

# Mt. Ararat High School



2016 - 2017

## School Profile

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### The School and Its Community

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Mt. Ararat High School is a public high school accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges with an enrollment of approximately 750 students in grades 9-12.

Mt. Ararat High School serves four towns: Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, and Topsham. These four towns are comprised of a heterogeneous population of academic, business, professional, working, farming and fishing families. The approximately 40 square mile district is located in midcoast Maine.

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### Curriculum Information

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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 as underclassmen and a minimum of five for the senior year.

Curriculum offerings are available in English, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages (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. Seniors are required to develop a self-directed study, a Capstone project, focused on an area of personal interest to demonstrate their skills as a life-long learner.

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 a half credit.

A student must successfully complete the following:

- 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

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### Advanced Placement Program

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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 2016, 195 AP examinations were given in 11 subjects. 75% of AP scores were 3 or higher, with the following overall scores:

5 – 17%   4 – 22%   3 – 36%   2 – 21%   1 – 5%

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

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

## Admission Testing Program

All third-year students in the State of Maine were mandated to take the SAT Reasoning Test in the spring of 2015. Graduating seniors who took the SAT through March 2015 scored an average of 519 in Critical Reading, 510 in Math.

## 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 22 Varsity Programs and Teams, 13 Junior Varsity teams, 3 freshman teams and one non-competitive team.

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-Trans Alliance, Interact Club, Math Team, Mt. Ararat Stage Company, National Honor Society, PALS (Peers Assisting and Listening to Students), Science Club, SLAC (Student Leadership Advisory Council), Student Senate, and Wellness Center. Students are also encouraged to create clubs that fit their interests.

Students also participate in opportunities to mentor and tutor other students.

## POST-SECONDARY PLANS – 67.3% (Intent to enroll)

|                             |                            |                              |                                 |                                  |                       |                          |
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| <b>Class of 2016</b><br>166 | <b>4 Yr College</b><br>46% | <b>2 Year College</b><br>16% | <b>Deferred Admission</b><br>2% | <b>Certificate Program</b><br>2% | <b>Military</b><br>3% | <b>Employment</b><br>31% |
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Babson College  
Bard College  
Bates College  
Bowdoin College  
Brigham Young University - Idaho  
Central Maine Community College  
Champlain College  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
Coastal Carolina Community College  
Colby-Sawyer College  
Curry College  
Davidson College  
Eastern Maine Community College  
Fitchburg State University  
Franklin Pierce University  
Husson University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Kennebec Valley Community College  
Lesley University  
Lyndon State University  
Maine College of Art

Maine Maritime Academy  
Massachusetts College of Art & Design  
Newbury College  
New England School of Communications  
Oakwood University  
Southern Maine Community College  
Springfield College  
St. Anselm College  
St. Joseph's College of Maine  
St. Mary's College of California  
Stonehill College  
Susquehanna University  
Thiel College  
Thomas College  
United States Army  
United States Marines  
United States Navy  
Unity College  
University of Maine-Augusta  
University of Maine-Farmington  
University of Maine – Orono

University of Rhode Island  
University of Southern Maine  
University of Tampa  
University of Vermont  
Washington County Community College  
Wells College  
Wellesley College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Western State Colorado University  
Williams College  
York County Community College