. As in the past, Milton does not rank students nor does it compute a grade point average. Instead, the accompanying grade distribution chart for junior year courses enrolling three or more students provides context for an individual student's transcript.

Testing

Since a significant percentage of our seniors will not have test scores to report, we have decided to eliminate test score ranges from this Profile because they provide at best an incomplete context for evaluating our students.

Disciplinary Reporting Policy

The decision by Common Application to remove the disciplinary question from the application led Milton, long a full-disclosure school, to simplify its discipline reporting policy to the following:

Some colleges and secondary schools ask the School and the applicant whether the applicant has ever been suspended from the School. In accordance with our motto, "Dare to be true," the School will answer these questions truthfully and expects students to do the same.

CEEB Code

221430

Enrollment

Upper School (9–12): 710
Students of Color: 46%
International Students: 14%
Graduating Class: 186

Financial Aid

2021–22: \$12.5 Million
Percent of students on financial aid: 35%

Faculty

Full Time: 140
Percent with Advanced Degree: 75%
Student-Faculty Ratio: 5:1
Average Class Size: 14

Class of 2021

Graduates: 186
College Matriculants: 99%

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Curriculum

Milton Academy supports students in developing highly individualized programs of study and provides opportunities to explore subjects of interest at advanced and even independent levels. Milton's curriculum includes more than 200 courses in nine academic departments. Electives are offered in all academic areas.

Class Load

Milton students may enroll in a maximum of 5 courses in Grade 9 (Class IV), and 5.5 courses in grades 10–12 (Classes III-I). The minimum course load is 4.5 courses. The transcript provides other course information regarding required courses; semester courses; half courses; and required, non-credit courses.

Change in Grade Reporting for Grade 9

In December of 2017, primarily for reasons of equity and student well-being, the faculty voted to no longer report Grade 9 grades on the transcript, starting with the Class of 2022. Instead, the transcript will report 1.0 credit for all year-long courses, and .5 for all semester and half courses, completed successfully. A fuller statement of this policy change will accompany a student's materials.

Advanced Placement/Honors/Advanced/Accelerated/Advanced Courses

Milton labels accelerated work in five ways: Accelerated (Acc.), Advanced Placement (AP), Honors (H), Advanced (Adv.), and Independent Course (Ind.).

Milton Academy offers only one AP course: Latin Literature (AP).

The Arts

Arts courses at Milton are serious and challenging, forming a major element in many students' programming. We require each student to take one full-year course in the arts; most take more.

Science

The science department offers advanced science courses in biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science for those seniors who have completed a course each in biology, chemistry, and physics. The courses designated as advanced are the highest level courses in the science department.

At graduation, over 85 percent of students will have taken a minimum of three courses in science.

Special Programs

Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki in Wiscasset, Maine, is a rigorous curriculum focusing on the natural world as a laboratory. The semester-long program enrolls Class II students (juniors). Admission is selective.

School Year Abroad (SYA) offers Class I or Class II students (seniors or juniors) a full year of study in China, France, Italy, or Spain. Students immerse themselves in a rigorous program of language study as well as traditional academic courses and live with local host families. Admission is selective.

The Mountain School of Milton Academy (TMS) in Vershire, Vermont, is a rigorous interdisciplinary program centered on issues of community and the environment on a working 300-acre farm. The semester-long program enrolls Class I or Class II students (seniors or juniors). Admission is selective.

College Matriculations

Top College Matriculations 2019–2021

American University	8
Amherst College	12
Babson College	5
Barnard College	8
Bates College	8
Boston College	18
Bowdoin College	10
Brown University	14
Carnegie Mellon University	5
University of Chicago	23
Colby College	7
Columbia University	10
Connecticut College	4
Cornell University	8
Dartmouth College	16
Duke University	4
Georgetown University	17
Hamilton College	4
Harvard College	22
Haverford College	4
Kenyon College	6
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	7
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4
Middlebury College	9
Mount Holyoke College	4
New York University	21
Northeastern University	9
Northwestern University	5
University of Pennsylvania	4
Pomona College	4
Princeton University	7
University of Southern California	4
Stanford University	4
Trinity College	12
Tufts University	10
Tulane University	7
University of St Andrews	6
Vanderbilt University	4
University of Vermont	7
University of Virginia	7
Washington University in St. Louis	7
Wesleyan University	11
Yale University	7

College Matriculation, Class of 2021

Amherst College	3
Babson College	3
Bates College	3
Boston College	6
Bowdoin College	4
Brown University	3
Carnegie Mellon University	4
University of Chicago	5
Columbia University	5
Cornell University	5
Dartmouth College	5
Georgetown University	9
Harvard University	7
Kenyon College	3
Mount Holyoke College	3
New York University	5
Northeastern University	3
Occidental College	2
Trinity College	6
Tufts University	5
University of Vermont	4
Washington Univ in St Louis	3
Wesleyan University	3
(2 each)	
Barnard, Boston Univ, Brandeis, Colorado College, Univ of Edinburgh, Duke, Holy Cross, Northwestern, Univ of Southern California, Univ of St Andrews, Stanford, Syracuse, Vanderbilt, Vassar	
(1 each)	
Univ of Aberdeen, American, Bath Spa Univ, Bentley, Bucknell, UC Berkeley, Clark, Colby, Columbia Univ/Trinity College, Dublin International Dual BA, Connecticut, Denison, Drexel, Elon, Emerson, Emory, George Washington, Hamilton, Harvey Mudd, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, Lake Forest, Lawrence, Lehigh, MIT, Univ of Massachusetts Amherst (Commonwealth College), Univ of Massachusetts Lowell, McGill, Morehouse, Oberlin, Penn State Univ, Univ of Pennsylvania, Univ of Pittsburgh, Pratt Institute, Princeton, Reed, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst, Rice, Santa Clara, Savannah College of Art & Design, Skidmore, Suffolk, Swarthmore, Tulane, U.S. Air Force Academy, Univ of The Arts London, Univ of Toronto, Univ of Virginia, Wheaton, Univ of Wisconsin, Yale	

