

# Norwich Free Academy

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Norwich Free Academy (NFA) is a private, coeducational day school located in Norwich, Connecticut. Founded in 1854, NFA offers a rigorous and well-balanced college-preparatory education with a strong emphasis on academic excellence, character development, and global citizenship. The school provides a wide range of courses, including honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes, fine and performing arts, STEM programs, and diverse electives.

With a historic campus and a close-knit school community, NFA offers a supportive and engaging learning environment for both domestic and international students. Through academics, arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities, students develop critical thinking skills, leadership, and independence while preparing for success in college and beyond.

## COMMUNITY

Norwich Free Academy (NFA) is in the historic city of Norwich, Connecticut, offering a dynamic learning environment rooted in tradition and academic excellence. The school's diverse and inclusive community brings together students from various backgrounds, fostering strong relationships, cultural exchange, and personal growth within a supportive and well-structured setting.



## LOCATION INFORMATION

- **Nearest major airport:**
- Bradley International Airport (BDL) — approximately a 1 to 1.25-hour drive from campus
- **Typical weather:**
- o **Summers:** warm and humid, with mild evenings
- o **Winters:** cold with occasional snowfall; all four seasons clearly experienced
- **Attractions nearby:**
- o Historic downtown Norwich and surrounding Connecticut River Valley
- o Casinos and entertainment at Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort
- o Access to coastal Connecticut beaches within 45–60 minutes
- o Proximity to Boston and New York City for cultural, academic, and travel opportunities



- **Rank A- in Niche**
- **Most Diverse Private High Schools in Connecticut #16**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Year Founded: 1854
- Religion: Non-denominational
- Student Body: 2098
- Average Class Size: 10
- Teacher: Student Ratio: 12:1
- Uniforms: non-required

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Online Application
  - o Transcript
  - o Recommendation (Math and English teacher)
  - o TOEFL or other English Proficiency test
  - o Passport/ Bank Statement
- Interview via Skype, Zoom, and WeChat
- Acceptance & Enrollment

## ACCREDITATION

- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**ESL:** Offers English Language Learner (ELL) Support

**Ave. SAT:** 1160

**Ave. ACT:** 27

**AP Courses:** Offers a range of **AP and dual-enrollment options**, and students can earn college credits through partnerships with UConn, ECSU, and Three Rivers Community College



## FACILITIES



## SPORTS

• NFA offers **more than 30 sports** across varsity, junior varsity, and freshman levels, with teams including football, baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball, fencing, hockey, track & field, wrestling, swimming, and more.

## EXTRACURRICULARS AND CLUBS

• NFA has **65+ clubs and activities** including community service, music, world languages, outdoor activities, politics, student government, academic/honor societies, arts & performance groups, STEM clubs, games/strategy clubs, and more.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

• NFA students participate in a range of college-preparatory courses and programs; graduates regularly enroll at four-year colleges and universities.

• **Campus Setting & Size:** NFA's main campus spans approximately **38 acres** in Norwich, Connecticut. It features a **distinctive campus atmosphere** with multiple historic and functional buildings that support academic, arts, and athletic activities.

• **Surroundings & Environment:** The campus is integrated into the city's historic environment and includes **architectural landmarks** such as the Slater Memorial Museum, part of the Chelsea Parade Historic District.

• **Facilities:** Academic buildings with classrooms and specialized learning spaces. Arts facilities, including performing arts spaces and studios. Athletic facilities for a broad range of sports programs.

• **Outdoor & Community Integration:** While NFA does not offer integrated outdoor adventure programs linked to natural wilderness areas like a boarding school in a rural setting, its campus and community access provide opportunities for local activities, events, and engagement in the city and regional surroundings.