

HOPKINS ACADEMY

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COMMUNITY

The town of Hadley, founded in 1659, is located in the Connecticut River Valley, 97 miles west of Boston, 20 miles north of Springfield, in the heart of the Five College—Amherst College, Smith College, Mt. Holyoke College, Hampshire College, and the University of Massachusetts-- area. The current population is approximately 5100.

SCHOOL

Founded in 1664, Hopkins Academy is the seventh oldest school in New England. Hopkins Academy, the public middle/senior high school of Hadley, has a total enrollment of 256 students, who are serviced by a staff of 35. **Fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges**, Hopkins' present senior class consists of 47 students.

HOPKINS ACADEMY MISSION

Hopkins Academy, in partnership with the community, provides a safe and supportive environment. We offer educational opportunities for diverse learners to access, question, apply, integrate, evaluate and communicate essential knowledge. The school helps prepare students to act with integrity and to assume a contributory role as productive members of society.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

130 Credits* in grades 9-12 which must include:

- 20 credits in English
- 15 credits in Social Studies
- 15 credits in Science
- 15 credits in Mathematics
- 10 credits in Physical Education
- 2.5 credits in Developmental Wellness
- 42.5 credits in Elective Courses
- 10 credits in World Languages

* 5 credits are granted for successful completion of a course which meets the equivalent of one period each day for the entire year.

CURRICULUM

Students in grades 9-12 are required to maintain seven (7) major courses in addition to Physical Education and Health. All students are also provided the opportunity to receive instruction in Art, Music, Home Economics, Computer Science, Journalism, and Foreign Language (French and Spanish), in addition to their regular academic courses. Hopkins Academy presently offers four (4) Advanced Placement courses (Physics, Calculus, Senior English, and US History), and Seven (7) Honors Level courses (Advanced Chemistry, Pre Calculus, French IV, Spanish IV, Algebra IA, Geometry 9A, and Algebra IIA), in addition to a full complement of regular (level I) college preparatory courses.

In addition, qualified students are allowed to take courses at local colleges and universities, upon the recommendation of their Guidance Counselor, and with the approval of the Principal. Credit is granted for such course work upon successful completion of the course. Credits are entered on the transcript, and are used in the computation of grade point average and class rank.

Independent Study and Virtual High School courses are an option for qualified students, and these courses may be taught at the AP, Honors or Advanced Level.

Finally, qualified students with preapproval, may choose to participate in Internship Programs, or the school's Work-Study Program. In both of these, credits are entered on the transcript upon successful completion of the experience.

GRADING SYSTEM

A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69
A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
						F	Below 60

ADVANCED SCHOOLING

Class of 2009	
Enrolled in Four Year College	64%
Enrolled in Two Year College	24%
<u>Technical School</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
Total Continuing Education	92%

RECENT COLLEGE BOARD TEST SCORES

Class of 2009	SAT	PSAT
Mean Math	568	53
Mean C.R.	544	50
Mean Writing	549	49
% Tested	63%	69%

BLOCK SCHEDULING

At Hopkins Academy, we currently, and have since 1995, used a type of scheduling that we refer to as “modified block”. The morning is divided into three long blocks, each of which is 84 minutes in length, while the afternoon is divided into two short blocks, which are each 42 minutes long. Classes occurring in the morning or long blocks, meet on an alternating day basis for the entire year, and receive full (5.0) credit. All afternoon classes, which carry full credit (5.0), meet daily, while half credit (2.5) afternoon classes meet on alternating days. Since no study halls are allowed, each student takes the equivalent of eight full classes. In this system, all classes meet for the entire year, and each student receives approximately 1,017 hours of direct instructional time each year.

INSTRUCTIONAL GROUPINGS

All academic courses at Hopkins Academy, denoted on the transcript as AP, H, or level 1, are college preparatory. Advanced Placement courses are the most demanding, time consuming, and challenging courses. They follow the college level AP curriculum established by the College Entrance Examination Board, and culminate with the mandatory AP Exam. Honors level courses progress at an accelerated pace, demand substantial independent work, use many supplementary materials, and are characterized by an intensive examination of content. Level 1 courses are college preparatory, and while not requiring as much work as AP or Honors, are still advanced in nature and do require an ample amount of work. All three levels serve to prepare the students for college level work.

CLASS RANK

Class rank is computed using a modification of the system recommended by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. It is based on a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) in which each curriculum level is appropriately weighted. All students and all subjects are included. The table for these computations is as follows:

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
ADV PLACMT(AP)	4.93	4.60	4.27	3.93	3.60	3.27	2.93	2.60	2.27	1.93	1.60	1.27	0.00
HONORS (H)	4.73	4.40	4.07	3.73	3.40	3.07	2.73	2.40	2.07	1.73	1.40	1.07	0.00
ADVANCED (I)	4.53	4.20	3.87	3.53	3.20	2.87	2.53	2.20	1.87	1.53	1.20	0.87	0.00
STANDARD (II)	4.33	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION

CLASS OF	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
NUMBER OF GRADUATES	46	42	39	41	38	39	44	33	35	35
FOUR YEAR COLLEGES (%)	67	62	63	80	82	51	66	63	63	63
TWO YEAR COLLEGES (%)	24	21	26	12	6	38	31	17	34	23
OTHER SCHOOLING (%)	.5	8	3	3	3	3	0	6	0	0
TOTAL CONT. EDUCATION (%)	91.5	91	90	95	91	92	97	86	97	96

Colleges and Universities at which recent *Hopkins Academy* graduates have been accepted:

American University
Amherst College
Assumption College
Barnard College
Barry University
Bay Path College
Boston College
Boston University
Bridgewater State College
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Coastal Carolina University
Clark University
Clemson University
East Carolina University
Elms College
Endicott College
Fitchburg State College
Florida Atlantic University
Framingham State College
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Gordon College
Greenfield Community College
Crove City College
Hampshire College
Hartwick College
Harvard University
Hobart & Wm. Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Holyoke Community College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Kansas State University
Keene State College

King's College
LaSalle University
Lasell College
Lehigh University
Lesley College
Manhattan College
MA College of Liberal Arts
MA College of Pharmacy
Marist College
Marquette University
Mary Washington University
Merrimack College
Methodist College (NC)
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
New England Institute of Art
New York University
North Carolina State
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Oklahoma State University
Penn. State University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Inst. of Technology
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University
Salem State College
Salve Regina University
Simmons College
Smith College
Springfield College
Springfield Tech Comm. College
St. Anselm College

St. Joseph's University (ME)
St. Michaels College
Stetson University
Stonehill College
Stockbridge School of Agriculture
SUNY Cobleskill
Syracuse University
Trinity College
Tufts University
UMass (Amherst)
UMass (Lowell)
UMass (Dartmouth)
Union College
Unity College
Univ. of Notre Dame
University of Arizona
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Mary Washington
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Southern Maine
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
USMA at West Point
Utica College
Wellesley College
Western New England College
Westfield State College
Wheaton College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Wyoming Tech