



WASHINGTON ACADEMY

**Find your place.
Discover your possibilities.**

AN AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOL IN COASTAL MAINE

A place to be yourself.

And room to discover who you can become.



Choosing a boarding school is about more than choosing classes. It is about finding people who know you, opportunities that excite you, and a place where you can grow.

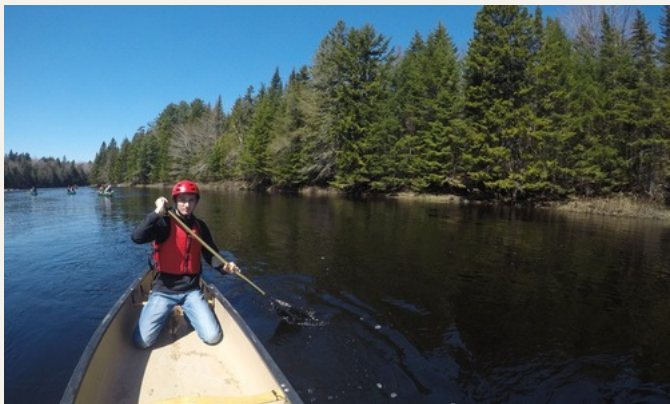
At Washington Academy, students from Maine, across the United States, and around the world share a school day and a community. You might investigate marine life, join a team, take the stage, or try something you have never done before.

Founded in 1792, WA brings a long educational tradition to a very personal goal: helping each student build knowledge, confidence, and a meaningful next step.

Your classroom gets bigger.



East Machias, Maine, offers a different pace: a close community, open space, and the ocean nearby. Here, the natural world becomes part of your education and your everyday life.



Explore rivers and coastlines.



Learn from the place around you.

Challenge that fits you.



The right school gives you something to reach for, along with the support to get there. WA combines small classes and personal attention with choices that help you explore your interests.

Build a strong foundation

Develop your skills through a broad core curriculum, thoughtful discussion, and learning that asks you to put ideas into practice.

Keep moving forward

Explore advanced coursework or strengthen essential skills. Work with teachers and school counselors to choose an appropriate level of challenge.

Your path can include Advanced Placement, Early College, creative work, and hands-on learning.

Different learners. Real potential.



Your child is more than a diagnosis. Students with ADHD, dyslexia, dyscalculia, and other learning differences bring strengths, interests, and ambitions. At WA, meaningful challenge and individualized support work together.

Support with purpose

Classroom accommodations and differentiated instruction help students access learning. Individual learning plans, supervised study, case management, and teacher collaboration provide structure around their goals.

Skills for independence

Students practice organization, planning, and self-advocacy. Academic progress monitoring and school counseling help them recognize what is working, ask for help, and take greater responsibility for their learning.

Let's talk about fit. Share your child's learning plan and support needs with Admissions so we can discuss the services available.

Start exploring what comes next.



Advanced Placement

AP courses offer college-level challenge within high school. Students deepen subject knowledge while practicing the independent thinking and study habits that demanding coursework requires.

Early College

Study through participating Maine colleges and universities, with opportunities to experience college coursework while still in high school. The Larson Library provides space to focus during the school day.

Find your direction

Explore a subject you love, test a new interest, and prepare for the expectations of further study.

Learn where it happens.



Outdoor Leadership

Learn navigation, camping techniques, survival priorities, and basic first aid. Time outdoors turns preparation, teamwork, and decision-making into practical skills.

Marine Biology

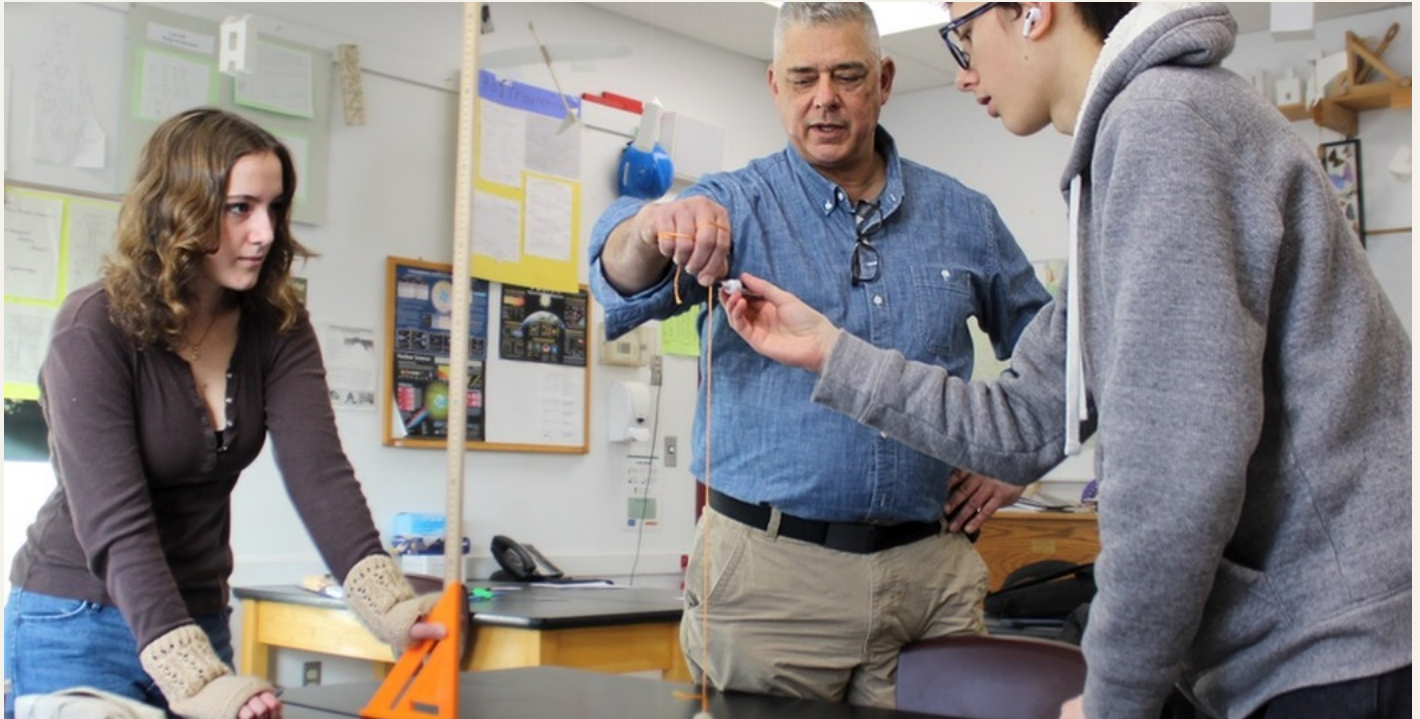
Investigate the ocean through hands-on research and coastal fieldwork. Experiences have included work with marine scientists and visits to the Downeast Institute on Beals Island.



Coastal Ecology

Explore forests, wetlands, rivers, and shorelines. Collect observations, examine environmental questions, and connect classroom science with the ecosystems around you.

Make something that matters.



An idea becomes more powerful when you can test it, build it, or share it. WA gives students opportunities to solve problems and see their work take shape.

Design. Build. Improve.

Explore engineering, computer-aided design, robotics, and programming. Work through a challenge, learn from a first attempt, and keep refining your solution.

Create. Communicate.

Applied Media connects creativity with communication. Students collaborate on multimedia projects and consider how images, sound, and storytelling influence an audience.

Past engineering projects have included floating wind-turbine platforms for the University of Maine's Windstorm Challenge.

Follow your curiosity.

Explore programs that connect personal interests with practical experience.



Create and communicate

Applied Media
Graphic Design & Publication
Marketing
Lab Band



Investigate and innovate

AP Computer Science
Engineering
Marine Biology
Coastal Ecology

Learn through experience

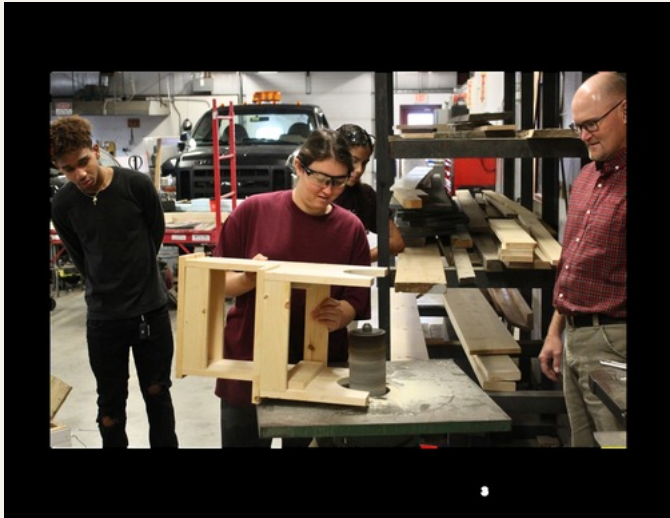
Modern-Day Apprenticeship
Outdoor Leadership
Sustainable Agriculture

Understand yourself and others

Holocaust Studies
World Languages
New-Student Seminar
Personal Health & Fitness

Ask Admissions how these interests can fit into your academic plan.

Discover what you can do.



Modern-Day Apprenticeship

Explore learning through practical work. For students who enjoy making, building, and seeing a tangible result, this program offers an opportunity to connect interests with possible future directions.



Sustainable Agriculture

Connect learning with the land. Growing food brings together science, responsibility, and an understanding of how individual effort contributes to a larger community.

More ways to find your direction

Make music with other students in Lab Band. Explore history and human responsibility through Holocaust Studies. Build communication skills through World Languages, or focus on personal well-being through Personal Health & Fitness.

Find your voice. Share it.



Bring the talent you already have, or the curiosity to try. Music, theater, and visual art create space to express yourself and connect with other students.



On stage and in the studio

Explore painting, sculpture, printmaking, or digital art. Make music with other students, get involved in drama, and discover the satisfaction of creating something together.

Find your team. Bring your best.



The field, court, and course are places to work hard, build confidence, and belong. Bring your competitive spirit and a willingness to grow alongside your teammates.

Fall sports

Soccer
Football
Football Cheering
Volleyball
Golf
Cross Country



Keep the energy going.



Winter brings the action indoors. Basketball and wrestling give students opportunities to develop discipline, respond to challenges, and contribute to a team.



Winter sports

Basketball
Wrestling
Co-Ed Cheering

From practice to game day, showing up for one another is part of Raider pride.

Finish the year in stride.



Spring sports

Track & Field
Tennis
Baseball
Softball

A place for school spirit

Athletics is part of the WA experience whether you are competing or cheering. Come support your friends and share in the moments that bring a school together.



Talk with Admissions about teams, levels of play, and how to get involved.

A home you help create.



Living at school means learning beyond the classroom: sharing space, managing your time, becoming more independent, and building friendships through everyday moments.

People close by

Residential life staff help students settle in and take part in the community. The boarding program provides supervision and a familiar point of contact when students need help.

Room to feel at home

Dorm life offers places to study, relax, and get to know other students. A conversation after class or time with a roommate can be the beginning of a lasting friendship.

Whether home is in the United States or overseas, belonging starts with being known.

Weekends worth looking forward to.



Life at WA leaves room for adventure, school traditions, and time with friends. Explore coastal Maine, try a seasonal activity, or join the crowd at a Raider game.

Get outside

Seasonal opportunities can include hiking, canoeing, kayaking, skiing, apple picking, and trips to places such as Bar Harbor. Maine gives every season its own character.

Be part of it

Participate in Raider athletics or cheer from the sidelines. Enjoy clubs, performances, Homecoming, and campus events that turn classmates into a community.

Activities and trips vary with the season, weather, and school schedule.

Small actions. Lasting impact.



You do not have to wait until after graduation to make a difference. Community projects help WA students see how their time, skills, and effort can benefit others.

Grow something useful

The school's community garden connects student work with local food needs. Planning, planting, and harvesting become lessons in responsibility and service.

Care for this place

Projects with local partners have included salmon conservation and apple gleaning. Students learn alongside people working to care for the region's resources.

Meet people beyond campus. Understand a local need. Contribute something of your own.

Your next step should fit you.



A plan for college. Skills for a career. Students entering grade nine work with school counselors on a four-year plan that evolves with their interests while keeping graduation and life after WA in view.

Career learning, college goals

Career and technical education through CWCIT helps students explore fields, build practical skills, and pursue credentials. Hands-on learning can clarify a future course of study and connect schoolwork with career interests.

College learning, with support

Early College offers opportunities to earn dual credit and experience college expectations. Academic support helps students build the study habits and independence needed for the transition to further education.

Stay connected. Families can contact teachers and residential life staff and follow academic progress through WA's student information system.

Let's start with you.

Tell us what you enjoy, what you hope to achieve, and what you want from boarding school.

01 Start a conversation

Contact Admissions to explore fit, arrange a visit, or ask about an interview. International applicants can request a Zoom interview.

02 Share your story

Complete the application and essay. Arrange official transcripts, current grades, and recommendations from your math and English teachers and school counselor.

03 Plan the details

Ask Admissions which English proficiency scores, passport or existing visa documents, and financial materials apply to your situation. Discuss tuition, financial assistance, travel, and arrival arrangements.

A useful first conversation

Which classes and activities interest you?

What academic or English language support do you need?

What should we know about living away from home?

What will attendance cost for your family?

See the current application requirements online or contact Admissions for guidance. Course and activity availability may change.



Picture yourself here.

A school where you can explore your interests,
build real friendships, and prepare for what comes next.

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