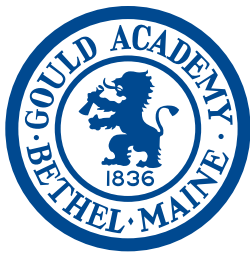


2014-15 School Profile



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"Three values at the heart of any Gould endeavor are the energy to try, the willingness to risk, and the capacity to persevere."



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The Mission:

Gould Academy prepares academically motivated students for college and helps them to become independent-minded, ethical citizens who will lead lives of purpose, action, excellence, and compassion in a dynamic world.

The School & Community:

A four-year college preparatory boarding school, Gould Academy enrolls 245 students in grades 9 through 12. Located in the picturesque village of Bethel, Maine, ten minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort, Gould students have unparalleled access to Northern New England's diverse natural and cultural resources. Gould's diversity is enriched by students from Austria, Chile, China, Congo, Cyprus, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Rwanda, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam. Admission to Gould Academy is selective. Typically, 99% of the graduating class matriculates at four-year colleges and universities.

International Students: 28% **Domestic Students of Color:** 4%
Day Students: 23% **Families Receiving Financial Aid:** 45%

Graduation Requirements:

English (4) **Math (3)** **History (3)** **Science (3)** **World Languages (3)** **Arts (1.33)**
(through Algebra 2) (to include US History) (to include 1 biological and 1 physical science) (through the third year of a modern language) (to include 1 trimester of Performing and Visual Arts)

Most Gould students advance well beyond these requirements. Independent Study, per approval of the Department Chair and Dean of Academics, is available for credit toward graduation.

Highest Level Courses by Department:

AP Courses - Beginning in 11th grade, students may gain admission to AP courses by departmental recommendation. Students are generally limited to two or three AP courses per year and are required to sit for the respective exams in May:

English Language **US History** **Biology** **Physics** **Statistics**
English Literature **Comparative Government** **Chemistry** **Calculus AB** **(Honors Senior Math*)**

* Honors Senior Math covers all topics included in Calculus BC as well as other advanced topics.

Honors Courses - Honors courses are available by departmental recommendation in:

English (all levels) **9th Grade History** **10th Grade History** **Spanish 4**
Chemistry **Algebra 2** **Precalculus**

College Preparatory Curriculum:

Gould Academy operates on a trimester system with exams in November and June. Students typically enroll in five or six courses per trimester. It is unusual for a student to carry seven courses in a given trimester.

English students take "Developing a Geographic Imagination" and "Developing a Historic Imagination" before continuing to "Literature of the American Experience" or AP English Language in 11th grade. Seniors may take AP English Literature and/or trimester electives such as "Forgotten Language," "Contemporary Classics," "Creative Writing," and "Banned Books and Films." Non-native speakers of English may also be required to enroll in English Studies classes.

Mathematics courses progress: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2/Honors, Pre-Calculus/Honors, Calculus/AP, AP Statistics, Honors Senior Math. Seniors who have completed their graduation requirements may elect to take three trimester electives in "Financial Matters."

History students take "Human Geography" and "West and the World" before continuing to US History or AP US History in 11th grade. Seniors may take AP Government and/or trimester electives such as "Global Migrations," "Psychology," "Dylan and American Culture," and "American Myths." Each trimester, History electives focus on particular methodologies: Critical Reading in the fall, Research Methods in the winter, and Presentation in the spring.

Science courses progress: Conceptual Physics, Chemistry/Honors, Biology. Seniors and Juniors may select Physics, trimester electives in Astronomy, Environmental Science, Introduction to Sports Medicine, and Aeronautics, or the AP options listed above.

World Languages include French 1 through 5, Spanish 1 through 5, and Mandarin 1 through 3. Non-native speakers of English are exempt from the World Languages requirement. (Spanish 4 is the only World Languages course that offers an Honors section.)

Visual Arts students may take one year-long course in Ceramics and trimester electives such as Design, Digital Photography, Blacksmithing, Drawing, Filmmaking and Video Production, Painting, Printmaking, and Sculpture.

Performing Arts classes include year-long courses in Band and Chorus, as well as introductory electives in Music Theory, Music Technology, and Music History.

Computer Science offers trimester electives such as Introduction to Computer Science, Topics in Computer Science, Electronics, and Robotics as well as an advanced full-year course in Computer Science.

Click [here](#) for a full list of course descriptions.

Experiential Learning:

Co-Curricular Program: In addition to completing Gould's academic requirements, students are required to participate in athletic, artistic, and/or service programs each trimester.

Four Point Program: At the end of the winter trimester, each Class pursues a challenging week-long assignment, including travel abroad (9th), arts and community service (10th), outdoor leadership: Winter Expedition (11th), and self-designed experiential learning projects (12th). These experiential "Four Points" are an integral part of a Gould education and, as such, are a graduation requirement.

Class of 2015:

Class Size: 63

Cumulative GPA

Mean: 87.6

High: 95.9

The cumulative GPA was calculated at the end of 11th grade for all courses completed at Gould Academy. In light of our selective admissions policy and rigorous curriculum, **Gould Academy does not rank students or weight grades.**

Grading

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D (Passing)	60-69
F	0-59
High Honors	92-100
Honors	85-91

Matriculation

Recent Gould graduates have matriculated at the following institutions:

Bates College
 Bentley University
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Brandeis University
 University of British Columbia
 Brown University
 Bucknell University
 UCLA
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Champlain College
 Chapman University
 College of Charleston
 University of Chicago
 Clarkson University
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 College of the Atlantic
 University of Colorado
 Colorado College
 Columbia University
 University of Connecticut
 Connecticut College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Drexel University
 Eckerd College
 Emmanuel College
 Endicott College
 University of Florida
 Florida Institute of Technology
 George Washington University
 Hobart and William Smith
 University of Illinois
 Indiana University
 Ithaca College
 Kenyon College
 Lewis & Clark College
 University of Maine
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Miami
 Michigan State University
 Middlebury College
 University of Minnesota
 Montana State University
 Mount Holyoke College
 University of New Hampshire
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Pace University
 Parsons, The New School
 Penn State University
 Pitzer College
 Plymouth State University
 Purdue University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhodes College
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 Saint Anselm College
 Saint Michael's College
 Salisbury University
 University of San Francisco
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah Coll. of Art and Design
 Skidmore College
 Smith College
 St. Lawrence University
 Suffolk University
 Syracuse University
 University of Texas (Austin)
 Tufts University
 University of Vermont
 Virginia Military Institute
 Warren Wilson College
 Washington Univ. in St. Louis
 Westminster College
 West Point
 Williams College
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Testing:

Mean **SAT Reasoning Test** scores for the Classes of 2012-2014:

CR 528
M 573
W 534

Mean **ACT Composite Score** for the Classes of 2012-2014:
23

Mean **SAT Subject Test** scores for the Classes of 2012-2014:

Biology M (7) 667
Chemistry (23) 679
English Literature (12) 615
Math Level 1 (16) 628
Math Level 2 (39) 706
Physics (9) 683
US History (22) 588
 (total students)

In the **Class of 2015**, 32 students (50%) took 70 **AP** exams by the end of their junior year.

- 36% earned a 4 or higher
- 66% earned a 3 or higher

# Students	# AP Classes 11th
22	1-2
8	3
2	4 or more

In the **Class of 2014**, 41 students (70%) took 149 **AP** exams by the end of their senior year.

- 40% earned a 4 or higher
- 62% earned a 3 or higher

# Students	# AP Classes 11th & 12th
21	1-2
14	3-5
6	6 or more

Junior Year Grade Distribution: Class of 2015

Course (total students)	100-95	94-90	89-85	84-80	79-75	74-70	69-65	64-60
English								
AP Language & Composition (17)		10	7					
Honors Literature of American Experience (1)				1				
Literature of American Experience (88)		3	7	14	4	4	1	
Math								
Honors Senior Math (2)		1	1					
AP Calculus (9)	3	3	2	1				
Calculus (9)		2	3		1	2		1
AP Statistics (2)		2						
Honors Pre-Calculus (14)	1	5	4	2		1	1	
Pre-Calculus (8)	1	3	3			1		
Honors Algebra 2 (2)				2				
Algebra 2 (14)		4	4		2	3	1	
History								
AP Government & Politics (1)		1						
AP US History (21)	1	13	6	1				
US History (29)		12	10	5	1	1		
Science								
AP Chemistry (8)		3	5					
AP Biology (3)		2		1				
AP Physics E & M (2)		1		1				
Biology (36)	5	12	8	6	4	1		
Physics (2)		1			1			
World Languages								
Honors Spanish 4 (4)	1	1	2					
Spanish 4 (3)			1	1	1			
Spanish 3 (19)	8	5	1	1	3		1	
French 5 (2)	1		1					
French 4 (3)	1	1		1				
French 3 (6)		3	2	1				
Mandarin 3 (1)			1					