

School Profile 2023–2024

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Mission

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."

About Milton Academy

- Founded in 1798
- Independent, college preparatory school educating students from Kindergarten through Grade 12
- Upper School (Grades 9 through 12) is half boarding, half day students
- Located just south of Boston, Milton offers students a beautiful, 130-acre campus with easy access to the amenities, culture, and opportunities of a major city
- 717 students in the Upper School
- 52 percent students of color
- 19 percent international students
- 31 countries and 26 states represented
- Student-teacher ratio: 5:1; average class size 14
- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- \$14.5 million financial aid budget
- 35 percent of students receive financial aid
- 144 full-time faculty members

Class of 2023

- 192 Graduates
- Matriculated to 87 different colleges and universities

Special Programs

Milton offers three off-campus programs for immersive living and learning. Students must qualify and apply for admission; the programs are highly selective.

- **Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki** in Wiscasset, Maine, offers a rigorous curriculum for juniors focusing on the natural world as a laboratory.
- **School Year Abroad (SYA)** offers juniors and seniors a full year or semester of study in China, France, Italy, or Spain. Students participate in a rich program of language study as well as traditional academic courses and live with local host families. In SYA Italy, France, and Spain, academic courses (except English and mathematics) are taught entirely in the host country's language. Laboratory sciences are not offered at SYA.
- **The Mountain School of Milton Academy (TMS)** in Vershire, Vermont, is a robust interdisciplinary program for seniors and juniors, who spend a semester living on a working 300-acre farm. The program centers issues of community and the environment.

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Milton Academy Curriculum

Overview

Milton Academy offers a rigorous liberal arts education, encouraging students to grow as critical thinkers, discover and explore new interests, and develop confidence as they meet challenges. The school offers 185 courses in 10 academic departments. Each department offers electives and opportunities for students to study at advanced and independent levels. To read full course descriptions and graduation requirements, visit our [Course Catalogue](#) online.

Student Ranking

Milton Academy does not compute GPAs or assign class rankings.

Class Load and Course Levels

Milton students may enroll in a maximum of 5 courses in Class IV (Grade 9), and 5.5 courses in Classes III-I (Grades 10–12). The minimum course load is 4.5 courses. Milton has several designations for accelerated work: Honors, Accelerated, Intensive, Advanced and one Advanced Placement course in Latin Literature.

Class IV Transcript

Beginning with the Class of 2022, Milton's Class IV (Grade 9) transcript no longer includes grades. This allows students new to Milton a more equitable opportunity to acclimate to the school's academic rigor and focus on growth and well-being. The transcript now reports 1.0 credit for each year-long course successfully completed in Class IV.

Disciplinary Reporting Policy

Some colleges and secondary schools ask Milton 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. Expulsion will appear on a student's transcript.

Curriculum

Core Subjects	Graduation Requirements	Course Information
English	4 years	Coursework is taught at a rigorous level with an emphasis on intellectual engagement. No designated level is available
History and Social Sciences	2 years (Ancient Civilizations or World History and U.S. History)	Students (Class IV to Class I) conduct substantial independent research projects
Mathematics	2 years (Proof & Problem Solving and Algebraic Concepts)	Coursework emphasizes depth, extension, problem-solving, and real-world connections through student exploration. Recommended sequence, for students with prior Algebra 1 (Class IV) completion: Proof, Algebraic Concepts, Advanced Functions, Calculus or Statistics. For students without prior Algebra 1 (Class IV) completion: Algebra 1 with Geometry, Algebraic Concepts, Advanced Functions, Calculus or Statistics.
Modern Languages	Level 3 proficiency in one language	AP level is only offered in Latin Literature
Arts	1 year (taken after Class IV)	All courses are studio or performance based
Science	2 years (Chemistry or Physics and Biology)	Courses designated as honors and advanced are the highest level courses in the science department



College Matriculation

Class of 2023 College Matriculation

American University	Georgetown University	Chapel Hill	Stanford University
Amherst College	Gettysburg College	Northeastern University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Barnard College	Hamilton College	Northwestern University	Syracuse University
Bates College	Harvard University	Oberlin College	The George Washington University
Bennington College	Harvey Mudd College	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	University of Toronto
Boston College	Haverford College	Pennsylvania State University	Trinity College
Boston University	College of the Holy Cross	University of Pennsylvania	Tulane University of Louisiana
Bowdoin College	Indiana University	Pitzer College	Union College
Brandeis University	University of Iowa	Pomona College	University of Manchester
Brown University	Johnson & Wales University	Princeton University	University of St. Andrews
Bryn Mawr College	Lehigh University	Providence College	Vanderbilt University
Bucknell University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of Vermont
Carnegie Mellon University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Reed College	Villanova University
University of Chicago	McGill University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Virginia
Colby College	University of Michigan	Rhodes College	Wake Forest University
Colgate University	Middlebury College	Rice University	Washington University in St. Louis
Colorado College	University of Mississippi	University of Richmond	Wesleyan University
Columbia University	Mount Holyoke College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Wheaton College
Connecticut College	University of New Hampshire	Santa Clara University	William & Mary
Cornell University	New York University	Skidmore College	Williams College
Dartmouth College	The University of North Carolina at	University of Southern California	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Emory University		Southern Methodist University	Yale University
Franklin and Marshall College			

Three-Year College Matriculation (2021–2023)

Georgetown University	27	Amherst College	7	Kenyon College	5	Purdue University	4
Harvard College	25	Boston University	7	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	5	University of Michigan	4
Boston College	17	Carnegie Mellon University	7	Mount Holyoke College	5	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	4
University of Chicago	14	Colby College	7	Rice University	5	University of Southern California	4
Brown University	12	Hamilton College	7	Syracuse University	5	Villanova University	4
Wesleyan University	11	Northwestern University	7	University of Pennsylvania	5		
Bowdoin College	10	University of Virginia	7	University of Richmond	5		
Dartmouth College	10	Washington University in St. Louis	7	University of Wisconsin	5		
Northeastern University	10	Barnard College	6	Vanderbilt University	5		
Columbia University	9	Colorado College	6	Vassar College	5		
Connecticut College	9	Princeton University	6	Yale University	5		
Cornell University	9	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	6	American University	4		
George Washington University	9	University of St. Andrews	6	Brandeis University	4		
Stanford University	9	University of Vermont	6	College of the Holy Cross	4		
Tufts University	9	Babson College	5	Duke University	4		
Tulane University	9	Bates College	5	McGill University	4		
New York University	8	Emory University	5	Middlebury College	4		
Trinity College	8						

