



## academic profile

### School Community

South Kent School is an independent, college preparatory boarding school for boys in grades 9 - 12 and Post Graduates.

- Attracts students who are motivated and demonstrate potential for success
- Rigorous academics balanced by top tier athletics, award-winning arts program, innovative extracurriculars and meaningful community service
- 45 miles west of Hartford; 90 miles northeast of New York City

### Accreditation

- Accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Member of National Association of Independent Schools, National Association of Episcopal Schools, Connecticut Association of Independent Schools and National Association for College Admission Counseling
- Member of the Cum Laude Society for almost seventy years

### Curriculum

- 90 courses in Math/Science, Humanities and Technology
- School year divided into three terms: Fall, Winter, and Spring
- Students enroll in five major academic courses each year
- Accelerated courses in all areas. Listed as Advanced, AP or Honors
- Exams at the end of Fall and Spring. Different assessment tools may be used at the end of Winter term

### Form & Affinity Programs

South Kent's four-year theme is derived from our interpretation of **The Hero's Journey** by Joseph Campbell. The Four Stages of a Hero's Journey are Innocence, Search for Knowledge, a Challenge, and Success or Failure. The purpose is to foster in our young men the desire to become heroes rather than celebrities.

**The CORE Program** establishes the academic foundation for 9th, 10th and 11th grades with interdisciplinary courses focused on the theme of the Hero's Journey.

- 9th grade theme: "discovery of community and belonging"
- 9th grade Core courses: English I, World History I and Applied Technology (Pre-Engineering)
- 10th grade theme: "completing the challenge"
- 10th grade courses: English II, World History II and Applied Technology (Pre-Engineering)
- 11th grade theme: "responsibility and commitment"
- 11th grade courses: English III, World History III and Contemporary Political Issues (CPI)

### Affinity Groups

The 11th grade, 12th grade, and Post Graduate forms are divided into three sections called "affinity" groups. Affinity groups participate in "Calls" designed to guide young men on their Hero's Journey.

### Call to Adventure

This Outdoor Adventure program fosters a deeper understanding of self and instills an appreciation for the natural world.

#### Activities include:

- Rock climbing
- Hiking
- Snowshoeing
- Tree planting
- Overnight camping
- Structure building

### Call to Service

South Kent develops young men into heroes who act selflessly on behalf of the community. Participants attend reflective retreats and participate in the on-campus "jobs" program as well as off-campus service programs such as:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Midnight Run
- Church Street Eats
- Rebuilding Together
- Bishops' Fund for Children 5k Race

### Call to Explore

Boys arrive at different stages of their journeys, with some newly departed from home, and others further along the path who are feeling comfortable with their inner and outer worlds. The Call to Explore gives boys the opportunity to express themselves through:

- Drama
- Movement & Dance
- Poetry & Storytelling
- Music
- Knitting
- Video Production and more

This curriculum supports the School's mission of "simplicity of life, self-reliance, and directness of purpose" by presenting these concepts in recognizable ways that 21st century young men can embrace.

### Special Programs

**Academic Resource Center:** A support program for students who require extra help with their college-bound curriculum.

- Focuses on the individual's learning style
- Complements classroom study with specific help in regular courses

### English as a Second Language (ESL)

Program for international students to improve and/or reinforce skills in written and oral English.

- Focus on structure, comprehension and conversation
- Students remain in this course of study until they demonstrate competitive, American university-level skills

### SUPA: Syracuse University Project Advance

Students can earn college credit from Syracuse University through specific classes taught at South Kent School

### Center for Innovation (CFI)

- Boys find solutions to real-world issues
- Studies in energy, sustainability, watershed management, design and more
- Meaningful, investigative and hands-on
- Experiential learning: action and inquiry

## Quick Facts

### Faculty

- 38 Teaching faculty members
- 19 with advanced degrees
- Student/teacher ratio: 5:1
- Average class size: 9

### Enrollment

Grade 9 (Third Form):	25
Grade 10 (Fourth Form):	40
Grade 11 (Fifth Form):	45
Grade 12 (Sixth Form):	50
Post Graduates:	20
Total Average Enrollment:	180

**21 countries represented:** Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Ghana, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Montenegro, Nigeria, Norway, Russia, Senegal, Serbia, Sweden, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, and United States.

### Academic Honors

To achieve High Honors, a student must have no grade below A-. For Honors, a student must have no grade below B.

### Marking System

- Letter grades accompanied by a plus or minus used for all courses (excluding A+ and D-)
- All grades are cumulative
- Class rank and GPA are not computed

### Test Scores

Scores reflect the Class of 2014, approx. half of which are non-native English speakers.

SAT Mean Scores: CR 490; MA 560; WR 490

SAT Composite Mean: 1540

ACT Composite Mean: 20.5

## Course Offerings for 2014-15

*Courses marked with an asterisk (\*) are in the Pre-Engineering Category*

### Advanced, Honors & AP Courses

Advanced English 2 & 3  
AP English Language & Composition  
Advanced Digital Communications  
SUPA Statistics (AP)  
SUPA Calculus (AP)  
SUPA Chemistry (AP)  
Advanced Environmental Science  
Honors Chemistry 2  
Honors Physics (Applied Physics)  
AP Psychology  
AP United States History  
AP Economics  
SUPA C++ Programming\*  
AP French Language  
AP Spanish Language  
AP Latin Language (Latin 4)  
Advanced Music Theory

### Center For Innovation (CFI)

Historic Building Technologies  
Trail Building & Design  
Sustainable Agriculture  
Alternative Energy Solutions\*  
Sustainable Technology Systems\*  
Ceramic Arts  
Open Source Software Development\*  
Sustainable Forestry 1 & 2  
Managing Complexity  
Ecology of South Kent  
Watershed Management 1 & 2  
The Embedded Journalist  
Environmental Awareness  
Entrepreneurship: Ideas to Act  
Blacksmithing  
Archaeology

### English

English 1 - 4  
English 3 & 4 ESL  
American Language & Culture 2-4 (ESL)  
Analytical & Creative Writing  
Literature & Composition  
Digital Communications (AMG)

### Fine Arts

Studio Art  
Advanced Studio Art

### Foreign Language

Latin 1 - 3  
Spanish 1 - 4  
French 1 - 4  
Rosetta Stone Language Lab

### Mathematics

Algebra I  
Algebra II  
Calculus  
Pre-Calculus  
Functions, Trigonometry and Statistics  
Geometry

### Music

Music Appreciation  
Music Theory  
Individual Instruction: Percussion, Piano, Cello, Guitar, Voice  
Music Recording

### Science

Intro to Physical Science  
Anatomy  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Ecology  
Physiology (no lab)  
Psychology (no lab)

### Social Studies

World History 1 & 2  
Geography  
United States History  
United States History ESL

### Technology

Robotics & Automation\*  
Architecture\*

## College Matriculations - South Kent Graduates have Enrolled in the Following Institutions:

Auburn University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	SUNY: Buffalo
Babson College	Merrimack College	SUNY: Plattsburg
Bates College	Menlo College	Susquehanna University
Bentley University	Michigan State University	Syracuse University
Boston College	Moravian College	Trinity College
Boston University	Niagara University	Tufts University
Brandeis University	Northeastern University	UCLA
Brown University	Northwestern University	Union College
Clarkson University	Pace University	United States Military Academy at West Point
Colgate University	Pacific University	University of Chicago
Cornell University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Connecticut
Dartmouth College	Providence College	University of Hartford
Eckerd College	Purdue University	University of Michigan
Elmira College	Quinnipiac University	University of New Hampshire
Endicott College	Radford University	University of Southern California
Fairfield University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Texas
Franklin Pierce University	Roanoke College	University of Vermont
Hamilton College	Roger Williams University	University of Washington
Hobart College	Rutgers University	Wake Forest University
Illinois State University	Sacred Heart University	Washington College
Indiana University	Salve Regina University	Wesleyan University
Iona College	Skidmore College	Western Connecticut State University
Lake Forest College	Southern New Hampshire University	Western New England College
Loyola Marymount University	St. Anselm College	Wentworth Institute
Manhattanville College	St. John's University	Wheaton College
Mary Washington University	St. Lawrence University	Yale University