



## FA Scores and Stats 2011-2012

### AVERAGE SAT SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2011

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
FALMOUTH ACADEMY	642	615	660
Massachusetts	513	527	509
National	497	514	489

Average SAT scores of FA classes of 2009, 2010, and 2011	658	622	656
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### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (NMSP)

- 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.
- This year NMSP honored FA seniors with five awards: one Semifinalist and four Commended Students.

### AP EXAMS

Rather than teaching to AP tests, FA teachers develop their own curricula that emphasize depth of knowledge, discussion, writing, editing, and interdisciplinary, project-based research. We do not offer AP courses *per se* but we do offer our students the opportunity to take AP exams.

IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, FALMOUTH ACADEMY STUDENTS TOOK 117 AP EXAMS. 91% OF THEM SCORED AT 3 OR ABOVE; 75% SCORED 4 OR 5, AND 42% HAD THE TOP SCORE OF 5. <u>ALL</u> OF THE SCORES FOR THOSE FOUR YEARS ARE LISTED IN THE TABLE BELOW. <i>(Scores of 3 or higher indicate proficiency at the college level.)</i>					
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
2011	8	5	0	0	1
2010	17	17	10	3	5
2009	10	11	6	0	0
2008	14	6	2	2	0
	49	39	18	5	6

Because we are not a large, test-driven school, FA teachers use a broader range of student work to cultivate each student's abilities. Teachers consider homework, thinking and speaking in class, artistic creations, written compositions, oral presentations, collaborative projects, as well as tests to measure our students' knowledge and skills. With our high teacher-to-student ratio, we are able to observe closely our students' strengths and needs, use a variety of methods to encourage their achievement, and assess their capabilities far beyond what any test could measure.

## SCIENCE HONORS

*“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*

- FA has had 10 semifinalists and 2 finalists in national research-based, high school science competitions, including the Intel, Siemens, and Westinghouse.
- FA students have earned 13 awards at the International Science and Engineering Fair, most recently in the spring of 2011.
- FA students have earned 127 top prizes (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) at the Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair at MIT.
- Our students have designed and built Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) and placed in regional and international ROV Competitions.

## RHODES SCHOLARS

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

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 12**

**SMALLEST CLASS: 5**

**LARGEST CLASS: 17**

WE KNOW THAT A GOOD EDUCATION IS PERSONAL, WHICH IS WHY FA IS  
SMALL ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

## FACULTY:

Our unusually talented, broadly educated, and dynamic faculty is the heart of the school. Falmouth Academy has:

- 46 teachers; 35 hold advanced degrees, including five with PhDs.
- 20 have been here for 15 years or more.
- Six participated in the founding of the school.

## ART:

FA Students won 25 awards in the 2011 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competitions, including 10 Gold Keys and 3 Silver Keys.