

Boarding School

"I'm very grateful for the teachers and the community for teaching me so much throughout the years. MacDuffie's college prep and counseling are also so great, so I strongly recommend this school!"

The MacDuffie School Massachusetts

The MacDuffie School is a boarding school in western Massachusetts offering a strong college-preparatory curriculum for grades 6–12 and postgraduate students. Known for small classes, diverse academic offerings, and a global community, the school supports student growth across humanities, arts, and languages.



Quick Facts

Founded: 1890

Niche.com Score: A+

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Cold winters / Warm summers

Population: 6,100

School Population: 210

High School Population: 130

Accepting students: Grade 6-12, PG

Diploma Year offered: Yes

Interview Required? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

University Acceptance rate: 100%

Academic Excellence

MacDuffie offers a **comprehensive college-preparatory curriculum** with Advanced Placement and Honors courses in humanities, world languages, social sciences, and the arts. With a 6:1 student-teacher ratio, classes are small and personalized. Students benefit from **strong writing, research, and communication-focused coursework**, supported by advising through the Path to Excellence Program. The Learning Center provides additional academic support. MacDuffie students have earned recognition in international competitions, including AP Scholar distinctions.

Student Accomplishments

- Recognition in international academic competitions
- Nineteen students named AP Scholars
- Strong achievements in humanities and creative fields
- Alumni include leaders in business and public service



Recent University Acceptances

- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Boston University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- College of William and Mary
- Cornell University
- Harvard University
- Macalester College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rutgers University
- Stony Brook University
- Syracuse University
- University of California - Santa Cruz
- University of Connecticut
- University of Leeds
- University of Massachusetts - Amherst
- University of Rochester
- Wake Forest University
- Wesleyan University



Stats

35

of AP Courses

6:1

Student Teacher Ratio

63%

Teachers with Advanced Degrees

100%

University and College Acceptance

6-12, PG

Grades at School

26

Average ACT Score

1250

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

The 250-acre campus features **modern classrooms, humanities and language classrooms, art studios, performance spaces, and facilities for dance and theater.** Athletics areas include **courts, playing fields, and a gymnasium.** The natural New England setting provides outdoor space for recreation and community activities.

Residential Life

Boarding students live in **supervised residences** with shared rooms, common lounges, and study spaces. The residential program brings together students from the United States and around the world, supporting independence, collaboration, and community engagement. Weekend activities include campus events, local excursions, and recreational opportunities.

Athletics and Arts

MacDuffie athletes compete as the Mustangs in seasonal sports that promote teamwork, fitness, and school spirit. The program encourages broad participation, with opportunities for both experienced athletes and beginners to improve skills and contribute to their teams.

The arts program includes visual arts, theater, dance, film, and music. Students work in dedicated studios and performance spaces and take part in exhibitions, productions, and concerts that highlight their creativity. The program supports both artistic exploration and advanced skill development.



Highlights

Sports: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball

Arts: Film Academy, Theater, Visual Arts, Acting, Dance, Ceramics, Music Ensembles, Music Production, Music Theory

Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, French Language and Culture, Latin Literature, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, Physics 1, Physics 2, U.S. History, World History

Clubs and extracurriculars: Anime Club, Ballroom Dancing, Chess Club, Choral, Community Service, Fitness Club, Improvisation, Key Club, Newspaper Club, Photography Club, Play Production, Poetry, Student Government, Video Game Club

Community

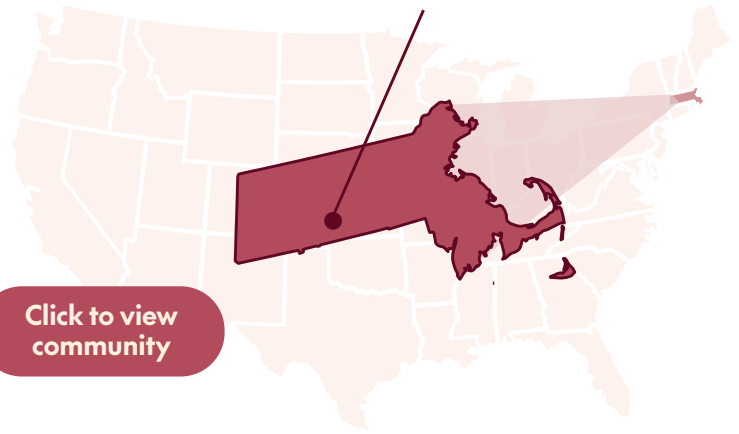
Granby is a quiet New England town of about 6,100 residents, offering a safe and scenic environment. Springfield, the nearest major city, is 13 miles away and provides museums, performance venues, and cultural attractions. Bradley International Airport (BDL) is located about 30 miles from campus.

Climate in Granby

Four-season climate with cold winters and mild to warm summers.



THE MACDUFFIE SCHOOL



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"I like afterschool caps. They allow me to pursue hobbies like art, music, or sports, which help me express myself and develop my talents. Those activities provide a chance to meet friends who share similar interests and build teamwork and communication skills."

"I am an international student, so I didn't know much about the traditions of this country. However, at MacDuffie, we have different activities and special days that have helped me learn more about this country and the school."

Video

Learn more about the school

