



EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

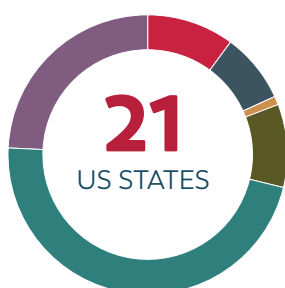
Honoring its founder's vision, Emma Willard School proudly fosters in each young woman a love of learning, the habits of an intellectual life, and the character, moral strength, and qualities of leadership to serve and shape her world.

STUDENT BODY

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

351

99 12th Grade
86 10th Grade
90 11th Grade
76 9th Grade



• Asian
• Black/African American
• Hispanic
• Multiracial
• White/Non-Hispanic
• Other/Prefer not to say



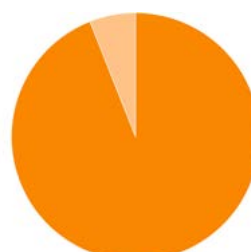
• Canada
• China
• Hong Kong
• Japan
• Mexico
• Nigeria
• Rwanda
• Singapore
• South Korea
• Taiwan
• Thailand
• United Arab Emirates
• Viet Nam
• Other (24)

A financial aid budget of \$7.1 million enables 45% of the student body to receive financial assistance to attend Emma Willard School. The average financial aid award for those who qualify is \$57,066 for boarding students and \$30,656 for day students. Emma Willard School considers for admission any applicant who is inspired and feels well-served by our girls' school mission. We do not consider for admission any applicant who identifies as a boy. As we affirm our mission, Emma Willard School respects the gender identities of all current students.

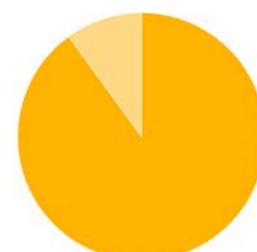
FACULTY



Teaching Faculty
Residential Faculty



Advanced degrees
Some graduate work
or undergraduate



Full Time
Part Time

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Emma Willard curriculum reflects the school's pursuit of excellence; capitalizes on the global nature of its student body; sustains a belief in the importance of leadership, ethics, and service in adolescent education; and honors the woman's perspective. Emma Willard offers a rigorous college preparatory program with Advanced Studies (AS) opportunities and upper-level electives in all disciplines. In line with our Program Pillars (emmawillard.org/academics), there are guidelines for the number of AS classes students are recommended to take. Ninth graders generally do not enroll in AS courses. Tenth grade students may choose one AS course, 11th graders up to two, and 12th graders up to three. Students seeking to exceed these guidelines may petition to enroll in additional AS courses.

Advanced Studies: Advanced Studies (AS) courses are equal to or greater than Advanced Placement™ (AP) courses in rigor but offer opportunities for extended inquiry and independent research, meaningful collaboration, and experiential learning. AS courses are designed through a rigorous internal process and are subject to approval by the Dean of Academics.

Personalized Study: Students may engage in personalized studies through several special programs:

- *Practicum* is an independent study program. It offers students opportunities for exploration and enrichment through academic and nonacademic experiences both on and off campus.
- *STEAM 9 and 10* are individualized courses for ninth and tenth graders. Students collaborate on projects aligned with their areas of interest. Projects culminate with poster presentations. (STEAM: science, technology, engineering, arts, math)
- *Signature* is a capstone program that allows students to explore a topic of their interest in depth. Students utilize individualized instruction to work on project goals for one academic year and present the results of their work during a special, all-school showcase.
- *Emma Artists Program* is for both performing and visual arts students who wish to pursue study beyond our advanced offerings in their particular arts discipline. Students work on their individual pieces while meeting weekly for performance classes, group critiques, collaboration, and improvisation sessions. Students perform and show their work throughout the year, with a final culminating arts showing at our all-school showcase.

Beyond the Classroom: Students have robust opportunities to build leadership and collaboration skills through affinity groups, clubs, interest groups, orchestra, choir, and athletics. Student leadership roles are divided into three tiers: White, Black, and Red. Red Tier roles are the most prestigious and the most time-consuming, for that reason, students may only hold one. They may not hold both a Red Tier role and a Black Tier role at the same time; however, students with a Red Tier Role may hold a maximum of two White Tier Roles. Visit emmawillard.org/student-leadership for details about student involvement.

GPA and Class Rank: Emma Willard does not rank students, nor do we provide a cumulative grade point average as part of a student's credentials. This practice is consistent with our founder's belief that "education should seek to bring its subjects to the perfection of their moral, intellectual, and physical nature." Believing that her vision encourages students to measure their strengths against their own potential rather than in competition against others, we do not report information that invites comparisons of students.

Grading:

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F/No Credit	<60

There is no grade of A+. "NC" (no credit) represents a failing grade. All arts courses are graded as CR/NC (credit/no credit) unless a letter grade is chosen by the student (for visual art courses only).

Grading for Ninth Graders: Students entering Emma Willard's ninth grade are graded on a credit/no credit basis for the fall semester. In the spring semester, ninth graders receive letter grades that are reported on transcripts. Comprehensive final exams may be included in this spring semester grade. Because of this, there is no year grade recorded for ninth grade. If colleges require a final grade for the purpose of calculating a GPA, we suggest using the spring semester grades for this purpose.

School Policy on Reporting Discipline: Making mistakes is a natural, necessary part of a student's personal growth and educational development. This is especially true in a boarding school environment such as Emma Willard's, where student behavior is monitored closely and consistently. While we acknowledge the need to report significant disciplinary events to colleges, we also believe that routine discipline is a developmentally appropriate tool to be used without fear of long-term consequences. Emma Willard therefore shares with colleges only disciplinary information about a student's suspension or expulsion.

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2026-2027 EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL COURSE LISTINGS AND CREDITS

(.25, .5, and .75 credits = semester course, 1.5 credits = AS year course, 1.0 credits = year course) | emmawillard.org/course-catalog

ARTS

- Intermediate Ballet .5
- Advanced Ballet .5
- Intermediate Contemporary Dance .5
- Advanced Contemporary Dance .5
- Hip Hop .5
- Dance Choreography/Performance Workshop .25
- Core Training Fundamentals .25
- Orchestra .5
- Chamber Orchestra .5
- Choir .5
- Inner Choir .5
- Music Appreciation: The World of Music .25
- Semiquavers .5
- Ceramics .5
- Architectural Sculpture .5
- Introduction to Photography .5
- Film and Video .5
- Introduction to Drawing .5
- Introduction to Painting .5
- Graphic Design .5
- Intermediate Media Arts: : Photo, Video, and Design .5
- Advanced Media Arts: : Photo, Video, and Design .5
- Intermediate Studio Art 1.0
- Advanced Studio Art 1.0
- Intermediate Sculpture and Ceramics .5
- Advanced Sculpture and Ceramics .5
- Emma Artists I: Visual Arts .5
- Emma Artists I: Performing Arts .5
- Emma Artists II: Visual Arts .5
- Emma Artists II: Performing Arts .5
- Emma Artists III: Performing Arts .5
- Special Project in Arts .5
- Acting: The Art and Craft of Play .5
- Acting for the Camera: The Beginner's Guide to Screen Acting .5
- Actor as Creator: Special Projects in the Theatre Arts .5
- Public Speaking: Expressive Speech and Storytelling .5
- Theatre Company .25
- The Art of Voiceover Acting .5
- Technical Theatre Production & Design .25
- Technical Theatre Support .5

ENGLISH

- English I 1.0
- English II 1.0
- English III 1.0
- Academic Writing for Multilingual Learners
- Effective Communication for Multilingual Learners
- Writing Support .5
- Creative Writing for Sophomores and Juniors .25
- Sides Visiting Writer .25
- Nonfiction Workshop .5
- Ecolit: Literature of the Environment .5
- Magic(al) Realism .5
- Literature of the Good Life .5
- Comedy and Satire .5
- Short Fiction Workshop .5
- Dystopian Fiction .5
- AS Postcolonial Perspectives: Literature & Theory 1.5
- AS The Politics of Emotion 1.5

HISTORY

- Classical Mediterranean History .5
- African History .5
- East Asian History .5
- Indian History .5
- History of the Middle East .5
- Latin American History from Early Civilizations to the Challenges of the 20th Century .5
- European History .5
- Contemporary World History .5
- US History 1.0
- Indigenous History of North America .5
- Global LGBTQ History .5
- Diplomacy and Peace Studies 1.0
- Women's History and Gender Studies .5
- AS Comparative Government and Politics 1.5
- Modern African American History .5
- AS US History 1.5
- AS Art History 1.5
- AS Economics 1.5
- US Government and Politics 1.0

LANGUAGES

- French I 1.0
- French II 1.0
- French III 1.0
- French IV: Exploration of the Francophonie beyond French Borders 1.0
- AS French V: French Identity(ies) 1.5
- Spanish I 1.0
- Spanish II 1.0
- Spanish III 1.0
- Spanish IV 1.0
- AS Spanish V: Voices and Variation Through Film 1.5
- Latin I 1.0
- Latin II 1.0
- Latin III 1.0
- Latin IV: Literature and Empire 1.0
- AS Latin IV: Literature and Empire 1.5
- Chinese I 1.0
- Chinese II 1.0
- Chinese III 1.0
- AS Chinese IV 1.5

MATHEMATICS

- Math Support I .5
- Math Support II .5
- Math Support III .5
- Algebra II and Trigonometry 1.0
- Algebra II & Trigonometry with Non-Routine Problems 1.0
- Geometry 1.0
- Thinking Mathematically .5
- Quantitative Reasoning .5
- Financial Literacy .5
- Precalculus 1.0
- Precalculus with Non-Routine Problems 1.0
- Calculus 1.0
- AS Calculus AB 1.5
- AS Calculus C with an Introduction to Multivariable Calculus 1.5
- AS Statistics 1.5

SCIENCE

- Foundations in Environmental Science 1.0
- AS Physics I 1.5
- AS Physics II 1.5
- Biology 1.0
- AS Biology 1.5

- Genetics .5
- Genetics Lab .5
- Astrobiology .5
- Chemistry 1.0
- Chemistry Essentials 1.0
- Foundations in Organic Chemistry .5
- AS Chemistry 1.5
- Neuroscience 1.0
- Anatomy & Physiology .5
- Marine Biology .5
- Environmental Science and Policy 1.0
- AS Entomology .75

TECHNOLOGY

- Introduction to Coding with Python .5
- AS Computer Science Explorations 1.5
- AS Computer Science with Java 1.5

ATHLETICS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- ARC Swim Instruction and Safety
- ARC Lifeguard Training .25

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Jestermeister
This annual mini-term gives students the opportunity to do a dive deep into a single topic that interests them for a full week of immersive, hands-on learning. Jestermeister courses are designed to energize and inspire our student body, asking them to think on their feet, work together to solve problems, and step outside of their comfort zones to explore the world beyond their classroom.
- Practicum
Practicum is Emma Willard's independent study program. It offers students in grades 9-12 opportunities for exploration and enrichment through academic and non-academic experiences both on and off campus.
- STEAM Research 9 .25
This one-semester course allows ninth graders to complete flexible, cross-disciplinary projects in STEAM fields. Emphasis is placed on teamwork, problemsolving, and exhibiting final work. Final work is exhibited with a comprehensive poster.
- STEAM Research 10 .5
This year-long class offers tenth graders the opportunity to explore STEAM concepts of their choosing together in small teams. Students complete an extensive project composed of their own goals and outcomes. The experience culminates with an extensive poster.
- Signature Program .5
Signature is a capstone course open to eleventh and twelfth graders. Students design their own, year-long projects, and share their experiences and outcomes in presentations to the entire school community. Together with their teacher, students make use of school resources and relationships on and off campus to craft their individualized projects.

SEMINAR

- Grade 9: Ready Seminar
- Grade 10: Ready Seminar
- Grade 11: Ready Seminar
- Grade 12: Ready Seminar

EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Classes of 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

American University (3)
American University of Paris (2)
Amherst College
Arizona State University (2)
Bard College (5)
Barnard College (5)
Bates College (3)
Belmont University
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Bocconi University (2)
Boston College (4)
Boston University (3)
Brandeis University (4)
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College (4)
Bucknell University (3)
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University (3)
Case Western Reserve University (3)
Centre College
Champlain College
Chapman University
Christopher Newport University (2)
City University of New York - City College
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University (2)
Clarkson University (2)
Colby College
Colgate University (2)
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Community College of Vermont
Concordia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University (15)
Dartmouth College
Dickinson College (2)
Drexel University (2)
Eckerd College (2)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Daytona Beach
Emerson College (3)
Emory University (Emory) (9)
Endicott College (2)
Fashion Institute of Technology (2)
Fordham University (9)
Franklin & Marshall College (2)
George Washington University (11)
Georgetown University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College (2)
Hampton University (2)
Harvard University (2)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (4)
Howard University
Indiana University

Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University (4)
Kenyon College (4)
Lafayette College (7)
Lehigh University (5)
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago (2)
Lynn University
Macalester College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3)
McGill University (4)
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Moore College of Art and Design
Mount Holyoke College (5)
Muhlenberg College
New York University (28)
Northeastern University (12)
Northwestern University (4)
Oberlin College (4)
Occidental College
Ohio State University Columbus
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
University Park (3)
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Providence College (4)
Purdue University
Queen's University (2)
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (4)
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology (4)
Rutgers University New Brunswick (3)
Sacred Heart University
Saint Louis University
Saint Michael's College
Sarah Lawrence College (3)
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College (3)
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Siena College
Skidmore College (6)
Smith College (8)
St. John's University New York
St. Lawrence University (2)
Stanford University (2)
State University of New York Albany (4)
State University of New York Buffalo (3)
State University of New York Hudson
Valley Community College
State University of New York New Paltz
State University of New York Stony Brook
Stevens Institute of Technology
Suffolk University

Swarthmore College
Syracuse University (5)
The New School (4)
Trinity College (3)
Trinity College of Dublin
Trinity University
Tufts University (2)
Union College (3)
University College London
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis (2)
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles (3)
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego (2)
University of California, Santa Barbara (2)
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Connecticut (3)
University of Hartford
University of Hong Kong
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (7)
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts Amherst (2)
University of Miami (2)
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (3)
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Pittsburgh (3)
University of Portland
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester (3)
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California (6)
University of St Andrews
University of Tampa
University of Texas Austin
University of the Arts London
University of the Pacific
University of Toronto (3)
University of Vermont (7)
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison (3)
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College (4)
Villanova University (2)
Wagner College
Waseda University
Washington University in St. Louis (4)
Webb Institute
Wellesley College (10)
Wesleyan University (5)
Wheaton College (2)
Williams College
Xavier University of Louisiana

