



# The MacDuffie School

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## The MacDuffie School Profile for 2020 - 2021

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### THE SCHOOL

MacDuffie is an independent college preparatory school for students in grades 6-12. Founded in 1890 as a school for women, MacDuffie began admitting young men in 1991. The School holds accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

#### 2020 - 2021 Enrollment:

185 students, 86 female, 99 male,  
1 five-day boarding, 81 boarding, 93 day, 10 home-stay

#### Geographic Distribution:

16 Massachusetts cities and towns  
3 New York cities and towns  
4 Connecticut cities and towns  
18 countries worldwide

### FACULTY

34 teaching faculty  
76% with advanced degrees  
Average tenure: 9 years  
Average class size: 11  
Student/teacher ratio: 6:1

### CALENDAR / COURSE LOAD

The academic year has two semesters; since the first ends in January, quarterly grades are sent with all college applications. Exams take place each semester. All full-year courses earn one credit. Classes generally meet for 50-minute periods four days per week; lab sciences meet for double periods weekly. Students must take at least four academic courses per semester, but the normal load consists of five or six full credits per year. Many students take four years of all five major subjects plus arts, electives, and physical education.

### CURRICULUM

MacDuffie's integrated and interdisciplinary approach to learning helps students comprehend the broad connections between and among subjects. Courses across the curriculum emphasize writing, critical thinking and analysis, computer use and research, cooperative learning, and a multicultural focus. Science courses accentuate laboratory work, and math courses focus on problem solving. Upper level language courses employ original texts, and students often excel in national language exams.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Each student must earn a minimum of 20 academic credits in grades 9-12. Of those, the following are required:

English or ELL*:	4 credits
World Languages:	2 credits (3+strongly recommended)
Mathematics:	3 credits (2 Algebra, 1 Geometry)
Science:	2 credits (3+ strongly recommended)
Social Studies:	2 credits (U.S. History required)
Fine Arts:	2 credits
Public Speaking:	1/2 credit (or 1 credit of Acting)
Leadership Practicum:	10 hours of community service plus project & presentation (senior year)

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP courses offered include Biology, Calculus (AB + BC), Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, English (Language + Literature), Environmental Science, French, Latin, Physics 1 & 2, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. History, and World History.

- 73 students took a total of 169 AP exams in 2020
- 88% were 3 or above
- 61% were 4 or 5
- 39 students were named AP Scholars based on their performance

### CLASS RANK

The School's policy is not to rank its students.

#### CLASS OF 2020

Students:	75
Highest GPA:	4.48 (weighted)
Mean GPA:	3.42 (weighted)
Mean SAT:	EBR + W: 601, M: 664
Mean ACT:	29

#### CLASS OF 2021

Students:	61
Highest GPA:	4.34 (weighted)
Mean GPA:	3.39 (weighted)
Mean SAT:	No testing available
Mean ACT:	No testing available

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## GRADING SYSTEM COMPUTING HONOR ROLL

MacDuffie grades on a letter scale, "A" to "F," with pluses and minuses. At the end of each term, students may earn Honors ("B" or better in each course), High Honors ("A" or better in three courses with a "B" or better in other courses), or Maximum Honors (all "A"s). Grades are weighted for determining grade point averages. For example, in Honors courses, a "B" counts as a "B+"; for AP courses, a "B" becomes an "A-".

A+	4.33	B+	3.33	C+	2.33	D+	1.33
A	4.00	B	3.00	C	2.00	D	1.00
A-	3.67	B-	2.67	C-	1.67	D-	0.67

## UPPER SCHOOL COURSES GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Subject	A	B	C	D	F
English	64	97	36	6	3
World Languages	44	30	11	3	-
Mathematics	75	56	17	3	2
Sciences	49	60	21	6	1
History	63	57	11	3	-
Arts	174	31	1	-	-

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: 2015 - 2020

American University	Lafayette College	SUNY, Stonybrook
Auburn University	Lehigh College	Syracuse University
Babson College	Loyola University, New Orleans	Texas Tech University
Bard College	Macalester College	Trinity College
Bentley University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Union College
Boston College	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	University of California, Berkeley
Boston University	Merrimack College	University of California, Davis
Bowdoin College	Miami University	University of California, Irvine
Brandeis University	Michigan State University	University of California, Los Angeles
Bryant University	Middlebury College	University of California, San Diego
Bryn Mawr College	Mount Holyoke College	University of California, Santa Barbara
Bucknell University	Muhlenberg College	University of Connecticut
Carleton College	New York University	University of Illinois
Carnegie Mellon University	Northeastern University	University of Iowa
Case Western Reserve University	Oberlin College	University of Maine
Claremont McKenna College	Occidental College	University of Maryland
Clark University	Ohio State University	University of Massachusetts
Clarkson University	Pace University	University of Michigan
Colby College	Parsons School of Design	University of Minnesota
Colgate University	Penn State University	University of New Hampshire
College of the Holy Cross	Pratt Institute	University of North Carolina
College of William and Mary	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania
College of Wooster	Purdue University	University of Pittsburgh
Connecticut College	Quinnipiac University	University of Richmond
Cornell University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Rochester
Dickinson College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Southern California
Drew University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Texas
Drexel University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Toronto
Emerson College	Rutgers University	University of Vermont
Emory University	Sacred Heart University	University of Washington
Fordham University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Wisconsin
George Mason University	School of Visual Art	Vassar College
Georgetown University	Siena College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
George Washington University	Skidmore College	Wake Forest University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Smith College	Washington University in St. Louis
Gettysburg College	Springfield College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Goucher College	Stevens Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
Grinnell College	St. Lawrence University	Western New England University
Hobart & William Smith Colleges	SUNY, Albany	Wheaton College
Ithaca College	SUNY, Binghamton	Williams College