



# Wayland Academy

## 2024–2025 School Profile



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### About Wayland

Founded in 1855, Wayland is an independent, coed college preparatory school for boarding and day students. The school's rigorous academic program features small class sizes, capstone projects at every grade, active media studies, environmental science, and STEAM programs, and an array of AP offerings. The diverse and welcoming school community brings together students from across the United States and more than 30 other countries in an intimate learning environment, with a student-faculty ratio of 6:1. Wayland's historic campus is located in the heart of the Midwest in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin—just 40 miles from Madison and 60 miles from Milwaukee.

With a diverse student body, the educational experience and community at Wayland provide the perfect learning environment for the 21st century. The wide-range of course offerings provide students with the opportunity to explore areas of individual interest and personalize their experience. Our school motto, "Knowledge and Character," guides us in preparing our students for successful futures.

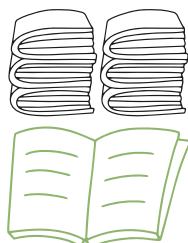
30+

Countries  
represented  
in our  
student body



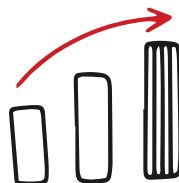
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student teacher  
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Levels of instructions:  
Advanced Placement (AP),  
Honors (H), and  
College Preparatory (CP).



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ACRES = A CAMPUS  
WITH PLENTY OF  
ROOM TO ROAM



21

Big Red sports  
options





### Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 20 credits to earn a diploma from Wayland Academy, including the minimum requirements from the areas listed below.

- **English:** 4 credits
- **Mathematics:** 3 credits (1 credit in each of Algebra 1, Geometry, and 1 credit in Algebra 2, Precalculus, or Topics in Math)
- **Lab Science:** 3 credits (1 credit in each of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- **Social Science/History:** 3 credits (including U.S. History, non-US History, and one additional course)
- **Modern Languages:** 3 credits\*
- **Fine and Performing Arts:** 2 credits
- **Athletics/PE:** 4 years of successful participation
- **College Applications:** All seniors are required to submit a minimum of one application to a four-year college or university.
- **Senior Capstone Project Completion**

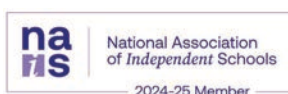
Courses are offered at the College Preparatory (CP), Honors (H), and Advanced Placement (AP) levels.

\*Students for whom English is a second language are exempt from the Modern Language requirement.

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### AP Courses\*

Wayland offers 18 AP courses: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Psychology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, U.S. History, European History, Microeconomics, U.S. Government and Politics, Spanish Language, German, and Studio Art. There is no limit to the number of Advanced Placement courses a student may take. Students in AP classes are required to take the AP exam. Wayland has offered Comparative Government and Politics and Macroeconomics.

\*Many of our AP courses are offered as a single section.

### Honors Courses

Wayland offers 20 Honors classes: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry (Logic and Proofs), Precalculus, Calculus, Anatomy, Physiology, & Medical Terminology, Poetics & Composition, German 2, German 3, German 4, German 5, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Spanish 5, Art, Piano, Music Ensemble, Concert Band, and Concert Choir.

### GPA and Grading System

Cumulative grade point average is made up of all grades earned at Wayland; It does not include grades earned at schools other than Wayland. Grades with a plus or minus are figured by adding or subtracting 0.3. Grades in Honors courses add 0.5 and grades in Advanced Placement courses add 1.0 to the GPA calculation. The top mark is an A, while the lowest passing mark is a D-.

- A (90-100)**
- B (80-89)**
- C (70-79)**
- D (60-69)**
- F (below 60)**

GPA is figured using the following points:

<b>AP</b>	A=5	B=4	C=3	D=2	F=0
<b>HC</b>	A=4.5	B=3.5	C=2.5	D=1.5	F=0
<b>CP</b>	A=4	B=3	C=2	D=1	F=0



### Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection

Wayland Academy does not publicly rank its students. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the senior class will be elected by a vote of the faculty. The top 10% of the senior class by GPA will be selected for discussion and vote. The basis of selection will be cumulative Wayland GPA after seven (7) semesters for seniors.

### Senior Capstone Project

The Senior Capstone program includes the creation, documentation, defense, and presentation of a project of a student's choosing; it is a rigorous undertaking that extends through the academic year. The project is a graduation requirement that represents a student's interests while applying their skills, developing their knowledge, and contributing to Wayland's community in education or service. In the past students have restored objects or areas around campus; served their community with events, groups, or causes; extended a project for a class or club; or researched a hobby in-depth. The program culminates in a Senior Capstone Fair that showcases the depth and variety of seniors' hard work.

### Test Scores

Average test scores for the classes of 2023 and 2024.

ACT Score: **23**      SAT Score: **1120**

### Student Activities

At Wayland, students benefit from a highly structured schedule. Students are required to be in class from 8:15 am to 3:40 pm, at sports practice from 4:00 pm to 5:40 pm, and study hall from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm every Sunday through Thursday. While boarding students do not participate in club sports, non-school organizations, and employment off-campus, our comprehensive schedule ensures that students make the most of the diverse opportunities available in our engaging campus community.

### Wayland Terminology

**Humanities:** A course for all freshmen at Wayland Academy. This course integrates English 1 and World History, and the class meets twice per day. For students in the class of 2025, it will be marked on the transcript as one entry worth two credits because it covers both English and History courses.

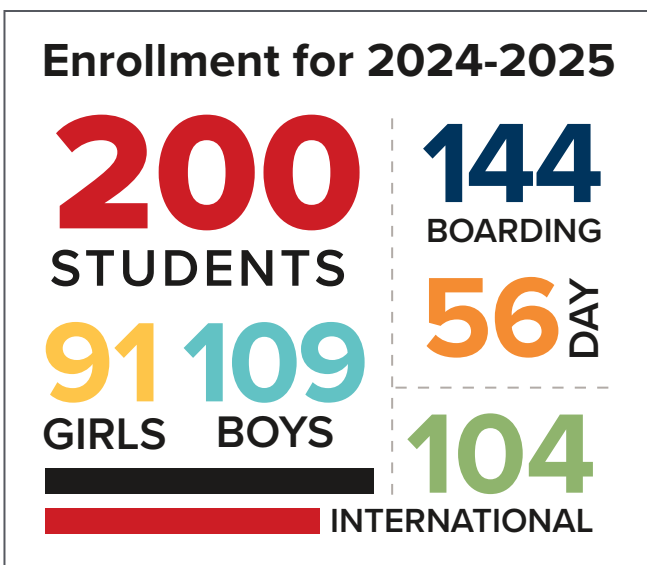
**Proctors:** Students selected by the faculty to supervise study hall in the dorms, in the student union, or in the Chapel for music practice.

**Prefects:** Wayland's highest student leadership position. Students must complete an application with essays, group exercises, and an interview with faculty. Prefects counsel their peers, enforce school rules, and supervise in the absence of faculty.

**Cum Laude Society:** "The Cum Laude Society recognizes academic achievement in secondary schools for the purpose of promoting excellence (Areté), justice (Diké) and honor (Timé)." No more than 10% of a class can be inducted as juniors. As seniors, up to 20% of the class may be inducted.

**Junior Marshal:** Students must be in the top 15% of the junior class to be considered. In addition to academic achievement, students will be evaluated and chosen by the faculty based on their leadership, participation, and commitment to the Academy.

**Book Awards:** Each department selects one underclassman and one senior student who represents the best achievement each year in a particular discipline.





# College Acceptances

2019–2024

**Bold type** indicates schools at which are graduates are currently enrolled.

Agnes Scott College  
Allegheny College  
**Amherst College**  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Bard College  
Bates College  
**Beloit College**  
Binghamton University  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
University of British Columbia  
Bucknell University  
**University at Buffalo—SUNY**  
California Polytechnic State University—San Luis Obispo  
**University of California—Berkeley**  
University of California—Davis  
University of California—Irvine  
University of California—San Diego  
**University of California—Santa Barbara**  
Carleton College  
**Carthage College**  
Chapman University  
**University of Chicago**  
**Claremont McKenna College**  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
**Colby College**

University of Colorado—Boulder  
Colorado School of Mines  
**Columbia University**  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dayton  
**Denison University**  
**University of Denver**  
DePaul University  
**DePauw University**  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
The University of Edinburgh  
**Florida State University**  
**Fordham University**  
Franklin & Marshall College  
George Washington University  
Gettysburg College  
Gonzaga University  
Grinnell College  
**Gustavus Adolphus College**  
Harvey Mudd College  
Haverford College  
**Hobart and William Smith College**  
**Howard University**  
University of Illinois—Chicago  
**University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign**  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
**University of Iowa**  
Kenyon College  
**Lake Forest College**  
**Lawrence University**  
Lehigh University

**Loyola University Chicago**  
Macalester College  
**Marquette University**  
**University of Massachusetts—Amherst**  
**University of Miami**  
Miami University—Oxford  
University of Michigan  
Michigan State University  
Michigan Technological University  
**University of Minnesota—Twin Cities**  
Mount Holyoke College  
**New York University**  
**Northwestern University**  
University of Notre Dame  
**Oberlin College**  
**The Ohio State University**  
**Penn State University—University Park**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Puget Sound  
**Purdue University**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Rhodes College**  
**Ripon College**  
**Rochester Institute of Technology**  
University of Rochester  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University—New Brunswick  
Saint Louis University

**Saint Louis University—Madrid**  
St. Mary's University—London  
**St. Norbert College**  
St. Olaf College  
**University of San Diego**  
University of San Francisco  
**Sarah Lawrence College**  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
Scripps College  
Smith College  
**University of Southern California**  
University of South Florida  
Stony Brook University  
University of St. Thomas (MN)  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
**Temple University**  
Tulane University  
**University of Toronto**  
Vassar College  
University of Vermont  
Virginia Tech  
**Washington and Lee University**  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
**University of Washington**  
**Wheaton College (MA)**  
Williams College  
**University of Wisconsin—Madison**  
**The College of Wooster**  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute