



# FALMOUTH ACADEMY

## AT A GLANCE 2017-18

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### The School

*Harnessing the power of inspired learning in a world-renowned scientific and vibrant artistic community, Falmouth Academy emboldens each student to take creative and intellectual risks to confidently engage the challenges of our times.*

Falmouth Academy is a community carefully designed so that teachers and students know each other and work together. Our students learn to:

- Read closely to understand the shape, style, and substance of the text;
- Write skillfully by reviewing, revising, and rewriting under the close supervision of their teachers;
- Manage their time effectively;
- Speak confidently with adults;
- Participate actively in their school and communities as students and volunteers.

Average Class Size: 12

Smallest Class: 5

Largest Class: 17

*We know that a good education is personal, which is why Falmouth Academy is small enough for everyone to know who you are.*

### Average SAT Scores\*

	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Math
Falmouth Academy (Class of 2017)	705	650
Falmouth Academy (Classes of 2016-18)	685	640
Massachusetts (Class of 2017)	555	551

### National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP)

- NMSP honored 5 students in the Falmouth Academy Class of 2017 as Commended Students.
- Falmouth Academy regularly ranks in the top ten of Massachusetts high schools, public and private, in the percentage of the senior class recognized by the NMSP.

### Extracurricular Activities

- Our sports teams are open to all students (grades 7-12). We offer boys' and girls' varsity, JV, and middle school teams in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. During the 2016-17 school year, our varsity girls' basketball and lacrosse teams won the MIAA Cape and Islands League Championships. Both teams reached the semi-finals in the Massachusetts State Tournament.
- We offer over 40 electives from the arts and music to Latin and Taekwondo.
- Drama and Drama Tech programs are open to all students (grades 7-12).
- Falmouth Academy students won 13 awards in the 2016 Boston Globe Scholastic Art and Writing Competitions, including 2 Gold Keys, 3 Silver Keys and 8 honorable mentions.

### Enrollment

Middle School (7-8): 69  
Upper School (9-12): 136  
Diversity: 15%  
Male: 44%  
Female: 56%  
Towns represented: 23  
Average class size: 12  
Smallest class size: 5  
Largest class size: 17

### Financial Aid

Percent of students on aid: 40%  
Average award: \$13,000

### Faculty and Staff

Faculty and Staff: 50  
Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 33  
Faculty with Doctorates: 8  
Faculty who have been at FA for 15 or more years: 20  
Teacher-Student Ratio: 5:1

### Class of 2017

Graduates: 29  
College Matriculation: 100%  
Merit aid offered: more than \$2,000,000

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\* The SAT was redesigned in March 2016. Instead of listing three separate scores for Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing, there are now two scores—one for Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and one for Mathematics. There are also section scores for Math, Reading, and Writing and Language.

## AP Exams

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Rather than teaching to AP tests, Falmouth Academy teachers develop their own curricula that emphasize discussion, writing, editing, depth of knowledge, and research that is interdisciplinary and project-based. We do not offer AP courses per se but we do offer our students the opportunity to take AP exams. Students may take AP exams in English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, French Language and Culture, and German Language and Culture.

**In the past three years, Falmouth Academy students took 95 AP exams.**

**96% of them scored at 3 or above; 80% scored 4 or 5.**

*(Scores of 3 or higher indicate proficiency at the college level.)*

Our curriculum and teaching methods are not determined by any standardized test. Falmouth Academy teachers use a much wider range of methods to encourage their students' abilities and measure their successes. Because we have a high teacher-student ratio, we know our students' strengths and needs and can address them individually. For instance, Falmouth Academy teachers consider each student's homework, contributions to class discussion, written work, oral presentations, collaborative projects, and creativity in art and music—as well as our own teacher-designed tests—when they are measuring their students' knowledge, skills, and understanding.

## Science Honors

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*“Falmouth Academy, which has fewer than 200 students, regularly wins more first place prizes than any other public or private school of its size, in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology State Science Fair Competition.” The Boston Globe*

- Falmouth Academy has had 11 semifinalists and 3 finalists in national research-based, high school science competitions, including the Intel, Siemens, and Westinghouse.
- Falmouth Academy students have earned 16 invitations and 14 awards at the International Science and Engineering Fair, most recently in the spring of 2017.
- Falmouth Academy students have earned 145 top prizes (1st-3rd) at the Massachusetts State Science and Engineering Fair at MIT.
- A Falmouth Academy student was named the Virgin Galactic Pioneer Award Winner in the 2016 Google Science Fair.
- 8 students have published scientific research in scholarly journals while attending Falmouth Academy.

## Rhodes Scholars

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Two Falmouth Academy alumni have been named Rhodes Scholars—one as a student at Wellesley College and one at Princeton University.

## Transportation

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Falmouth Academy provides bus transportation for off-Cape, mid-Cape, south coast, and Vineyard students.

## Alumni Testimonials

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“Falmouth Academy helped prepare me for the rigors of the real world. Reporting requires a high level of intensity and dedication. FA definitely requires that of students. Having small classes made me unafraid to speak up, which is a quality that is essential to have as a reporter.” *Rosie Gray '08, Staff Writer for The Atlantic*

“Falmouth Academy Science Fair projects helped familiarize me with the research techniques, scientific approach, organization and dedication a relatively long-term and in-depth study would take. I wouldn't be where I am today if I hadn't been conditioned for the kind of work ethic that's required to rigorously investigate engineering problems.” *Max von der Heydt '02, Mechanical Engineer at Boston Dynamics (a subsidiary of Google)*

“The critical thinking skills I acquired at Falmouth Academy help me analyze and resolve problems. In the television/radio news industry, when a piece of technical infrastructure fails, there is often very little time to resolve the issue. I frequently need to come up with creative fixes. These skills are the same ones I acquired at FA, from figuring out how to solve senior-year physics problems with multiple paths to the same answer, to troubleshooting faulty guitar amps moments before a Friday night jazz band performance.” *James Reber '09, Broadcast Engineer at BBC News, Washington D.C.*