

"SBS provided two things I was looking for in a boarding school: a small tight knit community and a rigorous academic program combined with opportunities for social growth as well."

Boarding School

Stoneleigh-Burnham School

Massachusetts

Stoneleigh-Burnham School is a girls' boarding school in western Massachusetts offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The school is known for its small classes, global community, and signature programs in equestrian training and competitive debate.

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IB COURSES

Quick Facts

<p>Founded: 1869</p> <p>Niche.com Score: A+</p> <p>Students: Girls Only</p> <p>Climate: Cold winters / Warm summers</p> <p>Population: 17,700</p> <p>School Population: 150</p>	<p>High School Population: 108</p> <p>Accepting students: Grade 7-12, PG</p> <p>Diploma Year offered: Yes</p> <p>Interview Required? Yes</p> <p>English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes</p> <p>University Acceptance rate: 100%</p>
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Academic Excellence

Stoneleigh-Burnham School offers the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**, providing a rigorous, inquiry-based curriculum that develops global awareness and strong academic skills. With a student-teacher ratio of 6:1, students receive personalized support in humanities, sciences, mathematics, and world languages. The Learning Center Program offers **structured academic assistance** for different learning needs. Course pathways include IB subjects, arts, STEM, and interdisciplinary programs that support readiness for university study. Graduates gain admission to selective colleges in the United States and abroad.

Student Accomplishments

- International recognition through the Debate and Public Speaking Society
- Strong record of achievement in regional and national equestrian competitions
- Graduates admitted to competitive U.S. universities
- Student-led community initiatives supported by school leadership programs

Recent University Acceptances

- Boston University
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- George Washington University
- Hong Kong University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- New York University
- Princeton University
- John Hopkins University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute



Stats

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Average Class Size

6:1

Student Teacher Ratio

18%

International students

100%

University and College Acceptance

7-12, PG

Grades at School

26

Average ACT Score

1350

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

The 100-acre campus features **modern academic buildings, science labs, art and design studios, and performance spaces**. A standout facility is the equestrian center, which supports both training and competitive riding. Students have access to outdoor trails, athletic spaces, and collaborative learning environments designed to support academic and creative pursuits.

Residential Life

Students live in supervised boarding houses with shared rooms, common lounges, study areas, and dining facilities. The residential community includes students from 14 countries, creating an **international environment** that supports independence and cross-cultural understanding. Weekend activities include local excursions, outdoor recreation, and arts events.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics at SBS include both recreational and competitive opportunities that promote health and teamwork. The school is particularly known for its equestrian program, which supports riders at all levels.

The arts program includes visual arts, design, photography, dance, theater, and music. Students work in dedicated studios and performance spaces with guidance from experienced faculty.



Highlights

Sports: Basketball, Dance, Equestrian, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball

Arts: Acting, Art, Ceramics, Dance, Design, Digital Photography and Design, Graphic Design, Photography, Studio Art, Textile, Theater - Design and Production, Visual Arts, Choir, Jazz Band, Music, Octet, Orchestra, World Music

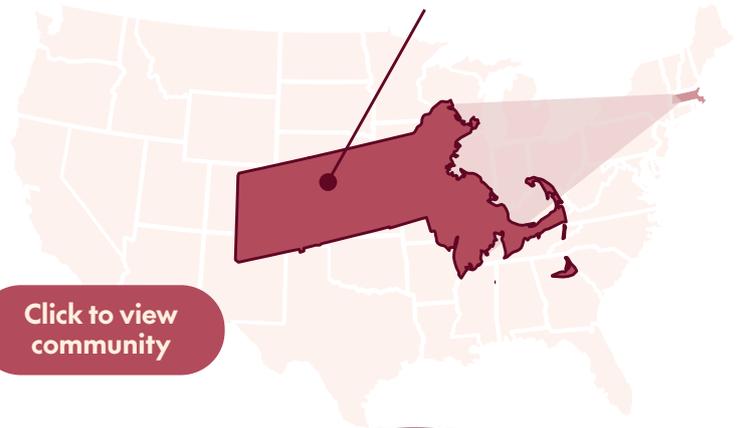
**Advanced Placement courses:
Provides IB courses instead of AP courses**

**Clubs and extracurriculars:
Ballroom Dancing, Blue Key Society, Business Club, Color Guard, Community Service, Debate, Fitness Club, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), International Club, Literary Society, Multimedia Club, Recreational Skiing, Rock Band, Student Alumnae Association**

**Languages offered:
Chinese, French, German, Spanish**

Community

Greenfield is a historic town in western Massachusetts with a population of about 17,700. The area provides access to outdoor recreation, arts festivals, and nearby mountain trails. Boston is approximately 90 miles away, offering additional cultural and academic resources. The nearest major airport is Bradley International Airport (BDL) in Hartford, Connecticut.



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Climate in Greenfield

Traditional New England four-season climate with cold, snowy winters and warm summers.



"Attending Stoneleigh-Burnham was one of the greatest experiences I had as I journeyed toward becoming an independent, self-motivated young woman. Unlike the standard high school and other boarding schools, Stoneleigh offers a greater acceptance of individuality and promotes that kind of thinking."

"I loved the small feel of the school. Everyone knew each other and it felt like family. The small classes and individual attention given by the teachers was wonderful."

Video

Learn more about the school

