



# Lenox

## MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL profile

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2019 Rankings  
#32 in the State  
#777 in the Nation



#1,113 in the Nation



School of Recognition  
2019



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 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 MoMa).

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 World Language Department offers Level I through Advanced Placement courses in French, and Spanish. Latin is offered in level I, II, and III. 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. Technology courses are offered in computer and engineering pathways. Business courses focus on marketing and entrepreneurship.

### 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

Humanities  
 AP 2-D Art & Design  
 AP 3-D Art & Design  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Courses via Virtual High School  
 AP Drawing  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP French  
 AP Physics C  
 AP Spanish  
 AP Statistics  
 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)  
 Applied Physics  
 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 9 (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)  
 Sociology (CP) (H)  
 Spanish I, II, III (CP)  
 Spanish IV, V, VI (H)  
 Sports Literature (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)  
 Writing from Documentary 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  
 Photography I, II, III  
 Teacher Assistant  
 Virtual High School  
 Woodworking I, II, III, IV  
 Yoga

## 2020 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 2019

### SAT

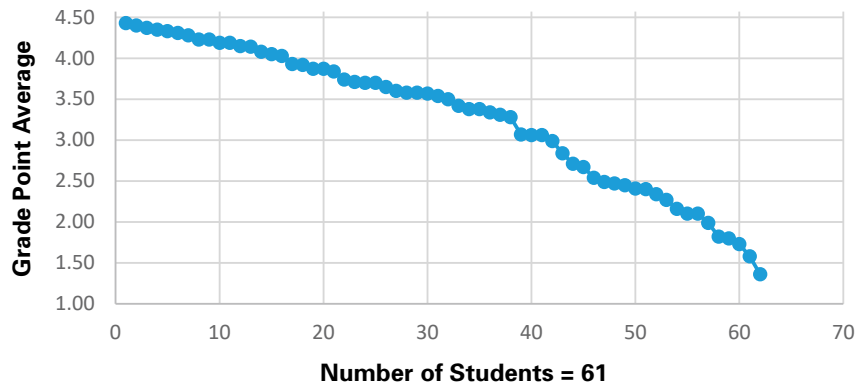
Evidenced-Based Reading  
 & Writing ..... 587  
 Math ..... 583

### ACT

Composite ..... 21.5

## Three-Year Weighted Grade-Point Average Distribution

### Class of 2020



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

Incorporated in 1767, the Town of Lenox is located in western Massachusetts. Lenox is approximately 120 miles west of Boston and 130 miles north of New York City. With a population of 4,791 residents, Lenox is part of The Berkshires, a region rich in history and culture. Among its attractions, Lenox can boast Tanglewood (the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra), Edith Wharton's The Mount, Shakespeare and Company, Ventford Hall, as well as many other nearby museums, historical estates, performing arts institutions, and outdoor activities.

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

## School Demographics

*Comprehensive seven year public middle and high school*

Enrollment (grades 6-12): 461

Senior class: 62

NEASC Accreditation: 2009

Middle and High School Faculty

Members: 56 full-time

Faculty holding Masters degrees: 46

Doctoral degrees: 5

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 Shakespeare and Company, the Williams College Museum of Art, the Clark Art Institute, MassMOCA, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Modern Art.

Theater: *Fun Home* and *An Iliad* (2016); *Sweat* (2017); *Come from Away* (2018), *Gary: A Sequel to Titus Andronicus* (2019)