

# Gould

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**Our Mission:**  
Gould Academy prepares academically motivated students for college and helps them to become independent-minded, ethical citizens who will lead lives of purpose, action, excellence, and compassion in a dynamic world.

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Gould Academy is fully accredited by NEASC. Our College Counselors abide by NACAC's SPGP and are active members of NEACAC, NACAC, ACCIS, NAIS, and TABS.

## 2017-2018 Gould Academy School Profile

### Our Community – By The Numbers:

Located in the picturesque village of Bethel and the mountains of western Maine, Gould Academy is a community of scholars, musicians, outdoor enthusiasts, artists, inventors, and athletes. Typically, 99% of graduating seniors matriculate at a four-year college or university.

Total Enrollment	<b>241</b>	International Students*	<b>74</b>	Senior Proctors	<b>17</b>
Women	<b>101</b>	Post-Graduates	<b>9</b>	Polar Bears	<b>30</b>
Men	<b>140</b>	Domestic Students of Color	<b>9</b>	On-Snow Athletes	<b>116</b>
Boarding Students	<b>184</b>	Room & Board	<b>\$58,750</b>	Miles to Nearest Ski Resort	<b>6</b>
Day Students	<b>57</b>	Avg. Financial Aid Award	<b>\$25,279</b>	Miles of Mountain Biking Trails	<b>7</b>
Maine Students	<b>75</b>	Families Receiving Aid	<b>72</b>	Sq. Ft. of Skateboarding Park	<b>4,000</b>

\*In addition to the United States, our students come from: Canada, China, Cyprus, England, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Mexico, Netherlands, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

### Curriculum:

Gould Academy operates on a trimester system, with students typically enrolled in 5 or 6 courses per trimester. Most Gould students advance well beyond our graduation requirements. Students gain admission to AP courses beginning in 11th grade, by departmental recommendation.

Departments (Graduation Requirements)	Curriculum	Most Advanced Coursework Offered
<b>English</b> (4)	World Literature European Literature American Literature Electives	Honors Honors Honors or AP Language Honors or AP Literature
<b>Mathematics</b> (3)	Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 Precalculus Calculus Electives	— — Honors Honors AP Calculus AB Honors Senior Math*
<b>History</b> (3)	World History European History US History Electives	Honors Honors AP US History AP Government
<b>Science</b> (3)	Conceptual Physics Chemistry Biology Physics Electives	— Honors — AP Physics AP Chemistry AP Biology
<b>World Languages</b> (3)	French Mandarin Spanish	French 5/6 Mandarin 5 Honors Spanish 4 Spanish 5
<b>Arts</b> (1.33)	Visual Arts Electives Performing Arts Electives Band Chorus	

\*Honors Senior Math prepares students for the AP Calculus BC exam and covers a complete second semester college Calculus course (or Calc 2), including topics such as logic, basic topology, and Euler characteristics.

### Signature Programs:

**IDEAS Center:** Gould's Center for Innovation, Design Thinking, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Science is a national leader in design thinking at the secondary level and the hub for social entrepreneurship, maker life, computer science, and experiential learning at Gould. Our students practice human-centered learning through internships and independent projects. Recent students have launched cafes for social good at Gould, designed school libraries in Tanzania, produced film events in the Bethel community, and prototyped rope tows for our campus and on-snow athletes.

**Manhattan School of Music:** Our distance learning partnership with MSM gives Gould students the opportunity to pursue advanced private study and receive course credit from masters and doctoral degree candidates at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City ("Applied Music" on transcript). MSM instructors provide lessons as well as conduct Gould's Chamber Ensemble via real-time, fully interactive, high-definition audio and video studios. Gould's MSM students have gone on to conservatory study at the Berklee School of Music, Bowdoin College, Ithaca College, and McNally Smith College of Music.

**Independent Research:** Gould students with advanced ability and interest in science and the humanities may pursue sustained, independent research in areas of their design. These students work closely with faculty members and outside mentors in their chosen fields to develop year-long projects on discrete topics like reprogramming stem cells, prototyping rocket engine nozzles, genocide in ancient Rome, and China's emerging electric vehicle industry. Students in our science research program compete in state, regional, and international science fairs such as the Intel ISEF. Humanities students present their work to a faculty panel and submit their research papers for publication.

**Four Point Program:** For over 25 years, Gould students have embarked on a four-year journey of self discovery -- Ninth Grade "Immersion" (world travel), Tenth Grade "Expression" (building creative confidence through art and community service), Eleventh Grade "Awareness" (outdoor teamwork and leadership through winter camping expeditions), and Twelfth Grade "Independence" (solo service projects, internships, and/or travel). Gould students pride themselves on having completed the four points, the full arc of a Gould story.

## Class of 2018 Through Eleventh Grade:

**Class Size:** 80

**Cumulative GPA**

Middle 50%: 84.4-91.1

Mean: 89.0

High: 97.1

**ACT Composite**

Middle 50%: 21-30

**Redesigned SAT** Middle 50%: 1030-1250

**Reading, Writing** Middle 50%: 520-630

**Math** Middle 50%: 490-665

The cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of 11th grade for all courses completed at Gould Academy. **Gould does not rank students or weight grades.**

## Grading

<b>A</b>	<b>90-100</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>80-89</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>70-79</b>
<b>D (Passing)</b>	<b>60-69</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>0-59</b>
<b>High Honors</b>	<b>92-100</b>
<b>Honors</b>	<b>85-91</b>

## Five-Year Matriculation

Bates College (5)  
 Bentley University  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Boston College (3)  
 Boston University (7)  
 Bowdoin College (2)  
 Brandeis University  
 University of British Columbia (3)  
 University of California, Davis (2)  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, San Diego  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 University of Chicago (2)  
 Clarkson University (2)  
 Colgate University  
 College of Charleston (3)  
 College of the Atlantic (2)  
 Colorado College (2)  
 University of Colorado at Boulder (8)  
 Columbia University  
 Connecticut College  
 Dartmouth College (2)  
 University of Denver (2)  
 Dickinson College (2)  
 Drexel University (8)  
 Emmanuel College (3)  
 Endicott College (3)  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 Georgetown University  
 The George Washington University (4)  
 Gettysburg College  
 Grove City College  
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges (6)  
 Indiana University at Bloomington (2)  
 Ithaca College (4)  
 Kenyon College  
 Lewis & Clark College (5)  
 University of Maine (6)  
 University of Maine at Farmington (2)  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst (3)  
 McGill University  
 McNally Smith College of Music  
 University of Michigan  
 Middlebury College  
 Montana State University, Bozeman (2)  
 Mount Holyoke College (2)  
 University of New Hampshire at Durham (4)  
 New York University (2)  
 Northeastern University (3)  
 University of Oxford (England)  
 Pace University, New York City (3)  
 Pennsylvania State University (4)  
 Pitzer College  
 Plymouth State University (2)  
 Purdue University (2)  
 Quest University Canada (3)  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Rochester Institute of Technology (2)  
 Saint Anselm College (3)  
 Saint Michael's College (9)  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 Savannah College of Art and Design (3)  
 Scripps College  
 Skidmore College (2)  
 Smith College  
 St. Lawrence University (10)  
 Stanford University  
 Suffolk University (7)  
 SUNY Coll. of Environmental Science & Forestry  
 Syracuse University (3)  
 Trinity College (2)  
 Tufts University (2)  
 United States Military Academy (West Point)  
 University of Vermont (9)  
 Virginia Military Institute (2)  
 Washington and Lee University  
 Washington University in St. Louis  
 Westminster College (7)  
 Williams College (2)  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute (4)

## AP Classes and Testing (Classes 2017-2018)

### Junior AP Course Loads & Scores

**54** students in the Class of 2018 (70%) took **125 AP** classes and exams. By the end of junior year:

- 18 students took 1 AP class
- 31 students took 2-3 AP classes
- 2 students took 4-5 AP classes
- 3 students took 6 or more AP classes

**39% earned a 4 or 5**

**66% earned 3 or higher**

### Senior AP Course Loads & Scores

**39** students in the Class of 2017 (62%) took **144 AP** classes and exams. By the end of senior year:

- 14 students took 1-2 AP classes
- 14 students took 3-4 AP classes
- 6 students took 5-6 AP classes
- 5 students took 8 or more AP classes

**33% earned a 4 or 5**

**57% earned a 3 or higher**

## Junior Year Grade Distribution: Class of 2018

Course (total students)	100-95	94-90	89-85	84-80	79-75	74-70	69-65	64-60
<b>English</b>								
AP Literature and Composition (1)		1						
AP Language and Composition (47)		19	20	7		1		
Literature of the American Experience (17)		3	6	7		1		
<b>Math</b>								
Honors Senior Math (4)	3	1						
AP Calculus (6)	4	2						
AP Statistics (7)	2	2	1	1	1			
Calculus (7)	1	3	2		1			
Honors Precalculus (14)	3	5	1	3	2			
Precalculus (13)		1	4	1	3	2	1	1
Honors Algebra 2 (3)		1		2				
Algebra 2 (22)	1	5	3	5	6	2		
<b>History</b>								
AP US History (26)	3	14	4	5				
US History (36)	1	15	12	7		1		
<b>Science</b>								
AP Biology (2)		2						
AP Chemistry (6)	1	3	2					
AP Physics: Mechanics (6)		3	2			1		
Biology (50)	2	12	26	4	4	2		
Physics (6)		2		1	2			1
<b>World Languages</b>								
Spanish 5 (1)		1						
Honors Spanish 4 (3)			3					
Spanish 4 (4)	1		3					
Spanish 3 (21)	1	7	5	5	3			
French 4 (4)		3			1			
French 3 (8)	2	2	3			1		
Mandarin 4 (1)	1							
Mandarin 3 (4)	1	3						