

Mt. Ararat High School



2010 – 2011 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.

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 2010, 248 AP examinations were given in 13 subjects. 72% of AP scores were 3 or higher, with the following overall scores:

5-18% 4-23% 3-31% 2-19% 1-9%

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

Calculus AB	Psychology
Calculus BC	Statistics
English Language & Composition	Studio Art
English Literature & Composition	U.S. History
Environmental Science	
European History	
Government and Politics	
Macro Economics	
Photography	

Admission Testing Program

214 graduating seniors who took the SAT through March 2010 scored an average of 479 in Critical Reading, 473 in Math, and 470 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 = 83-87	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 – 90%

Class of 2010 218	4 Yr College 51 %	2 Year College 16%	Deferred Admission 1%	Certificate Program 1%	Military 5%	Other 16%
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AmeriCorps
Bates College
Bryant University
Bowdoin College
Central Maine Community College
Champlain College
Colby College
Cooper Union College
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elmira College
Elms College
Emerson College
Eugene & Lang University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Greensboro College
Guilford Technical Community College
Husson University
James Madison University

Job Corps-Bangor
Lasell College
Lycoming College
Maine College of Art
Maine Maritime Academy
Montserrat College of Art
Mount Holyoke College
Nashua Community College
Oberlin College
Quinnipiac College
Rensselaer Polytechnic University
Roger Williams University
Saint Anselm College
Simmons College
Skidmore College
Southern Maine Community College
Southern New Hampshire University
St. Joseph's College of Maine
Suffolk University
Tulsa Oklahoma Welding School
United States Air Force
United States Army
United States Coast Guard
United States Marines

United States Navy
Unity College
Universal Tech Institute
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Maine-Augusta
University of Maine-Farmington
University of Maine-Orono
University of Maine-Presque Isle
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
Virginia Tech University
Warren Wilson College
Webb Institute
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western New England College
Wheaton College
Worcester State College
Wyotech Institute
Xavier University