



THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

ARE YOU CURIOUS?

Welcome to The White Mountain School.

Here you will love learning, expand what you thought was possible, and reimagine what you are capable of doing. We are a college preparatory boarding school, but we will do far more together than simply prepare you for college. We will prepare you to lead a meaningful and fulfilling life inspired by a sense of purpose and human connection.

We recognize that the students we serve sit at the nexus of the present and the future. Thus, it is our responsibility to inspire and develop the next generation of change-makers. Come see what's possible at White Mountain.

WE ARE A SCHOOL OF **INQUIRY AND ENGAGEMENT**

As a member of this community you will be connected to a group of peers and adults that work with you to pursue your interests, learn, grow, celebrate your successes, and support you when you face challenges.

Building community is an intentional act. At White Mountain, that starts on our Orientation Trips. Immediately following Welcome Day at the start of the year, students head off campus in groups of 12 to work together and build relationships. After our three-day Orientation Trips return, school can begin.

We believe that students learn and grow best when they feel connected. We intentionally create an informal environment in order to facilitate those connections. All teachers and students go by first names here. Also, in our weekly Morning Meetings you will see teachers alongside students sitting on the floor as we gather and listen to a morning reading, or view a performance or presentation.



OUR MISSION: We are a school of inquiry and engagement. Grounded in our Episcopal heritage, we prepare and inspire students to lead lives of curiosity, courage, and compassion.

STUDENT-DRIVEN INQUIRY + **PURPOSEFUL LEARNING**

What is student-driven inquiry? It's a commitment to putting students in the driver's seat. Research indicates, and our experience supports, that students learn best when seeking answers to questions they ask, not simply memorizing what will be on a test. We prioritize the skills and habits that drive inquiry-based learning with teachers supporting them along the way. These skills and habits that are essential to learning can and will be used by students in every future learning endeavor. Thus, by committing to student-driven inquiry, we are preparing our students with the tools to become effective lifelong learners.

PORTFOLIO-BASED LEARNING: During a student's time here at White Mountain, they will curate a portfolio of their work. They will create artifacts that demonstrate the learning process that they undergo and their work toward mastery in a variety of subject areas. This culminates with our Inquiry Summit, a student-centered approach to final exams which allows students to show what they have learned.

THE POWER OF CHOICE

It's not about the required courses students **must** take that makes their educational experience special. It's the breadth of courses they get to take. Have a look at this sampling of courses and see what looks interesting to you. Want more? Check out the website below.

CERAMICS

DESIGN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

THE ART OF DANCE

INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS ENGINEERING

MURDER IN LITERATURE

PLACE-BASED WRITING

THE ETHICS OF FOOD

POLITICS AND POETICS

EASTERN RELIGIONS

SUSTAINABLE FARMING

ADVANCED SCIENCE RESEARCH

CALCULUS-BASED PHYSICS: MECHANICS

OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERATURE

BEATS LITERATURE AND BEYOND

WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER

U.S. HISTORY: THE 1619 PROJECT

Want to design your own course? How about a class on intersectional feminism? **You can do that too.**



whitemountain.org/Courses

ESSENTIAL SKILLS + HABITS

Is the only way to learn critical thinking by reading William Shakespeare's "Macbeth"?

Is the only way to learn effective communication by debating who started the War of 1812?

Is the only way to learn organization by completing 25 algebra problems per night?

We don't think so. And neither does any of the research we found developing our Essential Skills and Habits for Academic Success. Our teachers find creative ways to teach our students through content that matters to them. Your classes here will feel meaningful and relevant to you. Your classes here will be different.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

RESEARCH SKILLS

- Identify relevant issues, debates, and open questions.
- Access, evaluate, and incorporate a wide variety of information resources.
- Arrive at original conclusions or arguments based on evidence.

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

- Think systematically and logically.
- Comprehend, analyze, synthesize, and interpret knowledge and information.
- Effectively assess the soundness of an argument.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Express ideas with clarity, concision, and grace.
- Write with correct grammar, mechanics, and citations.
- Craft well-structured papers that come to logical conclusions.
- Deliver engaging and informative presentations.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING SKILLS

- Describe and interpret ideas with equations and graphs.
- Analyze and explain quantitative data.
- Comfortably utilize mathematical tools for problem-solving.

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

- Good time management practices.
- Effective setting of short- and long-term goals.
- Organized physical and digital workspaces.

STUDY SKILLS

- Have effective strategies for taking and organizing notes.
- Strong reading skills.
- Know how to prepare for and take examinations.

ESSENTIAL HABITS

CURIOSITY

- Use questions to drive learning.
- Frame questions well.
- Explore ideas with purpose and enthusiasm.

REFLECTION

- Aware of current level of understanding.
- Reflect on successes and challenges.
- Use of feedback to improve work.
- Understand that ability and competence grow with effort.

COLLABORATION

- Welcome spirited dialogue about ideas.
- Participate successfully on teams and in study groups.
- Communicate openly with teachers and advisors.

PERSISTENCE

- Pursue inquiry as a dynamic and recursive experience.
- Work with precision and accuracy.
- Persevere when presented with a novel, difficult, or ambiguous task.
- Confident with the problem-solving, experimental, and inquiry processes.

“Our goal is not to produce students who have memorized material but students who are curious and have the academic skills and habits that will allow them to pursue work they genuinely care about.”

- Rachel Van Wylen, Art Teacher

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Whether you are laser-cutting prototypes for a design-thinking class in our Inquiry, Innovation, and Impact Lab, learning about movement and dance in our award-winning arts center, boiling down maple syrup in an agriculture and farming course, or testing the tensile strength of a climbing rope at the Petzl Factory in Utah, you will learn by doing at White Mountain.

GREEN SCHOOL: The White Mountain School is a longtime leader of the Green Schools movement. As the first high school in the country to have a dedicated Sustainability Studies Department, we believe it is important that students learn not just about the theory of sustainability but also how to take action within their own lives and the community in which they live.



24

Field Courses
offered
each year

FIELD COURSES

Is the classroom the only place to learn? We don't think so. White Mountain students immerse themselves in a week-long, off-campus Field Course each semester. These unique programs allow for in-depth, academic exploration in an authentic setting. Each Field Course provides an incomparable opportunity for students to explore and develop interests beyond the walls of the traditional classroom. Each year White Mountain offers 24 different Field Courses. Where do you want to go?

RECENT FIELD COURSES INCLUDE

Avalanche Education + Backcountry Skiing
Sawtooth Mountains, Idaho

Buddhism: The Study + Practice
Upstate New York

Cultural Immersion + Sustainable
Community Development
Nicaragua

From Acceptance to Inclusion to Affirmation:
A Look at the Past, Present, + Future of
Students of Color in Independent Schools
New England

Permaculture: A Path to
Extending Sustainability
New England

Art History and Theatre in New York City
New York, New York

Intersectional Feminism: An Examination of
Gender, Power, and Race
New England

Natural History of the Desert Southwest: A
Climbers Exploration of Red Rock Canyon
Southwest United States

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Where will you go after White Mountain?
We can help you get there.

We have a dedicated director of college counseling who works with students and their families in an individualized process that allows students to show the amazing work they have done. Students' college applications highlight the unique work they have created in our portfolio-based learning program through student-driven inquiry. We know our students and demonstrate a deep understanding of them as individuals. You will see that students matriculate to a wide variety of colleges and universities because it is truly about finding the best fit for each student.

*It turns out, colleges
know what we're
doing works.*

100
percent of our graduates
are accepted to college.



BEYOND WHITE MOUNTAIN

Recent college acceptances:

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

COLBY COLLEGE

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DENISON UNIVERSITY

ELON UNIVERSITY

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

PRESCOTT COLLEGE

QUEST UNIVERSITY

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

YALE UNIVERSITY



TRADITIONS BUILD BONDS



COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Community Weekend is the first weekend of the school year. We play games and have activities planned for all interests. Points are awarded to teams (Dark Blue or Light Blue) for performance and participation—go Dark Blue!



MORNING MEETINGS

Morning Meetings are how we start our day. We come together as a community and listen to a morning reading given by a faculty member, student, or club. Topics range from serious to silly. It's a staple of progressive education.



MOUNTAIN DAY + BEACH DAY

Mountain Day and Beach Day are Head's Holidays. One morning in the winter and one in the spring, students will wake up to a surprise—no classes today! We're heading to Jay Peak.



LIGHT BLUE VS. DARK BLUE

Light Blue vs. Dark Blue is our school-wide annual competition.

Each community member is assigned to a team. At the end of the year, the team with the most points wins!



BONDS BUILD COMMUNITY



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DAY

Sustainable Community Day brings us all together to learn about the impact of our actions. Students participate in workshops throughout the day to learn sustainable practices.



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

International Night celebrates the cultures and cuisines of our international student population. It is accompanied by a School performance that includes music and dancing.



COMMUNITY DINNERS

Community Dinners happen once per month. We come together for a more formal meal and celebration. These coincide with holidays as well as award ceremonies.



ADVISORY DINNERS

Also once per month, the Dining Hall closes for dinner, and students have dinner with their advisors either in their home or at a restaurant. This gives students a little taste of home.



A FOCUS ON **WELLNESS**

Our schedule reflects our values. You will find time to be a student, time to be social, time to be active, time to rest, and, of course, plenty of time to eat. When students on our Academic Steering Committee told us Thursdays were the hardest day of the week, we changed our schedule to give them an extra hour of sleep.



whitemountain.org/wellness

BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY

Our afternoon programs have a variety of shapes and sizes. You're bound to find the one(s) for you. Our co-curricular offerings vary widely from traditional team sports and endurance sports, to unique adventure-based sports and other activities that allow you to be on stage or behind it, working with your hands on a robot or on The Farm. No school our size has the number of offerings we do. **There is power in choice.**

CLUBS

ART

ASTRONOMY

CHESS

CITIZENSHIP

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

INDOOR SOCCER

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MENTORS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

PHOTOGRAPHY

QUEER CLUB

ROBOTICS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

STUDENT COUNCIL

SUSTAINABILITY

THE PENDULUM (YEARBOOK)

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

BACKCOUNTRY SKI + SNOWBOARD

BASKETBALL

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CROSS COUNTRY

CYCLING

DANCE

ECO-ART

FARM & FOREST

FREESTYLE SKI + SNOWBOARD

HIKING & FITNESS

ICE CLIMBING

INSTRUCTIONAL MOUNTAIN PROGRAM

LACROSSE

MOUNTAIN BIKING

RECREATIONAL SKI + SNOWBOARD

ROBOTICS

ROCK CLIMBING

SKI RACING

SOCCER

SPORT CLIMBING

THEATER

TRACK AND FIELD

WEIGHT TRAINING

WHITewater KAYAKING

YOGA

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Want a roommate? White Mountain has four dormitories with an impressive residential life curriculum. We want you to feel at home in your room and have common space to gather with friends to watch a movie, hang out, and have dorm meetings. There are faculty apartments in each dormitory so you'll always have a friendly face to go to if you need help with an assignment, you forget how to clean your room, or if you just need a freshly baked cookie to get you through study hall.

IMPRESSIVE SPACES

WEEKENDS: Activities include outdoor outings such as moonlight hikes, ski trips, or mountain bike riding; shopping trips to outlet centers, Burlington, or the local towns; art excursions to movies, plays, and art exhibits; School-sponsored cultural events, cookie baking in faculty kitchens and games, etc.

4000
POINTS

I³ LAB

Opened the Fall of 2019 in collaboration with Dartmouth College's Thayer School of Engineering. Home of Northern Horizons, our FIRST Robotics team, and space for all students to build and explore with our digital fabrication tools and woodshop.

CREATIVE EDGE DANCE STUDIO

White Mountain owns and operates a full-scale dance studio—Creative Edge—which is open to the public and teaches more than 100 dancers. There are performance opportunities in two full-length ballets, an annual recital, and regular competitions for company members.

THE FARM

Our organic farm produces multiple varieties of vegetables, fruits, and berries and includes two additional indoor growing spaces, a Sugar Shack for making maple syrup (200 gal of sap was collected in spring 2019!), and 10 free-range chickens.

MUSIC RECORDING STUDIO

Whether you're an artist, collaborator, composer, producer, or songwriter, we have the equipment you need. You can learn the basics in digital recording or continue to build your SoundCloud portfolio.

BEVERLY SELINGER BUDER CLIMBING WALL

Our 3,000 sq ft of climbing wall, used for bouldering, top roping, and lead climbing, hosts annual USA Climbing competitions and is home to our summer climbing camp.



THE ARTS

*Are you an artist? What kind?
Not sure yet? That's OK too.*

At White Mountain we have a variety of classes, clubs, and co-curricular opportunities for students to explore fine, performing, and visual arts. Whether you are interested in learning to throw a pot in our ceramics studio, develop film in our darkroom, or hone your skills in our art studio, there's time and space for you to do it.

More of a performance artist? White Mountain actually owns and operates a full dance studio that offers seven styles of dance at beginner to expert levels. There are also three full-scale performances per year.

Singers, songwriters, and musicians—there's a place for you too! Interested in theater, either on stage or behind the scenes? Great!

whitemountain.org/Arts





EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND BELONGING

Do you believe that creating a culture of belonging is a shared responsibility? So do we.

At The White Mountain School, our mission statement—rooted in courage, compassion, and curiosity—guides our work toward becoming an equitable, just, and inclusive institution. We need **curiosity** to learn about worldviews other than our own, so that we are compelled to look outside our own lived experiences. We need **courage** to reflect critically upon those lived experiences, to acknowledge that our truth is not the only truth, to be courageous enough to speak a new truth. We need **compassion** because, without it, our curiosity and courage fail; compassion fuels empathy, which we need in this movement for justice.

We believe every community member must learn about systems of oppression; it is not the work of only one person or club. We intentionally embed justice into the fabric of our community. It lives in the academic mission and vision, in the values and voices of the student leaders, and in the expectations of faculty and staff to be gender-inclusive, culturally competent, and anti-racist educators. As a student, you can expect to engage in powerful and challenging conversations about identity, equity, justice, and belonging.





CREATING SPACE

Clubs, Conferences, & Leadership:

Are you passionate about activism and social justice? While each community member will be expected to engage with identity, equity, and justice, The White Mountain School offers students with a particular passion for activism and social justice the opportunity to elevate their voice, their knowledge, and their leadership skills. Opportunities range from co-curricular options, to leadership positions, clubs and workshops, and off-campus conferences.

EQUITY & INCLUSION STUDENT DELEGATES (ELECTED LEADERSHIP POSITION)

SOCIAL JUSTICE WARRIORS

QUEER CLUB

BACKCOUNTRY SISTERS FOR WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS

SOCIAL JUSTICE & ACTIVISM CO-CURRICULAR

NAIS STUDENT DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

AISNE STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFERENCE

LAKES REGION STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFERENCE

LAKES REGION LOVE WINS CONFERENCE

Affinity Spaces

We believe that affinity spaces are just as important as the moments of cross-cultural dialogue and diverse cohorts of people. Affinity spaces provide people with the opportunity to recharge, share in communal joy, success, or challenge, and to deepen one's understanding of their own identity. While some affinity spaces have been in existence for many years, there is always the opportunity to develop more based on the needs of our community.

BLACK STUDENT UNION

LATINX STUDENTS

STUDENTS OF COLOR

LGBTQ+ AFFINITY GROUP

SOCIAL JUSTICE & ACTIVISM CO-CURRICULAR

NEURODIVERGENT AFFINITY GROUP

How will you be involved?

White Mountain students have numerous opportunities to develop their leadership skills. All of these represent places that our students can learn about their impact on others around them.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PROCTORS

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

CREW SUPERVISORS

MORNING MEETING PRESENTERS

CLUB SPONSORS

TEAM CAPTAINS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SUMMER READING SPONSORS

BE A LEADER



140 STUDENTS



FROM

CONTINENTS

6

COUNTRIES

10

STATES

24

INTERNATIONAL

19%

BOARDING STUDENTS

120

DAY STUDENTS

20



\$2 MILLION

IN FINANCIAL AID AWARDED

35%

OF DOMESTIC BOARDERS = STUDENTS OF COLOR

45 FACULTY + STAFF

85%

PERCENT OF FACULTY MEMBERS LIVE ON CAMPUS

6:1

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO



50 SPORTS + CLUBS

55

COURSES ON CAMPUS + GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY (GOA)



GOA COURSES INCLUDE:

- Bioethics • Climate Change + Global Inequality • CSII: Analyzing Data with Python
- Gender Studies • Neuropsychology

PLACE

More than 85 years ago, then Head of School Aunt Dot selected our current location because she knew that the mountain setting would help students develop both humility and vision. She was right. In these mountains we are “surrounded by things greater than ourselves” that connect us with a purpose beyond ourselves. Our mountain setting inspires us to explore more broadly, to think more deeply, and to experience the fullness of life.

NESTLED IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, OUR 250-ACRE CAMPUS, AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT SURROUND US, PROVIDE AMPLE SPACE TO LEARN, PLAY, AND GROW.



250

ACRE
CAMPUS

IN THE WHITE
MOUNTAINS



6 MILES

OF MAINTAINED TRAILS ON CAMPUS FOR
WALKING, MOUNTAIN BIKING, CROSS COUNTRY
SKIING, AND MORE!

1

AMAZING DOWNTOWN
LESS THAN 2 MILES AWAY
(Littleton, NH)

2 OF THE BEST SKI MOUNTAINS

IN THE NORTHEAST WITHIN 30 MINUTES
(Cannon + Bretton Woods)





THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

As an Episcopal school, we honor and celebrate the unique worth of each individual. We welcome students of all faiths and encourage them to grow in their own understanding of spirituality. Our Episcopal heritage inspires our commitment to community service (local and international), it informs our relationship to the natural world, and it is why we have always been a school that respects each student as an individual with unique talents and passions.

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THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL IS A GENDER-INCLUSIVE, INDEPENDENT
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