

"My time at KUA was transformative. I came in eager to do it all—and I did. I served as All-School President, led clubs, pursued visual art as a Scholar, played varsity sports, and took high-level classes. I represented KUA at the GAIL conference, learning from peers across the world. I'm leaving more confident, compassionate, and ready—because of the community that shaped me."

Student

Boarding School

Kimball Union Academy New Hampshire

A co-educational boarding school in New Hampshire offering a broad college-preparatory curriculum with strong AP, STEM, athletics, and arts programs. A distinctive project-based learning approach connects academics with real-world experience.



BOARDING



CO-ED



SPORTS



ARTS



NEW-ENGLAND



STEM



MOUNTAIN

Quick Facts

Founded: 1813

Students: Co-educational

Niche.com Rank: A+

Accepting students: Grades 9-12th, PG

University Acceptance Rate: 98%

Interview Required? Yes

Diploma Year? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

Special Programs: Global Alliance for Innovative Learning (GAIL)

Academic Excellence

Kimball Union Academy offers a rigorous college-preparatory program with more than 130 courses, including 20 Advanced Placement options. The KUA Design learning model emphasizes experiential, project-based study that integrates student interests with academic standards. Classes are small, supporting close collaboration between students and faculty. About 78% of full-time teachers hold advanced degrees. Graduates consistently matriculate to selective universities in the U.S. and abroad. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is recognized for academic quality and student outcomes.

Student Accomplishments

- Graduates accepted to highly selective U.S. universities
- A high percentage of varsity athletes earn letters each year, with more than 70 % of students earning at least one varsity letter.



Recent University Acceptances

- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Colby College
- College of the Holy Cross
- Connecticut College
- Dartmouth College
- Denison University
- Elon University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Furman University
- McGill University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Skidmore College
- St. Lawrence University
- Syracuse University
- Tulane University
- Union College (New York)



Stats

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Student Teacher Ratio

78%

Full-time Teachers Hold Advanced Degrees

130

Courses Offered

20

AP Classes Offered

23

Countries Represented

#3

Best Private High Schools in New Hampshire

27

Average ACT Score

1310

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

Kimball Union Academy occupies a 1,300-acre campus in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire. Facilities support academics, STEM learning, athletics, and the arts, including a STEM center, fitness and training spaces, multiple athletic fields, and creative studios. The expansive natural setting provides access to outdoor learning and recreation while remaining connected to regional cultural resources in New England.

Residential Life

Kimball Union Academy is a traditional boarding school with supervised dormitories led by faculty members. Students live, study, and dine together, supported by residential staff who focus on academic, social, and personal development. Regular dorm meetings and community activities help students build independence, leadership, and cross-cultural understanding within a structured boarding environment.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics are an integral part of student life, encouraging participation, fitness, and teamwork. Students compete in both traditional and outdoor sports, with opportunities across multiple seasons and competitive levels.

The arts program supports both beginners and experienced students through studio and performance-based courses, with access to regional cultural institutions.



Lists

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Cycling (Mountain Biking), Field Hockey, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Skiing (Alpine and Nordic), Snowboarding, Tennis, Track and Field, Equestrian

Arts: Art, Art History, Ceramics and Sculpture, Digital Film Production, Music Theory, Painting, Rock 'n' Roll, Theater, Woodworking

Languages:
Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish

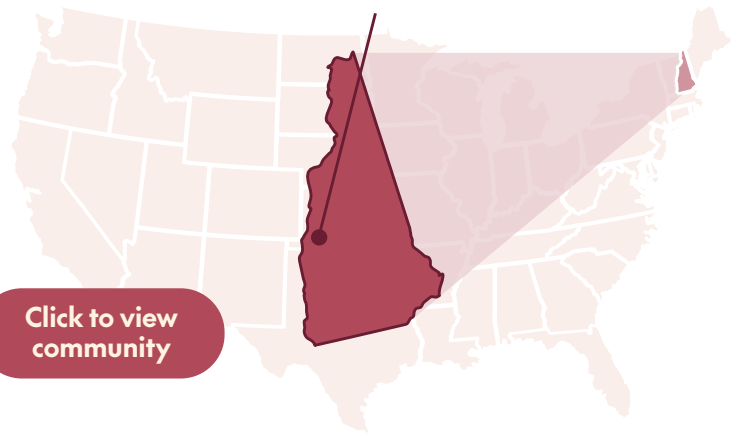
AP Courses Offered:
Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Environmental Science, French, Latin, Language & Composition, Literature & Composition, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics C, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, US Government & Politics, US History

Tech and Innovation courses:
Computer Science, Digital Film Production, STEM-focused project courses

Club and Extracurriculars
Math Team, School Government, STEM Club, Strength and Conditioning, College Visits Program

Community

Meriden is a small New England town in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire, near the Connecticut River. The area offers a quiet, safe environment with access to outdoor recreation year-round. Boston is approximately a three-hour drive, with Logan International Airport serving as the nearest major international airport.



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Climate in Meriden, New Hampshire

Four-season climate with warm, humid summers and cold winter.



Video

**Bird's Eye View
- Kimball Union
Academy**

