

Phillips Exeter Academy

Ivy League MIT Stanford placement

Phillips Exeter Academy: 30 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 18 %

Top 50 High Schools: 25 %

HYPMS placement

Phillips Exeter Academy: 13 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 8 %

Top 50 High Schools: 12 %

Average SAT

Phillips Exeter Academy: 2,101

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 1,842

Top 50 High Schools: 1,569

Endowment per student

Phillips Exeter Academy: \$ 0.81 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 0.32 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 0.16 million (US)

Endowment

Phillips Exeter Academy: \$ 860 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 186 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 110 million (US)

AP courses

Phillips Exeter Academy: 19 (courses)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 16 (courses)

Top 50 High Schools: 12 (courses)

Students receiving aid

Phillips Exeter Academy: 47 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 30 %

Top 50 High Schools: 22 %

Average class size

Phillips Exeter Academy: 12 (students)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 12 (students)

Top 50 High Schools: 14 (students)

Advanced degree faculty

Phillips Exeter Academy: 64 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 72 %

Top 50 High Schools: 64 %

Day Tuition

Phillips Exeter Academy: \$ 32,805 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 31,941 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 32,349 (USD)

Boarding Tuition

Phillips Exeter Academy: \$ 42,605 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 46,116 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 45,931 (USD)

Info

- Phillips Exeter Academy
 - School type:Boarding and day students
 - Day student only grade:9th to PG
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to PG
 - School focus: College Preparatory
 - AP and or IB: AP
 - Number of AP courses offered: 19
 - Average SAT: 2101 (Mean)
 - ESL offered: Yes
 - Academic calendar: Trimesters
 - Summer program: Yes
 - Boarding availability: 7 day boarding
 - Setting: Rural
 - Founded:1791
 - Total school faculty: 208
 - Advanced degree faculty: 64 %
 - Teacher : Student ratio: 1 : 5
 - Religious affiliation:None
 - Website:<http://www.exeter.edu>
 - Address: 20 Main Street Exeter NH 03833 United States
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Enrollment

- Day student only grade:9th to PG
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to PG
 - Enrollment gender:Coed
 - Average class size: 12
 - Dress code*:No
 - Total student enrolled:1063
 - International student: 11%
 - *Dress code, Yes=Formal or Uniform, No=Casual
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Tuition

- Boarding student tuition (per year):\$42,605
 - Day student tuition (per year):\$32,805
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Admissions

- Admissions deadline: January 15
 - Application fee: \$50.00
 - Acceptance rate: 19 %
 - Interview: On-campus interview required
 - Rolling admissions: No
 - English proficiency required for admission: Yes
 - Type of aid available: Need-based
 - % student receiving aid: 47 %
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Reviews

Academic

[Yale] famous for its Harkness method of teaching: emphasizes student participation, the professor functions as a member of the discussion and guide conversation in a productive direction without being overbearing. Strong in math and science. Classes go from 8 am until 6 pm and at least two hours (can be much longer!) of solid work per night. There are times with lots of tests and papers.

[Stanford] Famous for its Harkness style of teaching. Basically, every class - including math, science and art - takes place around a round table, called a Harkness table, after philanthropist Edward Harkness. Every class is like a debate, a dialogue or a lively discussion. Exeter's way of teaching math is simply unparalleled, and our classes often played host to observers from schools all over the world. There are no text books -- teachers get together and write all the problems themselves. Grading is heavily based on class participation. The average class size is probably about 8-12. Exeter teaches a way of thinking, communicating and problem solving.

[Cornell] Exeter fosters an environment that compels students not to compete with each other but to cooperate with each other in order to reach a higher level of learning. The teachers work hard to guide their students on this journey. They are extremely helpful and understanding during class time and make themselves readily available for extra help outside of class.

[Harvard] Academy is very rigorous, however, it becomes manageable because of the openness and accessibility of the teachers. Exeter is well-known for the Harkness Table, which emphasizes the participation of students leading discussions and solving problems together. The average work load is such that you receive very few hours of sleep, but the key behind homework assignments and projects is to help us become critical thinkers that are able to effectively solve problems.

[MIT] The Harkness system is remarkable; Classes are 13 students or fewer, and some classes in the higher levels are quite small. Teachers are extremely helpful and willing to meet with students. About 4-5 hours homework per night - so students will be busy.

College Counseling

[Yale] Counseling department try hard to get every possible student into top colleges. Meetings with counseling department are mandatory starting junior year. Counseling department analyses each student and develop strategy for each individual.

[Stanford] Personalized counseling service on each student

[Cornell] there were more required class meetings and individual meetings with college counselors. College counselors worked hard to make sure each student developed a balanced list of potential colleges that contained safeties, reaches, and toss-ups. Also, they would only let you apply to one college early and require that you attend that school if you get in, even if it was only early-action.

[MIT] My experience with college counseling was great and they seemed to really care about making sure that I went to a place where I'd be happy. I applied to Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Harvey Mudd, and Caltech, and I got into all of them, so I was happy with my counselor's efforts.

[Princeton] Advisors help students choose schools to look at and guide them through the entire process, ensuring that the student has adequate "safety schools" in case they don't get into their top few choices.

Admissions Process

[Yale] like applying to college, good grade is not good enough, but also focus on things unique.

[Stanford] pretty comprehensive application, with a few long and a few short essays, several teacher and community recommendations, SSAT's and an interview. Exeter doesn't "favor" particular types of students and mostly trying to build a very diverse student body.

[Harvard] At Exeter, we were fortunate, because Harvard and other college representatives would come to campus and hold interviews. In terms of preparation, the key is to be able to clearly articulate your story and why the school would be a good match for you. Many people attend these interviews and are unsure about themselves and what they want. Rather,

they rely on name recognition and the schools that their friends are applying to instead of conducting intense research on programs that would be most beneficial to their own learning experience.

[MIT] One thing that Exeter really values is independence and maturity, and a student who takes the initiative to approach the admissions office on his own does stand out. Additionally, it's a good way for the admissions office to get to know the student personally.

Extra-Curricular Activities

[Yale] Students engage in a wide range of extracurricular activities. Community service is especially huge and students are required to take part in some form of community service activity (10-15 hours).

[Stanford] Exeter academic schedule looks very daunting - 8am to 6pm during the week and 8am to 12:35 on Saturdays. However, varsity and club sports practices are scheduled into your day, usually taking place after lunch (1:30-3:30) or at the end of the academic day (3:30-6). So it's not like you're going to get out of class at 6:00 and have to go straight to the gym. Of course, you're going to have to sacrifice some activities and interests in favor of others, maybe especially at a place like Exeter, where you're going to have a substantial work load.

[Harvard] Exeter has a wealth and diversity of organizations ranging from ethnic to athletic to religious. There is something for everyone and in addition, the administration allows students to create their own organizations.

[MIT] Exeter's extracurricular offerings are excellent, both in terms of breadth and depth. There are hundreds of clubs, some that are mainly for fun

Quality of School Life

[Yale] Students were given responsibilities and workload as college students but not freedom; not enough time to sleep;

[Stanford] The dining halls at Exeter are great. Housing at Exeter is also pretty great, many students can get single room.

[Cornell] Life in Exeter is very much like living a bubble. You live in this little perfect world with all the resources you could really want. Each dorm also has dorm faculty, usually one on each floor, and your faculty advisor is usually in your dorm. There are also proctors in the dorm, almost always seniors, that have been elected to act as a liaison between faculty and the rest of the students. The library is amazing. It's the biggest secondary school library in the country. The food is pretty good. Very diverse student body and faculty...surrounding is probably almost entirely white.

[Harvard] The quality of life at Exeter was excellent because the community was so open and supportive. The dorms were beautiful and the rooms became better and better after freshman year.