

Mt. Ararat High School



2014 – 2015

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 800 students in 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 six credits for the year.

Curriculum offerings are available in English, mathematics, science, social studies, world 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 21.25 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 ½ credits.

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 1/4 credits of Advisory Program/Capstone

Advanced Placement Program

Mt. Ararat offers Advanced Placement courses in available 11 subject areas. Students can also enroll in AP 4 All courses at no cost in the State of Maine. Some students take AP examinations without taking courses labeled AP.

In May of 2014, 251 AP examinations were given in 11 subjects. 67.5% of AP scores were 3 or higher, with the following overall scores:

5 - 17% 4 - 19% 3 – 31.5% 2 – 24.3% 1 - 8%

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

Biology	Government and Politics
Calculus AB	Statistics
English Language & Composition	Studio Art Drawing
English Literature & Composition	Studio Art 3-D
Environmental Science	U.S. History
European History	

Admission Testing Program

All third-year students in the State of Maine were mandated to take the SAT Reasoning Test in the spring of 2014. Graduating seniors who took the SAT through March 2014 scored an average of 480 in Critical Reading, 481 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 = 83-87	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 26 Varsity Programs and Teams, 11 Junior Varsity teams as well as 4 freshman teams.

In addition to athletics, students are encouraged to join other clubs and activities which include Aerie (yearbook), Anime, Aquila (literary magazine), Archery, Art Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Civil Rights Team, Envirothon, Gay-Straight Alliance, Interact Club, Math Team, Mock Trial Team, Mt. Ararat Stage Company, National Honor Society, Outing Club, PALS (Peers Assisting and Listening to Students), Science Olympiad, SLAC (Student Leadership Advisory Council), Student Senate, and Wellness Center. Students are also encouraged to create clubs that fit their interests.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS – 84%

Class of 2014 188	4 Yr College 47%	2 Year College 26%	Deferred Admission 1%	Certificate Program 4%	Military 6%	Employment 16%
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American University
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston University
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Brigham Young University
Central Maine Community College
CMCC School of Nursing
Champlain College
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College
Connecticut College
Dartmouth College
Dean College
Devry University
Duke University
Elmira College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Keys Community College

George Mason University
Gordon College
Goucher College
Hartwick College
Husson University
Ithaca College
Johnson & Wales University
Leslie University
Maine College of Art
Maine Maritime Academy
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy/Health Science
New England School of Communications
New Hampshire Institute of Art
New Haven Technical Institute
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Penn State University
Quinnipiac College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Southern Maine Community College
St. Anselm College
St. Joseph's College of Maine
Stonehill College

SUNY - Cobleskill
Thomas College
Tufts University
United States Army
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Marines
United States Navy
Unity College
Universal Technical Institute
University of Connecticut
University of Maine-Augusta
University of Maine-Farmington
University of Maine-Fort Kent
University of Maine - Orono
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
Vanderbilt University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western New England University
Wheaton College
Williams College