



Westminster School



Westminster School is one of America's leading independent boarding and day schools. Since its founding in 1888, the school's mission has remained constant, to provide students with an outstanding education that extends far beyond the classroom. In the process, Westminster strives to put the school's motto *Virtute et Numine*, loosely translated as Grit and Grace, into the character of every person who becomes a part of the Westminster community.



Armour Academic Center is a state-of-the-art 85,000-square-foot building that houses classrooms, the library, school store, a planetarium and a 120-seat lecture hall.



A Diverse Community

- 400 students, grades 9-12 and postgraduate
- 75 percent boarding and 25 percent day students
- 15 percent international students
- students from 22 states and 30 countries
- 95 faculty members

Westminster is an ideally sized close-knit educational environment, offering a broad academic program enhanced by:

- a state-of-the-art 85,000-square-foot academic center
- classrooms equipped with sophisticated educational technology
- visual and performing arts
- athletics
- brand new dorms
- student clubs and organizations
- extracurricular programs

Westminster is guided by four core values: COMMUNITY, CHARACTER, BALANCE AND INVOLVEMENT and its motto, "grit and grace."



**GRIT &
GRACE**



Academic Program

The academic program at Westminster is comprehensive, balanced and challenging. It is comparable to those found at much larger schools:

- 22 Advanced Placement (AP) offerings
- class sizes averaging 12 students or fewer
- student-to-teacher ratio of 5:1
- honors, elective and independent study courses

All of our students are assured an opportunity to play an active role in their classes and receive a unique amount of individual attention.

Learning in small classes develops skills in clear thinking and writing, problem solving, public speaking and analysis based on evidence and ethical judgment. These skills provide a firm foundation for higher education and lifelong learning and prepare graduates for life in a morally complex, rapidly changing and technology-driven world.



Faculty

Members of the Westminster faculty are dedicated teachers who are excited about educating young people and passionate about their subject matter. Each faculty member brings his or her impressive academic credentials and professional experiences to all aspects of school life.

- More than 75 percent of the faculty live on campus, many with their families.
- Faculty members are fully engaged in community life as teachers, coaches, advisors, dorm parents, program directors, role models and friends.



Athletics

At Westminster, interscholastic athletics is for everybody. We offer 14 sports and more than 50 teams with each student competing on an interscholastic team appropriate to his or her talent, experience and potential.

- 35 acres of playing fields
- 14 tennis courts
- 400-meter synthetic track
- lighted, synthetic turf field
- eight international squash courts
- four American squash courts
- indoor hockey rink
- baseball and softball fields
- indoor basketball courts
- fitness center
- eight-lane, 25-yard pool



Visual and Performing Arts

The arts are infused into many aspects of life at Westminster. Each year, Westminster presents:

- a fall dramatic play
- a winter musical
- student-directed performances
- concerts by the jazz and concert bands, dance ensembles, the chorale and the chamber choir

College Counseling

The College Counseling Office at Westminster is staffed by dedicated and experienced professionals who assist students in determining the strongest possible choices from which to select the college or university that is “the right fit.”



In recent years, approximately 65 percent of students gained admission to colleges and universities ranked as “Most Competitive” by Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges, and approximately 90 percent gained admission to colleges and universities ranked as “Most” or “Highly Competitive.”

A Quintessential New England Community

Westminster’s 200-acre campus overlooks the Farmington River in Simsbury, Conn., a warm, welcoming and safe New England town. Simsbury’s many restaurants, coffee shops, stores and cultural activities are only a short walk from campus.

Simsbury is located:

- halfway between New York City and Boston
- 20 minutes from Bradley International Airport
- 25 minutes from downtown Hartford
- Transportation to and from local airports is provided



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