



THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY PREPARES WISE, PRINCIPLED LEADERS BY OFFERING A CLASSICAL EDUCATION AND PROVIDING A WIDE ARRAY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD.

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ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment 2023-2024: 408
Seniors: 19
Juniors: 32
Sophomores: 43
Freshmen: 46
Middle School: 268

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Founders Academy is a public charter school encompassing students from grades 5-12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. Located in the urban and industrial city of Manchester, New Hampshire, Founders is 25 miles north of the Massachusetts border. Students from approximately 25 cities and towns throughout New Hampshire make up its diverse economic population.

Opened in September 2014, the school continues to grow in student population while also expanding its academic opportunities. With pride, Founders celebrated their first graduating class in June of 2019.

MISSION AND VISION

The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example. The Academy recognizes the importance of balance in the development of the whole person, and respects each student's journey.

Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.

CURRICULUM

The academic program at The Founders Academy provides a classical education with emphasis on history, leadership, classical literature, and good character. Students are expected to fulfill a requirement of 26 credits in order to graduate from Founders.

Due to the mission being deeply rooted in U.S. History, five of those 26 required credits are history-related courses, leaving graduates with a deeper understanding of our country's past and the Founding Fathers.

Students typically take 6-7 classes per semester on a rotating 90-minute block schedule. They are also able to take advantage of our dual-enrollment partnership with Manchester Community College.

Graduation Requirements

English 4 Credits
History 5 Credits
Math/Science 7 Credits
Fine Art 1 Credit
Technology/Business 3 Credits
World Language 2 Credits
P.E./Health 1.5 Credits
Other Electives 2 Credits

Senior Capstone Project:

All seniors are required to complete a senior project that includes a proposal, mentorship, extensive journaling, a final paper, presentation in front of the Senior Project Committee, and a digital portfolio. This is worth a total of 0.5 credits and should be completed in a minimum of 50 hours of work.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Spring 2023 SAT
 Founders: 1078
 State of NH: 994
 National Average: 955

Fall 2022 PSAT
 Founders 1069
 State of NH: 968
 National Average: 942

ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE OPTIONS

The Founders Academy High School is in its ninth year. We have seen a steady increase in high school enrollment over those years. We presently have a senior class of 19 and a freshman class of 46. Due to small class sizes, and the need to offer an increasing number of sections of core courses, we have been able to offer a limited number of honors and AP classes. However, students may use New Hampshire's Virtual Learning Academy (VLACS), and dual enrollment at Manchester Community College to access these advanced learning opportunities. Accessing these resources independently helps to reinforce and cultivate our core values of leadership, determination and responsibility.



GRADING SYSTEM

<u>Numerical Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>	<u>Mastery at the Founders Academy</u>
A+ 98-100%	A+= 4.33	Mastery ensures that the goal of a rigorous curriculum and high expectations are maintained by the Founders Academy. We do not simply require students to "pass" a course, but they must "master" the content of each course. This requires them to obtain a grade of 80% or higher.
A 94-97%	A = 4.0	
A- 90-93%	A- = 3.67	
B+ 87-89%	B+ = 3.33	
B 84-86%	B = 3.0	
B- 80-83%	B- = 2.67	
C+ 77-79%	C+ = 2.33	
C 74-76%	C = 2.0	
C- 70-73%	C- = 1.67	
D+ 67-69%	D+ = 1.33	
D 64-66%	D = 1.0	
D- 60-63%	D- = -0.67	
F 59% and Below	F = 0	

****Students may earn an additional 0.5 toward their grade points for any Honors, AP, or College courses that they complete**

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

American University	Kent State	St. Joseph's College of Maine
American International College	LeTourneau University	St. Joseph's University- PA
Asbury University	Lesley University	Suffolk University
Auburn University	Liberty University	Susquehanna University
Becker College	Loyola University	Temple University
Berklee College of Music	Maine College of ArtSouthern	Texas Tech University
Belmont University	Massachusetts College of Pharmaceutical Health	Tufts University
Boston University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Union College
Bryant University	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Unity College
Calvin University	Manchester Community College	University of Alabama
Case Western Reserve University	Manhattanville College	University of Central Florida
Castleton University	Marymount University	University of Hartford
Champlain College	Merrimack College	University of Kansas
Chicago State University	Messiah College	University of Maine at Farmington
Coastal Carolina University Colby-Sawyer College	Montana State University	University of Maine at Machias
Colorado School of Mines	Nashua Community College	University of Maine at Orono
Curry College	New England College	University of Maine at Presque Isle
Dickinson College	New Hampshire Technical Institute	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Dakota State University	Nichols College	University of Massachusetts Boston
Drexel University	Northern Vermont University	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Emerson College	Norwich University	University of Maryland Baltimore
Emmanuel College	Oberlin College	University of New England
Endicott College	Ohio University	University of New Hampshire Durham
Fisher College	Pace University	University of New Hampshire Manchester
Florida Gulf Coast University	Penn State University	University of New Mexico
Florida Institute of Technology	Plymouth State University	University of North Florida
Florida Polytechnic University	Providence College	University of Oklahoma
Fordham University	Purdue University	University of Rhode Island
Franklin Pierce University	Quinnipiac University	University of South Florida
Furman University	Regis College	University of Tampa
George Mason University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont
George Washington University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
Gordon College	Rivier University	Utica University
Hartwick College	Roberts Wesleyan College	Vermont Tech
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Rochester Institute of Technology	Virginia TechWestfield State University
Hofstra University	Sacred Heart University	Wheaton College
Husson University	Seton Hall	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Ithaca College	School of Art Institute of Chicago	Xavier University
Johns Hopkins University	Skidmore College	
Johnson and Wales University	Smith College	
Keene State College	Southern New Hampshire University	