

Mt. Ararat High School



2009 – 2010

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, and 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.

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 2009, 267 AP examinations were given in 9 subjects. 70% of AP scores were 3 or higher, with the following overall scores:

5-16% 4-23% 3-31% 2-22% 1-7%

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

- Calculus AB
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Government and Politics
- Statistics
- Studio Art

U.S. History

Admission Testing Program

217 graduating seniors who took the SAT through March 2009 scored an average of 471 in Critical Reading, 466 in Math, and 458 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

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| A+ = 99-100 | B = 83-87 | 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 – 85 %

Class of 2009
187

4 Yr College
52%

2 Year College
17%

Deferred Admission
2%

Certificate Program
2%

Military
9%

Other
3%

Andover College
 Bay State College
 Becker College
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Central Maine Community College
 Clarkson University
 Colby College
 Colby-Sawyer College
 Earlham College
 Elmira College
 Emmanuel College
 Endicott College
 Florida State University
 Framingham State College
 Franklin Pierce University
 Green Mountain College
 Husson University
 Iowa State University
 Ithaca College
 Johnson & Wales University
 Lafayette College

Lehigh University
 Lock Haven University
 Loyola University in New Orleans
 Maine Maritime Academy
 Nichols College
 Northeastern University
 Norwich University
 Ohio Technical College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Roger Williams University
 Southern Maine Community College
 Southern Maine Community College-Bath
 Campus
 Southern Methodist University
 Southern New Hampshire University-
 Manchester
 Saint Joseph's College of Connecticut
 Saint Joseph's College of Maine
 State University of New York-Purchase
 Suffolk University
 Syracuse University
 Thomas College

Tufts University
 United States Air Force
 United States Army
 United States Marine Corps
 United States Navy
 Unity College
 University of Maine-Augusta
 University of Maine-Farmington
 University of Maine-Orono
 University of Southern Maine
 University of Massachusetts-Amherst
 University of North Carolina-Wilmington
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 Washington State University
 Wesleyan University
 Western New England College
 Wofford College
 Word of Life Bible Institute