# the MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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# SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

**THE MISSION** of the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School is to create a school that will cultivate lifelong learners in a multi-age, project-based setting.

- ★ The individual student will learn to direct his/her learning.
- ★ The group will make decisions together and recognize the unique contributions of each member.
- ★ The community will support and interact with the school body.

Students will learn in an environment that models interdependence as the foundation of society.

#### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE HIGH SCHOOL

Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School as of 2021, offering the (IB) Diploma Programme and (CP) Career-related Programme. The Charter School has an "IB for All" approach, where all juniors and seniors participate in the IB curriculum.

#### 2022-2023:

GRADES SERVED	SENIOR CLASS <b>7</b>	GRADUATES THAT ATTEND COLLEGE <b>67%</b>	STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO IN CLASS 9:1
K-12 ENROLLMENT	HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	DIRECTLY TO WORK	GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL

**OUR PROGRAM** is designed to prepare students for success in careers and in college through a rigorous academic program. Our high school students work with their teachers in a school environment, emphasizing the importance of mutual respect and collaboration. Students who thrive in this academic setting are self-motivated, intellectually curious, and work independently and collaboratively with both peers and adults. Students interact frequently with the diverse island communities for enrichment opportunities and to build meaningful relationships.

**COURSE OFFERINGS:** We offer honors-level coursework which is optional and noted on the 9th and 10th grade high school transcript. All 11th and 12th graders take IB classes. We do not offer Advanced Placement classes, as the IB is internationally known for its rigor, and students may access online dual enrollment classes. About half of the students choose to pursue the full IB Diploma Programme (6 IB core classes, plus EE, CAS, and TOK) or the IB Career-related Programme. Last year, 50% of IB candidates obtained the IB Diploma. The school uses a traditional grading system of A-F, and teachers write narratives at the completion of each semester. Students must earn a minimum of 29 credits in order to graduate. There is no class rank. GPA is unweighted and is calculated on a 4.0 scale.

**ENROLLMENT TENDENCIES:** As our school has an average of ten 12th-grade students per year, it is difficult to provide enrollment trends that reflect our diverse student body and their interests. For this reason, we are not noting the average percentage of students attending 2-year, 4-year college, and vocational programs, nor including enrollment tendencies for in-state, regional, and other regions. Students have enrolled in a broad array of colleges and programs throughout the United States.

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### OUR PILLARS

Trust Respect Freedom Responsibility Democracy Cooperation



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#### MENTORSHIP

9th and 10th graders participate in mentorship on a weekly basis during their four years in high school. Students elect their mentorships according to their interests and work with community partners.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE/IB CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY, SERVICE (<u>CAS</u>)

9th and 10th graders do a community service project each year. IB students follow the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) course guidelines.

#### PORTFOLIO/IB EXTENDED ESSAY (EE)

Students create one portfolio per year during their 9th and 10th grades, while IB Diploma students write an Extended Essay and IB CP students complete a Reflective Project during their 11th and 12th grades. Portfolios and essays are a large body of work representing deep and broad learning.

#### **PROJECT PERIOD**

Students pursue intensive studies for a two-week "project period" each semester of high school. This is a learning opportunity using a thematic integrated curriculum that culminates in a community exhibition. The individualization of instruction, student choice, community involvement, and public exhibitions of achievement are vital aspects of the school's project-based learning pedagogy.

#### **AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

The school offers the following optional activities to students after school: theater, music classes, Model UN, Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA), and student government. We do not have team sports.

#### Enrollment Statistics for 2022-2023

Student Race and Ethnicity 11% Hispanic 1.7% Native American 75.7 % White 9.9% Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic

#### Population of Student Body

4.4% First Language Not English 2.2% English Language Learner 24.9% Students with Disabilities 53.6% High Needs 43.1% Low-Income

#### **IB THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)**

This IB course Is a two-year epistemological study of how students access, assess, and understand knowledge.

#### IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (DP) CLASSES

Language & Literature (HL)(SL) Visual Arts (HL)(SL) History: History of Europe (HL) Environmental Systems & Society (SL) Spanish Ab Initio (SL) and <u>B Standard (</u>SL) Mathematics: Applications & Interpretations (SL)

As part of the <u>Diploma Programme</u>, students need to take Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, and Creativity, Activity, Service.

#### IB CAREER PROGRAMME (CP) CLASSES

Personal and Professional Skills Language Development Service Learning Reflective Project

As part of the <u>Career Programme</u>, students need to earn a credential in their chosen field of study (either college credit, a certificate, or a license) and take two IB Diploma classes of choice to complete their CP requirements.

#### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**

Selection of colleges where our graduates have enrolled:

**Babson College** Bard College Bates College Benjamin Franklin Inst. of Tech **Bennington College** Boston University Bridgewater State University **Brigham Young University** California College of the Arts Cape Cod Community College **Columbia University** Dean College Hampshire College Landmark College Marlboro College Marymount Manhattan C. Mass College of Art Middlebury College Mitchell College Montserrat College of Art Morehouse College Mount Holyoke College Northeastern University Roger Williams University **Rollins College** Salem State University Salve Regina University San Francisco State University Sarah Lawrence College School of Visual Arts Smith College Southern New Hampshire U. St. John's College Suffolk University **UMASS** Amherst UMASS Dartmouth University of Vermont Wentworth Institute of Tech. Wesleyan University Wheaton College