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Darrow School and Atlantic Coast Academy Announce Five-Year Residential Hockey Partnership

New Lebanon, N.Y. - February 2026 — Darrow School and Atlantic Coast Academy jointly announce a five-year residential partnership that will be fully integrated into the Darrow community beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

Under the agreement, students participating in the hockey program in grades 9-12 and postgraduate year will live on Darrow's campus and enroll as full Darrow students. They will participate in Darrow's academic curriculum, advising system, residential life program, and community expectations alongside their peers.

Atlantic Coast Academy will provide elite hockey training and competition as part of the partnership. Darrow will continue to oversee academics, residential life, student support services, and campus operations, ensuring continuity in the School's daily program and student experience.

"This partnership reflects Darrow's longstanding commitment to whole-student development within a strong academic and residential framework," said Andy Vadnais, Head of School at Darrow. "Students in the hockey program will live and learn as Darrow students—fully engaged in the classroom, dormitory life, and the broader community that defines our school."

Students in the residential hockey program will attend Darrow classes, live in Darrow dormitories, and participate in the same advising structure, weekend programming, and campus traditions as all boarding students. Athletic and fitness facilities will continue to be shared and scheduled through Darrow's established systems to ensure coordination across programs.

Leadership from both institutions emphasized that the partnership is intentionally structured as a multi-year agreement to support thoughtful integration, operational clarity, and long-term stability. The model is designed to welcome student-athletes with a strong

interest in hockey while preserving the integrity of Darrow’s academic program and residential culture.

“We are proud to partner with Darrow School to provide our student-athletes with a fully integrated academic and residential experience,” said Michael Taylor, Founder, Atlantic Coast Academy. “This structure allows players to pursue high-level hockey development while being fully immersed in a supportive and rigorous school community.”

The residential hockey partnership will officially launch in August 2026.

For more information about Darrow School and Atlantic Coast Academy, please visit www.darrowschool.org and www.acahockey.com.

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About Darrow School

Darrow School is a coeducational boarding and day school located in New Lebanon, New York. Rooted in experiential learning and a strong residential community, Darrow emphasizes academic growth, responsibility, and belonging as central to student development.

About Atlantic Coast Academy

Atlantic Coast Academy is a high-performance hockey program committed to professional coaching, comprehensive player development, and meaningful exposure opportunities. The Academy prepares student-athletes both athletically and academically for advancement to the next level, with a focus on success on and off the ice.