

ALWAYS GOVERNOR'S

A New England boarding school—founded before the United States was born. A classic prep school setting just off the Atlantic coast that's home to motivated students from around the world.

From our first headmaster in 1763 who encouraged his pupils to study aloud rather than insisting on the traditional silence in the classroom, we've embraced change to prepare students for the future. Because this isn't just about your next four years. It's about the promise of what can happen after that.

We've always wanted more for our students.

All to forge an entrepreneurial energy, a strong sense of ethics and responsibility, an understanding that none of us can be defined by a single quality, a keen and probing intellect ready for any challenge, a willingness to question assumptions.

Your personal interpretation of what it means to be a leader.

Discovering who you are and who you could be is what we're all about at The Governor's Academy.

Always has been. Always will be.

SHAPING CITIZEN LEADERS SINCE 1763.

Accountability, responsibility, and cooperation are part of a curriculum at The Governor's Academy that has produced generations of leaders. Here you will find the courage to take risks, the wisdom to learn from your mistakes, and the confidence to put the needs of the wider world before your own.

Our earliest graduates helped shape a young nation. The next century saw alumni such as the senator who authored the Great Compromise, limiting U.S. slavery—and the first Korean to study in the West.

Today, Governor's graduates continue to lead internationally and locally as CEOs, policymakers, engineers, entrepreneurs, physicians, teachers, scientists, and more.

Always we have embraced change ... to prepare each new generation with the knowledge and character to be full citizens of the world.

AFTER GOVERNOR'S.

Governor's students' accomplishments and diversity of interests are reflected in the wide range of colleges they choose to attend. In the last three years, students enrolled at colleges and universities in 30 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Germany, Mexico, the Republic of Ireland, and the United Kingdom. Members of our last graduating class were accepted to 31 of U.S. News & World Report's top 50 national universities, including Johns Hopkins University, Dartmouth College, the University of California at Berkeley, Brown University, and Cornell University. In addition, our graduates were accepted to 23 of U.S. News & World Report's top 50 liberal arts colleges, including Bowdoin College, Middlebury College, Carleton College, Colorado College, Colgate University, Wesleyan University, and Bates College.

The Governor's Academy is the oldest continuously operating boarding school in the United States. We are a college preparatory, coed school with more than 400 students in grades 9-12 from 23 states and 19 countries. Approximately one-third are day students and two-thirds are boarders.



A BELIEF IN YOUR POTENTIAL.

AN EXPANSIVE CURRICULUM

The Governor's Academy offers more than 125 courses, including honors, advanced, and AP classes in all departments.

- English courses include creative writing and paired text electives.
- Math choices include statistics, post-calculus topics, and computer science.
- Social studies classes include modern African, Chinese, and Middle Eastern history.
- Languages include Chinese, French, German, Latin, and Spanish.
- Science choices include marine studies, neuroscience, engineering, and AP biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science.
- Fine arts courses include architecture, film, performing arts, and music theory.

A GLOBAL VIEW

Whether you're here for 10 hours a day or 24, Governor's will open the world to you.

Motivated students from the Boston area, throughout the United States, and around the globe come together in a home away from home. Vibrant, fascinating people—including teachers who also serve as coaches and mentors—form a unique synthesis of cultures and life experiences in the comfort of a small town setting.

The challenge and opportunities of a quintessential New England boarding school merge with a warmth and openness to new ideas and new people that has always made Governor's refreshingly different.



Something amazing happens in the sciences at Governor's. Countless graduates have gone on to careers in medicine, science, and technology.

A FEW WAYS WE SPARK INTEREST:

Catalyst Internships provide diverse professional and academic research opportunities at organizations including Harvard Medical School, Woods Hole Ecological sites, Rudolph Friedmann, LLP (legal firm) in Boston, and the Carbon Crew Advertising and Design agency in Newburyport.

Collaboration with MIT has allowed students to develop and test educational apps for smart phones.

Marine Science opportunities include several field-based classes and independent research options.

SMART (Students Modeling a Research Topic) teams work with university scientists and use advanced computing to model proteins.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY.

What does innovation mean at Governor's? Fish radio frequency tags, for starters.

Our Massachusetts location just four miles from the Atlantic Ocean is a testing ground for environmental stewardship and research—such as tagging striped bass and lobster to determine population sizes. A coastal salt marsh adjoins campus, allowing us to expand marine and environmental biology courses with sophisticated field studies. Paid summer environmental research internships are also available to students through a National Science Foundation grant.

Governor's extensive marine research opportunities spring from a genuine environmental awareness that has long shaped our community.

No matter where you go in life, the larger perspective and sense of shared responsibility you gain at Governor's will always inspire you.

A WILLINGNESS TO QUESTION ASSUMPTIONS.

The marsh and wooded trails, the smell of salt in the air ... our natural setting will make you stop and think about how we impact the earth.

The commitment to sustainability at Governor's includes recycling, solar energy, composting, and organic gardening, as well as an environmental focus throughout our science curriculum. You can also work toward community service requirements through wildlife and nature preservation projects.

Never assume you are too young to make a difference.



TAKE CREATIVE RISKS, BECOME FULLY ALERT, AND REMAIN ENDLESSLY CURIOUS.

Both the casual and serious art student have always found a place in our visual and performing arts program. Outstanding facilities and an excellent faculty support a wide range of opportunities, from an active, hands-on experience in our innovative ninth grade courses to an advanced exploration of sophisticated concepts in our AP-level art courses.

ART AT GOVERNOR'S IS VIBRANT AND PASSIONATE. FINE ARTS PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Technical Theater (courses, seasonal productions, special events)
- Dance (performance-based program, master classes and workshops, private lessons)
- Art and Architecture (courses)
- Film and Photography (courses)
- Ceramics (courses, independent study)
- Music (ensembles, courses, independent study, private lessons)
- Drama (courses, seasonal productions)





OUR ATHLETIC TEAMS ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL LEAGUE AND NEW ENGLAND TITLES.

We're undeniably home to some of the best athletes in Massachusetts, many of whom go on from Governors' to play on nationally ranked college teams. But these same powerful athletes also write for our literary magazine, perform in our musicals, and take top academic honors. At Governor's, it's always been understood that none of us can be defined by a single quality.

OUR TEAMS INCLUDE GIRLS' AND BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING VARSITY TEAMS, PLUS JV AND THIRDS.

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Skiing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

Gain independence, make new best friends, and learn to manage your time in what many say feels like a second home—always with the community support of dorm parents, upperclass proctors, and dorm mates.

If you commute, you'll still enjoy the advantages that only a boarding school can offer. As a 7-day-a-week campus, we offer activities from dances to visiting authors and artists to sports, concerts, and trips.

ALWAYS FOR YOU.

It says a lot about Governor's that one of the most popular campus spots on Saturday night is the head of school's home. Card games with the head of school, watching movies, catching up with the head of school's wife, and playing ping-pong are all part of our weekends.

Mansion House became the residence of the Academy's first head of school and many of the boarding students in 1763. Today the family feel and deep sense of history remain entwined at Governor's, where students and their parents as well as faculty and their children form a community deeply committed to helping new generations move confidently into the future.

ALWAYS GOVERNOR'S.

We have always cherished the possibilities of the future as much as we cherish our traditions. You will become part of an exciting history of progress and service from which spring the scientists, artists, athletes, writers, innovators, and leaders of tomorrow.

More than 5,000 Governor's alumni form a network throughout 50 states and more than 40 countries.

The Governor's Academy will change your life. So you can change the world.



GOVERNOR'S AT A GLANCE

CHARACTER.

Founded in 1763, The Governor's Academy is the oldest continuously operating boarding school in the United States, educating young men and women in grades 9 through 12 to become the citizen leaders of tomorrow.



LOCATION

Byfield, Massachusetts, 33 miles north of Boston, 5 miles from Newburyport, 4 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, next to the Great Atlantic Salt Marshes.

STUDENTS

More than 400 boys and girls. Approximately one-third are day students and two-thirds are boarders. In 2018–19 students came from 23 states and 19 countries including China, South Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Germany, Canada, Brazil, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Dominica.

FACULTY

88 full-time faculty members. Student–faculty ratio is 5:1. 70% of faculty members live on campus. Average tenure is 13 years.

CAMPUS

52 buildings on 450 acres. Extensive facilities for athletics and visual and performing arts, as well as a state-of-the-art library, computer centers, labs, specialized classrooms, a student center, and expanded dining hall. Nine residence buildings that include mostly single rooms, as well as comfortable common areas. Campus buildings connected by fiber-optic technology.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

The Seven Essential Skills shape the curriculum of each course and are embraced by all faculty as critical in becoming lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and successful adults. Honors, advanced, and Advanced Placement classes. Independent study. Foreign languages include Chinese, French, German, Latin, and Spanish.

ARTS

A full range of visual and performing arts courses, as well as performance opportunities in dance, drama, and music. Voice and instrumental lessons. Many alumni active in the arts.

ATHLETICS

More than 50 interscholastic teams from varsity to thirds. A strong record in the Independent School League, arguably one of the most competitive prep leagues in the nation.

CAMPUS LIFE

60 extracurricular groups and a full calendar of events. Service, leadership, cultural, and recreational activities.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

A full college counseling curriculum including our comprehensive College Search Seminar Series for juniors. All three college counselors have extensive experience both as college counselors in independent secondary schools and as selective college admissions officers. View our college matriculation list at www.thegovernorsacademy.org/college.

SUSTAINABILITY

Recycling, solar energy, composting, and organic gardening. In 2016, Governor's dining hall became a 3-star Certified Green Restaurant by the Green Restaurant Association and is the only restaurant in the area with this certification.

LEADERSHIP

Head of School Dr. Peter H. Quimby '85 possesses a distinguished teaching and administrative career, having served in leadership roles at Princeton, Yale, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He lives on campus with his wife, Laurie Zug Quimby, M.D.



SCHEDULE A VISIT

Please contact the Office of Admission at 978.499.3120 or admissions@govsacademy.org to arrange a visit.

APPLY NOW

Apply online at TheGovernorsAcademy.org/applynow.

The deadline is January 15 for day candidates and January 31 for boarding candidates.

We mail our admission decision letters on March 10. Later applications are considered as space permits.

THERE'S ALWAYS MORE

Discover more about Governor's students and alumni through our interactive experience.



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