



Lenox

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL profile

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CEEB 221-165 • NEASC Accreditation, 2009



2018 Rankings
#4 in the State
#202 in the Nation



2016 Rankings
#51 in the State
#1,409 in the Nation



Accountability Data
89th percentile



School of Recognition
2018



Best School Districts in
Massachusetts, A+



MISSION *“Lenox Memorial Middle and High School cultivates critical and creative thinking, literacy, and social responsibility within a nurturing environment, we value integrity and the pursuit of excellence.”*

Lenox Memorial High School Department Overview

Humanities—English & History

The Humanities Department of Lenox Memorial High School combines the disciplines of literature, history, drama, and the social sciences. With an emphasis on interdisciplinary learning, extended writing projects, critical reading and thinking, and original academic research throughout grades 9-12, the department values depth over breadth in lieu of standardized Advanced Placement curricula and authentically prepares students for a challenging college intellectual environment. Moreover, the curricula is enriched by frequent engagement with the region’s outstanding cultural institutions (Shakespeare and Company, Barrington Stage, The Clark, Mass MOCA, The Met, and The Whitney).

The majority of Lenox students participate in the two-year Humanities sequence that begins in the junior year with American Studies, a course that combines U.S. History and American Literature, and transitions in the senior year to a team-taught Humanities course that investigates the literary, historical, philosophical, and art and architectural expressions of what has been defined as the “western” tradition from Ancient Greece to the postmodern world.

World Languages

The LMMHS World Language Department offers Level I through Advanced Placement courses in French, Latin, and Spanish. Twenty-four additional languages are also available through the department’s Computer Mediated Language Learning course. The LMMHS World Language Department consists of six highly qualified full time teachers who hold advanced degrees in their fields. The department emphasizes language proficiency, cultural awareness, and the examination of issues from a global perspective.

Mathematics

The six-member Mathematics Department strives to provide individual instruction, allowing all students to reach their personal mathematical potential. Our objective is to increase numeracy as we equip them with critical problem-solving skills. Ultimately, we are preparing students for successful roles in an ever increasingly technological and numbers-centered society. The department’s Advanced Placement electives are Statistics, and Calculus AB. The department also offers a college level course, Advanced Applied Mathematical Theory.

Science and Technology

The Science Department consists of seven full-time faculty. The curriculum includes, Advanced Placement, Honors and College Preparatory courses. Through the questions they ask during investigation, students become active learners designing and conducting their own experiments, formulating explanations for findings, and reflecting upon the outcomes. The goal of the department is to cultivate creative thinking in students in an effort to develop a social awareness of the world around them. All science courses have a lab component.

Responding to the demands of the 21st century, seven technology courses are taught by faculty members in basic and advanced computer and engineering pathways.

The Arts

The Arts Department is committed to providing students diverse opportunities in creative design through multiple mediums. Four faculty members offer electives in the areas of theater, studio art, photography, fashion design, publishing, woodworking, band, music theory, and chorus. The department’s three Advanced Placement electives are Drawing Portfolio, Two-dimensional Design Portfolio, and Three-dimensional Design Portfolio.

Internship

High school students may apply for an internship in order to gain practical knowledge and skills for a future area of study. Based on the college co-op model, internships occur in a wide variety of career fields. The program strives to assist students in demonstrating effective organizational, interpersonal and analytical skills in the workplace.

Course Offerings

COLLEGE LEVEL

Advanced Applied Mathematical Theory
Humanities
AP Spanish
AP French
AP Latin
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C
AP Studio Art
AP Courses via Virtual High School
DL Dual Enrollment College Courses

HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS

Level I – (H) – Honors
Level II – (CP) – College Prep

Accounting I/II (CP)
Advanced Chemistry (H)
Algebra I, II (CP) (H)
American Literature (CP) (H)
Biology (CP) (H)
Chemistry (CP) (H)
Computer Science I, II (H)
Consumer Math (CP)
Contemporary Issues (CP) (H)
Contemporary Stories of Survival (CP) (H)
Creative Writing (CP) (H)
Digital Media Production (CP) (H)
Early United States History (CP) (H)
English 9 & 10 (CP) (H)
Environmental Science (CP) (H)
Expository Writing (CP)
French I, II, III (CP)
French IV, V, VI (H)
Geometry (CP) (H)
Human Anatomy & Physiology (CP) (H)
Intro to Physics (H)
Latin I, II (CP)
Latin III, IV (H)
Marketing Merchandise (CP)
Math Lab 9 (CP)
Physics (CP) (H)
Pop Culture (CP) (H)
Pre-Calculus (CP) (H)
Psychology (CP) (H)
Science Fiction (CP) (H)
Sociology (CP) (H)
Spanish I, II, III (CP)
Spanish IV, V, VI (H)
Statistics (CP)
Television and Sociology (CP) (H)
United States History (CP) (H)
Virtual Enterprise (CP)
World History (CP) (H)
Writing from Classical Film (CP) (H)
Writing from Contemporary Film (CP) (H)

COURSES NOT INCLUDED IN LEVELS PROGRAM

Academic Computer Use
Academic Reinforcement
A Cappella Chorus
Chorus
Community Service
Computer Mediated Language Learner (CL)
Concert Band
Digital Photography
Drama
Drawing & Painting I, II, Advanced
Engineering/CAD/Tech I, II, III, IV
Exploring Computer Science (ECS)
Family Consumer Science
Fashion Design I, II
Foundation of Art
Graphic Design
Health & Wellness
Honors Studio
Independent Study
Internship
Music Theory
Outdoor Leadership & Recreation
Photography I, II, III
Teacher Assistant
Virtual High School
Wellness for Life
Woodworking I, II, III, IV
Yoga

2019 Graduation Requirements

English 16 credits
Mathematics..... 16 credits
Social Studies 12 credits
Science/lab 12 credits
Language 8 credits
Arts..... 2 credits
Technology 2 credits
Health & Wellness 8 credits
Non-Elective 76 credits
Elective 28 credits
Total credits required.. 104 credits

Testing Profile

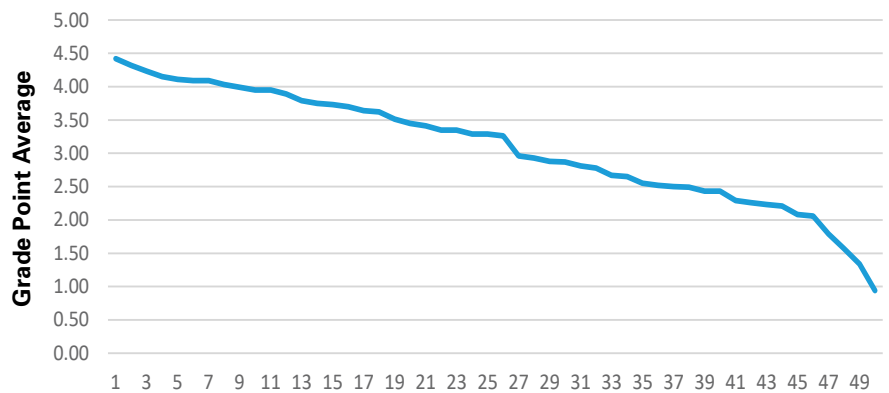
SAT I Scores - Class of 2018

Lenox
Critical Reading & Writing 605
Math 569

Class of 2018

ACT composite.....21.5

Three Year Weighted Grade Point Average Distribution—Class of 2019



Number of Students = 50

Weighted grade point average is based on Level I & II courses.

Points by Curriculum Level for Weighted Grade Point Average

Letter Grade	Numerical Conversion	Curriculum Level I	Curriculum Level II	Curriculum Level III
A+	97-100	4.57	4.0	3.43
A	94-96	4.29	3.72	3.15
A-	90-93	4.0	3.43	2.86
B+	87-89	3.72	3.15	2.58
B	84-86	3.43	2.86	2.29
B-	80-83	3.15	2.58	2.01
C+	77-79	2.86	2.29	1.72
C	74-76	2.58	2.01	1.44
C-	70-73	2.29	1.72	1.15
D+	67-69	2.01	1.44	.87
D	64-66	1.72	1.15	.58
D-	60-63	1.44	.87	.30
F	50-59	0	0	0

The Town of Lenox

Lenox is a small historical community of 5,757 residents adjacent to the City of Pittsfield in the Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts. As the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood, together with Shakespeare & Company, The Mount, and Ventfort Hall, tourism plays an important economic role in supporting a modest commercial base. Lenox is also popular for outdoor recreational activities including canoeing, fishing, and hiking, adding economic stability.

Approximately 90% of Lenox High School graduates go on to attend either two year or four year colleges immediately after high school. The drop-out rate at Lenox High School is typically less than 1%. Here is a sampling of colleges where our graduates have been accepted.

American International College	Hamilton College	Stetson University
American University	Hampshire College	Stonehill College
Amherst College	Harvard University	Suffolk University
Anna Maria College	High Point University	SUNY Albany
Bard College	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Syracuse University
Bates College	Hofstra University	Trinity College
Becker College	Ithaca College	Tufts University
Belmont University	Johns Hopkins University	Tulane University
Bennington College	Johnson & Wales University	Union College
Bentley University	Keene State College	UCLA
Berkshire Community College	Lasell College	UC San Diego
Boston College	Lehigh University	UC Santa Barbara
Boston University	Lesley College	University of Chicago
Bowdoin College	Lewis and Clark College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Brandeis University	Loyola College in Maryland	University of Connecticut
Bridgewater State University	Macalester College	University of Delaware
Brigham Young University	Marist College	University of Denver
Bryant University	Massachusetts College of Art	University of Georgia
Bucknell University	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	University of Kansas
Case Western Reserve University	McGill University	University of Kentucky
Castleton State College	Merrimack College	University of Kings College
Cedarville University	Middlebury College	University of Maine
Champlain College	Monmouth University	University of Maryland
Charleston Southern University	Mount Holyoke College	UMass Amherst
The Citadel	Mount Ida College	UMass Boston
Clark University	New York University	UMass Dartmouth
Clarkson University	Nichols College	University of Miami, FL
Coastal Carolina University	Northeastern University	University of New Hampshire
Colgate University	Norwich University	UNC Asheville
College of Charleston	Nova Southeastern University	UNC Chapel Hill
Colorado College	Oberlin College	UNC Charlotte
Colorado School of Mines	Pace University	UNC Greensboro
Connecticut College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	Penn State University	University of Pennsylvania
Curry College	Pepperdine University	University of Pittsburgh
Dartmouth College	Post University	University of Rhode Island
Davidson College	Pratt Institute	University of Rochester
Dickinson College	Princeton University	University of South Carolina
Drew University	Providence College	University of Southern California
Drexel University	Purdue University	University of Tampa
Earlham College	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Toronto
Eckerd College	Quinnipiac University	University of Vermont
Elms College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Virginia
Elon University	Rhodes College	University of Washington
Emory University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Wisconsin
Emerson College	Roger Williams University	Utica College
Emmanuel College	Sacred Heart University	Villanova University
Endicott College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wake Forest University
Fairfield University	St. Anslem's College	Washington University in St. Louis
Fisher College	St. Lawrence University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Fitchburg State University	St. Michael's College	Wesleyan University
Fordham University	Salem State University	Western New England University
Framingham State College	Salve Regina University	Westfield State University
Franklin Pierce University	Seton Hall University	Wheaton College
Full Sail University	Siena College	Whittier College
George Mason University	Simmons College	Williams College
George Washington University	Skidmore College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Georgetown University	Smith College	
Gettysburg College	Springfield College	
Gordon College		
Goucher College		

School Demographics

Comprehensive seven year public middle and high school

Enrollment (grades 6-12): 436

Senior class: 50

NEASC Accreditation: 2009

Middle and High School Faculty

Members: 55 full-time, 1 part-time

Faculty holding Masters degrees: 41

Doctoral degrees: 4

Teacher to student ratio: 1:13

School year: 2 semesters

Length of year: 180 days

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HUMANITIES

Grade 12

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Humanities investigates the types of communities—political, social, moral, and religious—that human beings have constructed for themselves and studies the various ways in which subjects navigate such terrain, both as citizens and individuals. From Ancient Greece to the contemporary U.S., the course will consider the literary, historical, philosophical, and art and architectural expressions of what has been defined as the “Western Tradition.” Much more than an overview of these classic works, Humanities encourages students to think critically about this tradition, and even strives to appreciate and understand the current relevance of what can seem to be historically and culturally remote. Why did previous generations value these works so highly? How are these writers and artists in conversation with each other? How are these works relevant to our own lives and what can we gain from them? What does it mean to be virtuous? What is the purpose, if any, of beauty? What does it mean to acquire knowledge? What makes a person or a society just? Students will grapple with these and other questions in conversations and lengthy writing assignments, with a particular interest in preparing students for the rigorous literary and historical analysis expected of them beyond high school.

Summer Reading:

Shakespeare, *The Tempest*

Huxley, *Brave, New World*

Mandel, *Station Eleven*

Curriculum Reading:

Homer, *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*

Herodotus, *The Histories*

Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*

Sophocles, *Oedipus Rex* and *Antigone*

Plato, *The Republic*

Aristotle, *The Nicomachean Ethics*

The Bible, selections

Augustine, *Confessions* and *The City of God*

Beowulf and *Grendel*

Dante, *The Divine Comedy*

Chaucer, *Canterbury Tales*

Machiavelli, *The Prince*

Shakespeare, *Hamlet* and *King Lear*

Milton, *Paradise Lost*

Coleridge and Wordsworth, *The Lyrical Ballads*

Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

Marx, *The Manifesto* and *Capital*

Darwin, *Origin of the Species*

Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*

Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*

Woolf, *Mrs. Dalloway*

Rhys, *Wide Sargasso Sea*

Kolbert, *The Sixth Extinction*

Crary, *24/7: Late Capitalism and the Ends of Sleep*

Readings are augmented by art from Ancient Greece, the Italian Renaissance, European and American Romanticism, and international Modernism and Postmodernism, and music from the Middle Ages to the contemporary period.

Field trips are made to the Shakespeare and Company, the Williams College Museum of Art, the Clark Art Institute, MassMOCA, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Theater (2015): *Fun Home* and *An Iliad* (2016); *Sweat* (2017); *Come from Away* (2018)