



DARROW SCHOOL

2023/2024 PROFILE | darrowschool.org

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WHO WE ARE
Founded in 1932 on a National Historic Landmark site, Darrow School was once home to the Mount Lebanon Shaker Society.

Our 365 acre campus reflects the beauty of the Berkshires with extensive hiking trails, ponds, playing fields, a farm, a greenhouse, and orchards.

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THE SCHOOL

Independent College Preparatory Boarding and Day School for Grades 9-12 and Postgraduates.

Darrow serves diverse backgrounds and abilities. We build on individual talents and interests to deepen thinking with specialized programs. Our Active Curriculum rooted in liberal arts and sciences, is individually focused and combines innovative classroom instruction with project-based learning to educate future generations of global citizens who understand the wider world and their place in it.

Preparing students to become global citizens is a process that begins with them understanding their voice and intellectual gifts. At Darrow, our academic program stresses a multi-disciplinary approach to a rigorous college-preparatory education. It encourages students to explore the creative spaces where ideas intersect and new solutions emerge, letting them apply those ideas in practical settings.

STUDENT BODY

87%
BOARDING

16%
DAY



30%
Students of Color

42% FEMALE
58% MALE

4:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

FACULTY
Full-time 64
Part-time 8
Advanced Degrees 78%

CURRICULUM

Our Curriculum is an innovative approach to learning that empowers students to engage in research, analysis, and creative design by exploring real-world problems and developing innovative, practical, and relevant solutions to those problems.

We strive for our students to become responsible citizens and community leaders. We offer many formal and informal opportunities for students to develop, organize, and lead programs and activities on campus. The many leadership opportunities our students take advantage of are a critical element in the social-emotional learning that takes place at Darrow.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAMS

Independent Study:
Independent Study is an academically rigorous alternative where students work with a faculty mentor to design a course. This allows them to pursue an academic interest beyond the electives offered. Students must be self-motivated and highly organized. Independent Study courses are graded as either a pass or fail.

Winterm:
Winterm is an immersive educational, student-led, and student-driven experience. Individually or in groups, students select a topic of study and create a prototype to demonstrate their learning and their outcome. Winterm is graded as either a pass or fail.

Springterm:
Springterm is a week-long thematic program with a focus on community service, sustainability, leadership, and adventure. It is a required commitment for all students.

Hands-to-Work:
Hands-to-Work is a community service-learning and leadership program rooted in the purposeful traditions of the Shakers. Students gain leadership skills through service with the rewards of improving and sustaining both the Darrow and surrounding communities through a cooperative effort.

ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS

By junior and senior year, students are fulfilling their graduation requirements by engaging in a wide array of electives, including: Foundations of Science Fiction, Race: Reality and Fiction, Writing for Performance, Mechanical Science, and Introduction to Philosophy.

Art, Design, & Innovation:

Students learn how to become critical and creative problem solvers and seek creative outlets for personal expression while developing the value of observation from multiple perspectives. An emphasis on project-based learning incorporates the Shaker values of innovation and craftsmanship. In addition to the more traditional visual arts and crafts, other areas of focus include graphic arts & design, website development, animation & game design, and robotics & coding.

Musicianship & Performance

Students engage in the full spectrum of music production, from music fundamentals to more advanced level instrumental, vocal, or performance studies. Beyond the classroom, students will have expanded opportunities to experience a variety of off-campus concerts and workshops, honing their performance, writing and production skills.

LEARNING SKILLS PROGRAM

This center encapsulates skills and topics outside of traditional classes or electives, including Health and Wellness, Financial Literacy, and Learning Skills. Health and Wellness and Financial Literacy focus on life skills topics including nutrition, technology use, maintaining a budget and being financially responsible. Through a close relationship with an Academic Coach, students in the Learning Skills Program identify and learn tactics to promote production of work and self advocacy skills.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education and Sports Block participation is a requirement for every Darrow student's educational experience. Students participate in a competitive team sport at least one season per year and must complete three full blocks of physical education each year they are enrolled at the School.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

In the redesigned weekly schedule for the 2022-2023 school year, most courses meet three times a week, in academic blocks A-G. Two of the weekly blocks are 50 minutes long, and one 80 minutes long. Successful completion of a year-long "core" course earns 1.0 credit at the end of the year. Successful completion of a semester-long elective course earns .5 credit at the end of the semester. Final grades are computed as an average of the two semesters' grades and become part of a student's permanent transcript.

GRADING SYSTEM

Both academic (A-F scale) and effort grades are reported quarterly. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are computed each quarter only to determine Honors and High Honors status.

ACADEMIC GRADE SYSTEM

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	A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
	A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	F	below 63

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2020-2023

Adelphi University	Endicott College	Morehouse College	University of California Santa Cruz*
Alfred University*	Fairleigh Dickinson University*	Muhlenberg College*	University of Colorado Boulder
Amherst College*	Flagler College*	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Delaware
Augusta University	Florida Southern College	Northern Vermont University	University of Denver
Bard College*	Fordham University	Oberlin College*	University of Hartford
Bennington College*	Furman University	Pace University	University of Maine
Berklee College of Music*	George Mason University	Paul Smith's College	University of Massachusetts Boston
Berry College*	George Washington University*	Penn State University*	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Bloomfield College	Georgetown University	Pratt Institute	University of New Haven*
Brevard College	Goucher College	Quinnipiac University	University of Pittsburgh*
Brown University*	Hampton University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Redlands
Bryant University	Hamilton College	Rochester Institute of Technology*	University of Rochester
Bucknell University*	Haverford College	Roger Williams University	University of San Francisco
Cal Poly Humboldt	Hobart and William Smith Colleges*	Russell Sage College*	University of Vermont
Case Western Reserve University*	Hofstra University	Rutgers University	Ursinus College*
Cazenovia College*	Howard University	Sacred Heart University	Vassar College
Chapman University	Iona University	Saint Michael's College	Villanova University*
Clark Atlanta University*	Ithaca College*	Sarah Lawrence College*	Virginia State University*
Clark University*	Juniata College	Seton Hall University*	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Clarkson University	Kean University	Siena College*	Wesleyan University*
Colby College	Kent State University	Smith College*	Western New England University
Colby-Sawyer College	Kenyon College*	St. John's University NY	Wheaton College*
College of Charleston	Lesley University	St. Lawrence University*	Whittier College
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Lewis & Clark College*	Stevens Institute of Technology	Widener University
Columbia College (Chicago)	Louisiana State University	Stony Brook University	Williams College*
Columbia University*	Loyola University New Orleans*	SUNY at Albany	Wingate University
Connecticut College	Lycoming College	SUNY at New Paltz	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Lynn University*	SUNY at Purchase College*	Xavier University*
Curry College*	Macalester College	SUNY College at Cortland	
Dartmouth College*	Manhattanville College	SUNY Oneonta	
DePauw University	Maryland Institute College of Art*	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	
Dickinson College	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY University at Buffalo*	
Drew University	Mass. College of Liberal Arts*	Swarthmore College	
Drexel University	Mass. College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Syracuse University	
Duquesne University	McDaniel College	Temple University	
Earlham College	Merrimack College	The New School*	
Eckerd College	Miami University OH	The Ohio State University	
Elmira College*	Montclair State University	Trinity College	
Emerson College*		Union College	

* indicates College Matriculations