

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

## COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

The town of Epping, population 7129, is located in Rockingham County in southern New Hampshire. Epping is 60 miles north of Boston, MA and 25 miles east of Manchester, NH. The town's history is rich in agriculture and brick making. While the brickyard has since been replaced with retail stores, roadside farm-stands and horse pastures are still found throughout town. Market Basket and Walmart are the two largest employers in town. The median household income in Epping is \$88,671 and 29.7% of residents over the age of 25 possess a Bachelor's degree or higher. The poverty rate in town is 6% and 21% of students in the Epping School District receive free or reduced lunch.

The Epping School District serves approximately 880 students in Pre-K through grade 12. The high school has a total enrollment of 223 students. Epping High School is recognized by The College Board as a "Rural/Small Town High School".

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Epping High School community educates and empowers students within a safe learning environment to become Respectful, Involved, and Knowledgeable 21st century learners and citizens.

## DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

The mission of the Epping School District is to focus on the potential of every student and engage each to be passionate, confident learners who demonstrate competence and have strength of character to reach their highest aspirations and thoughtfully contribute to a diverse and changing world.

## STANDARD ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Epping High School offers more than 80 courses in 13 disciplines. Additionally, students may enroll in courses at the regional career and technical education center The Seacoast School of Technology. Our academic programs provide students with a college, career, and life preparatory curriculum. These courses require analysis, critical thinking, and a commitment to meeting high academic standards. Per the NH Department of Education Public School Standards, high school credit is awarded through meeting courses competencies. Competency is defined as the understanding and application of key concepts and skills within and across content areas. Epping High School also embeds the Work Study Practices into the curriculum; every student is assessed in the areas of Self-Direction, Communication, Collaboration, and Innovation.

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Epping High School offers a 3-tiered diploma program: State, Standard, and Honors. Requirements for each diploma can be found in the Program of Studies on the school website. Requirements for the Epping Standard Diploma are listed below and include the minimum state requirements of 20 credits plus additional credit requirements in science, social studies, and electives. The Honors Diploma adds world language requirements, specific math requirements, as well as requirements for honors & AP classes.



English- 4 credits Math- 3 credits Science- 3 credits Social Studies- 3 credits Computer Ed.- .5 credit Physical Education- 1 credit Health- .5 credit Arts- .5 credit Electives- 7 credits TOTAL- 22.5 credits

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#### **Statistics**

2023-2024 Total Enrollment (9-12): 223

Enrollment in Class of 2024: 50

School Year: 175 days, 2 semesters

Schedule: Epping Middle High School operates on a 4 period per day, A/B block schedule with courses running either full-year or semester-long.

Reporting Terms: Course grades are reported at the end of each semester with credit awarded at that time. There are no quarter grades.

# GPA, Class Ranking, & Latin Honors

A student's GPA is determined by multiplying the weighted grade point value by the credits earned for each individual class, totaling the grade points earned, and then dividing the total grade points earned by the total credits attempted. GPA is updated at the end of each semester.

Class rank is the order of weighted GPA's in a graduating class from highest to lowest. Class rank is only reported on transcripts and not used for recognition purposes. The Latin Honors System is utilized to award graduation honors:

> Cum Laude = 3.50 or higher Magna Cum Laude = 3.75 or higher Summa Cum Laude = 4.00 or higher

# **Class of 2024 SAT Data**

All juniors in the state of NH are required to take the SAT in the spring of 11th grade. The chart below displays the EHS Class of 2024's average scores of *all* required test-takers and the average score of the Class of 2024's *college-bound* test takers.

College-bound status is determined by the completion of Algebra II or higher by the end of junior year. The number of test takers is noted in each section:

	EMHS Class of 2024, all test takers (47)	EMHS Class of 2024, college bound status (27)	Statewide, all test takers (10,731)
Reading/Writing	489	548	506
Math	478	541	489

#### **Advanced Placement & Honors Courses**

AP course offerings fluctuate from year to year based on student need and teacher availability. In the 22-23 year, Epping High School had approved AP courses in English Literature, Statistics, US History, and Chemistry. In the 23-24 school year, there is English Language, Calculus AB, and US History. Dual-Enrollment college credit is available in Quantitative Reasoning and College Composition as well as in numerous courses at the Seacoast School of Technology

Few core classes have a dedicated honors section. "Honors Option" is available in college-prep core classes when no dedicated honors section exists. Honors Option gives students the opportunity to take a more rigorous course of study by completing an independent, in-depth study of the content.

GPA Range for Class of 2024 As of 9/2023			
4.25+ = 3	4.00+ = 3	3.75+ = 4	3.50+ = 8
3.25+ = 6	3.00+ = 2	2.75+ = 7	2.50+ = 6
2.25+ = 6	2.00 + = 2		

# **Class of 2023 Post-Secondary Data**

4-Year College:	57%
2- Year College:	21%
Trade Program:	6%
Employment:	12%
Unknown/Other:	4%

#### **College Acceptances for Recent Graduates**

Below is a *sampling* of EHS college acceptances from the past three years.

University of NH	Union College	Emmanuel College
Plymouth State	Worcester Polytech	Univ. of Miami
Keene State	Stonehill College	American Univ.
Southern NH	Northeastern	Rutgers University
University	Boston University	Merrimack College
Rivier University	Hofstra University	Sacred Heart Univ.
St. Anselm College	St. Michael's VT	Lasell University
University of New England	Suffolk University	Montana State
UMASS Amherst	Providence College	Rensselaer Polytech
Husson University	Bentley University	Fordham University

# Epping High School's Grading & Reporting System

In 2018, Epping Middle High School transitioned to a full competency-based grading and reporting system. Students are assessed in multiple competencies per course, typically 4-5 competencies per semester. These competency grades, which must all be passing to earn credit, are averaged together to determine a final course grade for each semester. The chart below displays the final grades that students can earn and the associated grade points by course level.

	GPA Points Awarded		
Course Grade	Standard/College Prep	Honors & Dual-Enrollment	Advanced Placement
Exemplary (E)	4.00	4.50	5.00
Meets Competency Plus (MC+)	3.50	4.00	4.50
Meets Competency (MC)	3.00	3.50	4.00
Basic Competency Plus (BC+)	2.50	3.00	3.50
Basic Competency (BC)	2.00	2.50	3.00
Novice (N)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Traditional grades transferred into EMHS from other schools, including VLACS, Seacoast School of Technology, and other accredited high schools, are awarded the following GPA points towards a student's cumulative GPA:

Course Grade	Standard / College Prep	Honors / Dual Enrollment / Advanced Placement
A-, A, A+	4.00	4.50
B-, B, B+	3.00	3.50
C-, C, C+	2.00	2.50
D-, D, D+	1.00	1.50
F, Inc	0.00	0.00