

Mt. Ararat High School



2008–2009 School Profile

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The School and Its Community

Mt. Ararat High School is a public high school accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges with an enrollment of approximately 950 students grades 9-12.

Mt. Ararat High School serves four rural towns: Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, and Topsham. These four towns are comprised of a heterogeneous population of academic, business and professional families as well as military, blue collar and fishing families.

Mt. Ararat High School serves the 7th largest school district in the State of Maine and is the 2nd largest district geographically.

Curriculum Information

Mt. Ararat's curriculum gives students an opportunity to enroll in a wide range of courses to satisfy specific requirements and to pursue areas of special interest in considerable depth. Students are required to enroll in courses equaling a minimum of five credits for the year; however, they are encouraged to register for more credits.

Curriculum offerings are available in English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign languages (Chinese, French, German, & Spanish), art, music, health and physical education, computer science, film, and vocational training. Opportunities for Independent Study are also available for students who would like to explore courses not currently offered. Students are encouraged to explore courses that challenge their academic abilities, and meet their career goals and personal interests.

Beginning with the Class of 2010, to graduate from Mt. Ararat High School, students must receive 21 credits based on course work completed in grades 9-12. Each

full-year course has a value of one credit and each half-year course is worth 1/2 credit. A student must successfully complete the following courses:

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of mathematics
- 3 credits of social studies (one must be U.S. History)
- 3 credits of science (which includes laboratory work)
- 1 credit of fine arts
- 1 credit of physical education
- 1/2 credit of health
- 4 1/2 elective credits
- 1 credit of Advisory Program

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are available in ten subject areas. Some students take AP examinations without taking courses labeled AP.

In May of 2008, 174 AP examinations were given in 9 subjects. 66 % of AP scores were 3 or higher, with the following overall scores:

5–6% 4–22% 3–38% 2–21% 1–13%

Advanced Placement courses are offered that correspond to the following AP examinations:

English Language & Composition Studio Art Drawing
English Literature & Composition Photography
U.S. History
European History
Government and Politics
Calculus
Statistics
Music Theory

Admission Testing Program

All third-year students in the State of Maine were mandated to take the SAT Reasoning Test in May 2008. 200 Mt. Ararat juniors took the test with mean scores of 470 in Critical Reading, 450 in Math, and 460 in Writing.

Class Rank and Grade Point Average

Class rank is a cumulative non-weighted computation based on semester grades received in courses from grades 9-12. The reported grade point average (GPA) is also a cumulative non-weighted computation of all semester grades received in courses from grades 9-12 and is based on a 4 point scale.

Grading System

A+ = 99-100	B = 83-88	C - = 70-72	F = 0
A = 93-98	B - = 80-82	D+ = 68-69	I = 0
A - = 90-92	C+ = 78-79	D = 63-67	
B + = 88-89	C = 73-77	D- = 60-62	

Extracurricular Activities

Involvement in sports and/or other activities is an important element of the Mt. Ararat environment. The athletic program includes 38 varsity and junior varsity teams as well as 7 freshman teams in 17 different sports.

In addition to athletics, students are encouraged to join other clubs and activities which include Aerie (yearbook), Anime, Aquila (literary magazine), Archery, Art Club, Chamber Singers, Chess Club, Civil Rights Team, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Eagle Exchange, Envirothon, Gay-Straight Alliance, Interact Club, International Club, Jazz Band, Math Team, Model United Nations, Mt. Ararat Stage Company, National Honor Society, Outing Club, PALS (Peers Assisting and Listening to Students), Science Olympiad, Ski Club, Student Senate, Talon (school newspaper), Treble Choir and Wind Ensemble. Students are also encouraged to create clubs that fit their interests.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS – 84 %

Class of 2008
238

4 Yr College
51 %

2 Year College
18 %

Deferred Admission
3 %

Certificate Program
4 %

Military
5 %

Other
3 %

Barry University
Bennington College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryant College
Cape Limoilou Campus de Charlesbourg
Champlain College
Central Maine Community College
CMMC-School of Nursing
Colby College
Colorado College
Connecticut College
Dartmouth College
Elmhurst College
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Eastern Maine Community College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Framingham State College
Green Mountain College

Husson College
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales University
Loyola University
Maine College of Art
Maine Maritime Academy
Marlboro College
Marymount College
Merrimack College
Middlebury College
Montserrat College of Art
New England School of Communications
New Hampshire Institute of Art
Northeastern University
Oklahoma City Community College
Pomona College
Providence College
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Santa Barbara Community College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southern Maine Community College
Southern New Hampshire University
South University-Montgomery

State University of New York-Potsdam
State University of New York-Purchase
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Thomas College
United States Air Force
United States Army
United States Coast Guard
United States Marine Corp
United States Navy
Universidad Central del Ecuador
University College at Bath/Brunswick
University College of Bangor
University of Maine-Augusta
University of Maine-Farmington
University of Maine-Orono
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of North Carolina-Greensboro
University of New England
University of New Hampshire-Durham
University of Southern Maine
Wheaton College
Wilkes University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute