



Boarding School

"Worcester Academy has helped me grow by giving me opportunities to collaborate in labs, work on long-term projects, and practice conversational skills in Socratic seminars. Across all of my classes, no day is the same, and content is always delivered in new and exciting forms."

Peyton Darling, Student of Worcester Academy, class of 2025

Worcester Academy Massachusetts

Worcester Academy is a coeducational day and boarding school in the heart of Worcester, Massachusetts, serving grades 9–12 and a postgraduate year. The school is known for strong academics, visual and performing arts, and championship athletics. Its location within the city provides unique access to community engagement, internships, and college partnerships, preparing students for both university and professional pathways.

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Quick Facts

Founded: 1834
Niche.com Score: A+
Students: Co-educational
School Population: 600
Climate: Cold winters, Warm summers
University Acceptance Rate: 99%

Accepting students: Grades 9-12th, PG
Interview Required? Yes
Diploma Year? Yes
English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes
Specialty programs: Capstone Projects, Dual Enrollment, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Partnership

Academic Excellence

Worcester Academy provides a college-preparatory curriculum with 20+ Advanced Placement and honours courses, independent research, and dual-enrolment partnerships with universities such as Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Students benefit from small classes and a structured programme of project-based learning that emphasises real-world problem solving. Faculty are highly qualified, with most holding advanced degrees. Academic advising supports personalised pathways and college readiness. Students attend top universities across the U.S. and abroad after graduating, reflecting the school's focus on intellectual curiosity, global awareness, and applied learning.

Student Accomplishments

Students at Worcester Academy achieve recognition across academics, arts, and athletics. Graduates consistently earn AP Scholar distinctions and National Merit commendations. Robotics and engineering teams have placed in state and regional competitions, while visual and performing arts students receive awards in statewide exhibitions and festivals. Athletic teams regularly advance to New England and NEPSAC championships.

Campus Facilities

The 71-acre urban campus of Worcester Academy offers modern academic, arts, and athletic facilities, including STEM labs, studios, rehearsal spaces, turf fields, gyms, a pool, and fitness areas. Its central location gives students access to fieldwork, cultural activities, and partnerships with local institutions.

Recent University Acceptances

- Amherst College
- Babson College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- Tufts University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Michigan
- Yale University



Stats

14:1

Student Teacher Ratio

#3

Best Boarding High Schools
in Worcester County

9-12, PG

Grade levels

23

AP courses

23

Honors Courses

29

Average ACT Score

1330

Average SAT Score

Residential Life

Boarding students live in recently renovated dormitories, each supervised by faculty dorm parents. Most rooms are shared doubles with access to lounges, study spaces, laundry facilities, and communal kitchens. Dining services provide varied international and local menus. The boarding community includes students from across the United States and more than 20 countries. Weekends feature organized trips, athletics, and cultural excursions in the city of Worcester and surrounding areas.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics play a major role on campus, with more than 50 teams competing in NEPSAC leagues across three seasons. Worcester Academy highlights teamwork and competitive play in sports such as basketball, soccer, baseball and swimming, with some graduates continuing to collegiate or professional levels.

The arts programme offers visual arts, theatre, dance and music, with frequent chances to perform and exhibit work. Students use studios, rehearsal rooms and a black-box theatre, while the school's downtown galleries link them to the wider local arts community.



Lists

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

Arts: Acting, Ceramics, Choir, Dance, Digital Media, Drawing, Graphic Design, Instrumental Music, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Studio Art, Theater Production, Vocal Performance

AP Courses:
Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language and Culture, Music Theory, Physics 1, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, Studio Art, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, World History

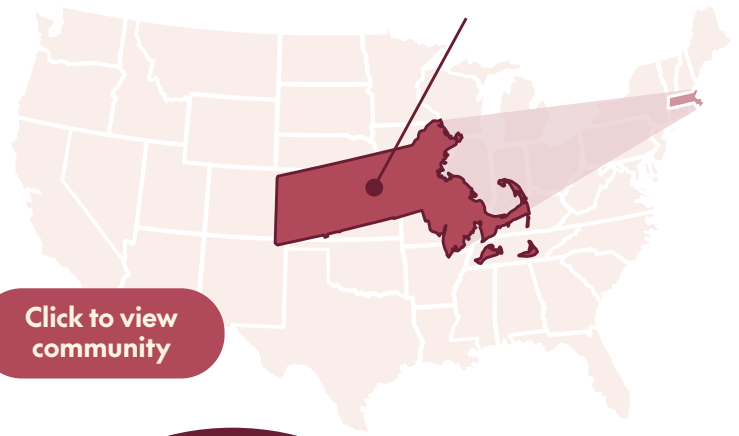
Languages:
Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish

Tech and innovation courses:
Computer Science, Engineering Design, Robotics, Digital Media, Web Development, Technology and Society

Club and extracurriculars
Art Club, Chess Club, Debate Team, Environmental Club, Film Club, Investment Club, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Peer Mentoring, Robotics Team, Science Olympiad, Student Council, Theater Workshop, Yearbook, Writing Club

Community

Worcester is the second-largest city in Massachusetts, located 45 miles west of Boston. It offers a blend of college-town energy and cultural attractions, with more than ten universities, museums, and performing arts venues nearby. The city is known for safety, diversity, and innovation. Worcester Academy's campus overlooks the city, giving students access to internships, volunteer projects, and urban learning experiences.



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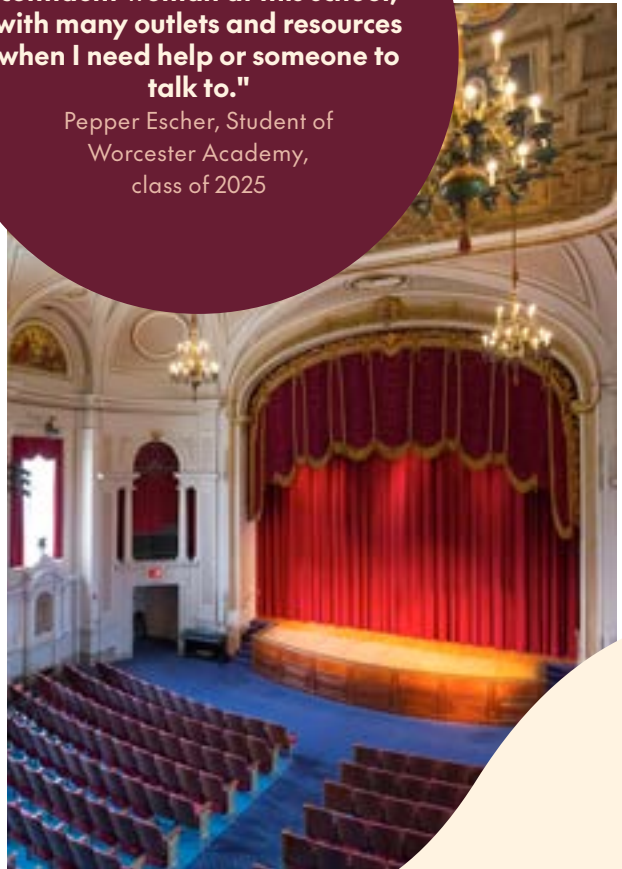
Climate in Gill, Massachusetts

Four distinct seasons with warm summers, colorful autumns, snowy winters, and mild springs.



"I find myself growing into a confident woman at this school, with many outlets and resources when I need help or someone to talk to."

Pepper Escher, Student of Worcester Academy, class of 2025



Video

Welcome to Worcester Academy

