



Mt. Ararat High School

2020-2021 School Profile

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The School and Its Community

Mt. Ararat High School (MTA) is an accredited public high school by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. (NEASC)

MTA Enrollment Information

745	Grades 9-12
168	Senior Class
11:1	Student Faculty Ratio
22%	Special Education (School-Wide)
40%	Free/Reduced Lunch (District-Wide)(19-20)

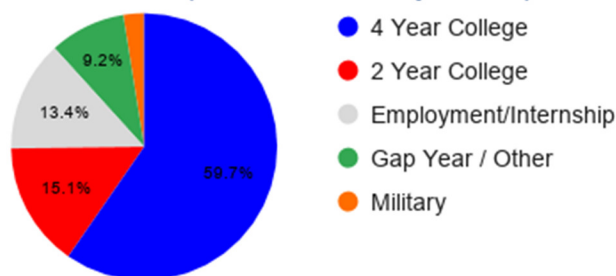
Core Values

Our vision is for every student to explore and work toward fulfilling their unique potential. In order to achieve this vision, it is our mission to ensure challenging and personalized learning; teach the essential skills necessary to meet the demands of a changing world; provide a safe, nurturing, and intellectually vibrant environment where diversity is valued and everyone is respected; and work in partnership with families and the community to promote the health and development of the whole individual.

Community

MSAD 75 towns of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, and Topsham covers approximately 40 square miles and is located in MidCoast Maine. These four towns are comprised of a heterogeneous population of academic, business, professional, working, farming and fishing families.

Class of 2020 (Post Secondary Plans)



MTA Response to COVID-19

On March 13, 2020 Mt. Ararat High School moved to emergency remote learning. We remained in that mode through June, 2020.

Our focus was on helping students to continue learning through a combination of online supports. We diligently worked to modify services and support to our students, families and community. Our Food Services Program fed our community and our IT Department ensured we had the infrastructure for remote communications.

High school families were given the option of continuing with the current grading system or request a "Pass/Fail" option for the fourth quarter. The second semester GPA of the 2019-2020 school year is not included in the GPA calculation due to grading changes made in response to the abrupt shift to remote learning in the wake of the pandemic. Students earning Incomplete in a course required for graduation will be allowed to recover credit this year. Grades are published on the transcript. The SAT School Day was not offered.

Diploma Requirements

MTAHS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021	
21.25 course credits are required for graduation	
Learning Area	Courses required to demonstrate competency
English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits (includes laboratory work)
Social Studies	3 credits (one must be U.S. History)
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Health	½ credit
Electives	4 ½ credits
Advisory/Capstone	1 ¼ credits

Admission Testing Program

All third-year students in the State of Maine are typically mandated to take the SAT Reasoning Test in the spring as part of the State assessment system. In the Spring of 2020, given the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maine Educational Assessments which included the SAT were not administered. Third year students who took the SAT in Spring of 2019 scored an average of 507 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, 493 in Math.

Class Rank, Grade Point Average and Grading System

Class rank is a cumulative non-weighted computation based on semester grades received in courses from grades 9-12. The reported grade point average (GPA) is also a cumulative non-weighted computation of all semester grades received in courses from grades 9-12 and is based on a 4 point scale.

A+	= 99-100	A	= 93-98	A-	= 90-92	B+	= 88-89	B	= 83-87	B-	= 80-82	F	= 0-59
C+	= 78-79	C	= 73-77	C-	= 70-72	D+	= 68-69	D	= 63-67	D-	= 60-62	I	= 0-59



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Curriculum

The curriculum taught and assessed at Mt. Ararat High School gives students an opportunity to enroll in a wide range of courses to satisfy specific requirements and to pursue areas of special interest in considerable depth. Students are required to enroll in courses equaling a minimum of six credits, max of seven, as underclassmen and a minimum of five for the senior year. Curriculum offerings are available in English, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages (French, German, & Spanish), art, music, health and physical education, computer science, film, and vocational training. Students are encouraged to enroll in courses that challenge them academically, and meet their career goals and personal interests.

Advisory/Capstone: The Advisory curriculum for each grade level includes a sequence of core assignments designed to facilitate each student's development of a post-secondary plan and successful completion of the culminating senior Capstone project. Other priorities of the advisory program include: regular review of each student's academic progress and attendance, communication with parents, development of post-secondary plans, discussion of school-wide issues, and participation in team building and other activities to build a sense of community and belonging within the school. Seniors are required to complete a self-directed study, a Capstone project, focused on an area of personal interest to demonstrate their skills as a lifelong learner.

Academic Support Time (AST): AST is a required allotment of time for students to seek additional support from teachers.

Extracurricular Activities

Involvement in sports and/or other activities is an important element of the Mt. Ararat environment. The athletic program includes 22 Varsity Programs and Teams, 13 Junior Varsity teams, 3 freshman teams and one non-competitive team. In addition to athletics, students are encouraged to join other clubs and activities which include Aerie (yearbook), Anime, Aquila (literary magazine), Art Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Civil Rights Team, Envirothon, Gay-Straight-Trans Alliance, Interact Club, Math Team, Mt. Ararat Stage Company, National Honor Society, PALS (Peers Assisting and Listening to Students), Science Club, Teens for Change, Student Senate, and Wellness Center. Students are encouraged to create clubs that fit their interests. Students also participate in opportunities to mentor and tutor other students.

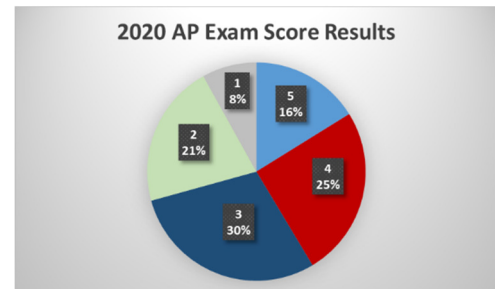
Dual Enrollment

MTA offers 3 opportunities for dual enrollment in the areas of English, Calculus and History with Maine colleges/universities.

Advanced Placement Program

Mt. Ararat offers Advanced Placement courses in 13 subject areas. Students' transcripts will reflect a designation of Advanced instead of AP for those who elect to not take the corresponding exam.

In May of 2020, 242 AP examinations were given in 13 subjects. 75% of AP scores were 3 or higher, with the following overall scores:



Advanced Placement courses are offered that correspond to the following AP examinations:

2D Design	Biology
3D Ceramics	Calculus AB
English Language & Composition	Calculus BC
English Literature & Composition	Computer Science
Environmental Science	Statistics
European History	US History
US Govt/Politics	

Additional Programs

Students have the opportunity to earn credit through Region 10 Technical High School, Jobs for Maine Graduates, courses through the University of Maine System, other area colleges, AP4ME, internships, independent study, English Language Development Program and select summer programs.

Changes for the 2020-2021 School Year

The goal of our school reopening plan is to create a safe learning environment for students and staff and attempt to maximize in-person teaching and learning.

Instruction: We are currently operating in a hybrid schedule, with the student body divided into two cohorts. Each cohort receives two days of in-person instruction and three days of asynchronous online work. Families were provided the option to attend school 100% remote. Remote learners will complete MTAHS courses via approved online platforms.

Scheduling: We offer a 70 minute block schedule over a 2-day period.

Classes: As a result of hybrid and remote scheduling several courses were eliminated: 3 Science associated laboratories and 8 general electives.