

Mt. Ararat High School



2017 - 2018

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 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 mid-coast Maine.

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 as underclassmen and a minimum of five for the senior year. Mt. Ararat is in the process of transitioning from a traditional credit based system to proficiency based. The new graduation requirements impact the class of 2021. Current students are positively impacted by the instructional practices focused on clear articulation of learning goals associated with the graduation standards.

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, meet their career goals and explore their 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.

Mt. Ararat High School students anticipating graduation prior to 2021 must earn 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 (Guiding Principles)

Students graduating in 2021 and beyond must demonstrate proficiency in each content area.

Advanced Placement Program

Mt. Ararat offers Advanced Placement courses in 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 enrolling in courses labeled AP.

In May of 2017, 267 AP examinations were given in 14 subjects. 63% of AP scores were 3 or higher, with the following overall scores:

5 – 9% 4 – 27% 3 – 27% 2 – 27% 1 – 9%

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 2-D
English Literature & Composition	Studio Art 3-D
Environmental Science	Statistics
European History	U S History
Computer Science A	

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 (Junior Rotarians), 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 encouraged to create clubs that fit their interests. Opportunities to mentor and tutor other students are also promoted at Mt. Ararat.

Admission Testing Program

All third-year students in the State of Maine were mandated to take the SAT Reasoning Test in the spring of 2017. Graduating seniors who took the SAT in April 2017 scored an average of 535 in Evidenced Based Reading and Writing, 511 in Math.

Class Rank, Grade Point Average and Grading

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.

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

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>4 Yr College</i>	<i>2 Year College</i>	<i>Deferred Admission</i>	<i>Certificate Program</i>	<i>Military</i>	<i>Employment</i>
173	53.8%	26%	0%	0%	5.2%	15%

Becker College
 Bentley University
 Bryant University
 Bowdoin College
 Central Maine Community College
 Clark University
 Coast Guard Academy
 Colby College
 Colby-Sawyer College
 College of the Holy Cross
 Connecticut College
 Dartmouth College
 Eastern Maine Community College
 Empire Beauty School
 Fordham University
 Fort Lewis College
 Gettysburg College
 Green Mountain College
 Husson University
 Ithica College
 Keene State College

Lasell College
 Maine College of Art
 Maine Maritime Academy
 Montserrat College of Art
 New England College
 Plymouth State College
 Providence College
 Roger Williams University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Southern Maine Community College
 St. Joseph's College of Maine
 St. Michaels College
 SUNY ESF Ranger School
 Texas Lutheran University
 The American Academy of Dramatic
 Arts West
 Thomas College
 United States Army
 United States Marines
 United States Navy

Unity College
 University of Connecticut – Storrs
 University of Iowa
 University of Maine-Augusta
 University of Maine-Farmington
 University of Maine - Machias
 University of Maine – Orono
 University of Massachusetts – Boston
 University of New Brunswick
 University of Southern Maine
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Western New England University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute