Passion and Possibilities

Promise and potential

A school built around you

Empowered learning

A passion for excellence
In a school where students are encouraged to take risks in small classes with dedicated teachers, learning flourishes.

At The Derryfield School, all kinds of learners grow to expect more from themselves, their teachers, and their lives. They graduate ready to succeed at the finest colleges and universities. Most important, they become the finest kind of citizens: curious, confident, and committed to lives of passionate engagement.
“My relationship with teachers is really more like a partnership.”

LULU CARTER
UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT

Derryfield teachers “lead rather than push,” says Lulu. “They help me direct my own learning.” A passion for Middle East politics led Lulu to a semester independent study designed by her and a teacher. Including Arabic language study outside of school and summer programs, the project showed Lulu she can “pursue what I want to, rather than follow the curriculum.”

A passion for excellence
Derryfield offers the challenges and outcomes of the finest independent schools in a program designed to help students find and direct their passions toward personal bests. At Derryfield, students go beyond the importance of doing their best. They discover the joy in becoming their best.

Distinctly different

For 50 years, Derryfield has offered the best of the boarding schools in a day program where arts, athletics, and leadership are built in, not added on. Here, families and the community grow together, to the benefit of us all.

100%

Acceptance rate into four-year colleges and universities.

Keep it reel

ENGLISH TEACHER AND RESIDENT FILM CRITIC DICK ANTHONY HELPS MAKES CONNECTION BETWEEN LITERATURE CLASS AND THE LATEST CINEMATIC RELEASES WITH HIS “REEL ADVICE” COLUMN, A REGULAR FEATURE OF WWW.DERRYFIELD.ORG AND OUR FACEBOOK FEED.

HIGH TECH HIGH TOUCH

Beginning in sixth grade, all middle school students begin using an iPad as an integral learning and communication tool school-wide.

KATELYN MULLIKIN
UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT
“At Derryfield, you get opportunities to do great things.”

ANU MULLIKIN ’84
PARENT, ATTORNEY
“Derryfield empowered us to think for ourselves.”
Teach what you love

ROB BRADLEY
CHEMISTRY TEACHER

“I want my students to love chemistry the way I love chemistry. Derryfield allows me to be the teacher I want to be.”

A WORLD OF LEARNING
A sampling of global learning and service opportunities for all students:
- Costa Rica Service & Sustainability
- Dominican Republic Service Trip
- Habitat for Humanity
- China Service & Culture Trip
- South Africa Exchange

Chemistry teacher Rob Bradley understands the Derryfield difference. “I’ve had experience in other schools,” he says. Here, “students really care.” He takes pride in his graduates. “Past students say, ‘It’s unbelievable how much better prepared I am than my classmates,’” he explains. “What I really want,” he says with a smile, “is for all of them to be chemistry majors.”

FIT AND FUN
Many schools are dropping physical education. At Derryfield, we’ve expanded the idea. Our students can experience high ropes training, rock climbing, and a circus unit that includes stilts walking, juggling, and unicycle riding.

Connection to Community
Each year all eighth grade students participate in a multidisciplinary project connecting them with ELL (English Language Learner) students. Coming from all over the world, many have never lived anywhere but a refugee camp before coming to Manchester.

SCHOLARS HONORED
Over the past five years, 65 seniors—21%—have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

THE LANGUAGE OF LIVING
At Derryfield, we believe the study of language connects students to the global community. Here, all sixth grade students study Latin, bringing it to life through chariot building and Roman Holiday. In later grades, students choose to continue with Latin or switch to Chinese or Spanish.
“Anyone who knows us knows that we have completely different personalities. It’s cool how they don’t group us together.”

COLBI AND BERKLEE VAILLANCOURT
UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES

Looks can be deceiving. Both Colbi and Berklee are avid field hockey players, but the Vaillancourt twins are indeed, quite different. Colbi got involved in theater—her way. “I took a set design class for the musical,” she says. “I could watch the show and say, ‘I built that!’” According to Berklee, “The most fun here is Winter Carnival Week.”
Derryfield is a school built around you—a school that cares about your point of view, your interests, how you learn, and your passions. Small enough and smart enough to truly personalize each learning experience, Derryfield invites students to come together to grow as individuals.

**Gifted recognition**

Recently named a Malone Foundation School, Derryfield received a $2 million gift to support gifted and talented students seeking attendance. We were the only New Hampshire school so honored.

**Facilities**

- 84 wooded acres
- 5 campus buildings
- MILNE LIBRARY: over 20,000 volumes, 70 periodicals, on-line research materials, audio books, e-book readers, etc.
- TECHNOLOGY CENTER: 40 workstations; 2 digital project rooms
- 3 fully-equipped science labs
- 75-seat Lyceum
- 2 student cafeteria/event spaces

**STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO**: 8/1  
**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE**: 15 STUDENTS  
**PASSIONATE, ORIGINAL THINKERS**: 370

**PLACES TO MAKE ART**

- 400-seat state-of-the-art auditorium
- 2 music/drama rehearsal rooms
- 2 art studios
- 2 art gallery spaces
- Sculpture Garden

**Before coming to Derryfield, Karen Whitmore honed her craft over 34 years as a public school teacher. She loved her job, “but I felt like something was missing,” she says. She values being able to know students as people. “When I came here,” she says, “I felt like this is where I belong.”**
Joe Costa
Upper School Student

“Lacrosse and soccer are my passions. Experienced, talented coaches help me improve my game, and my teammates aim high. Derryfield offers me the best of both—competitive athletics and challenging academics.”

Derryfield has more athletic offerings than any division IV school in New Hampshire.

#1

Competitive athletics
- Alpine Skiing
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Crew
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Nordic
- Soccer
- Softball

CELEBRATING ATHLETICS
The wide variety of middle school, junior varsity, and varsity sports at Derryfield allows all students to fulfill our two-season sports requirement in fun and competitive ways.

ATHLETIC RESOURCES
- Full-sized gym
- Weight-training room
- Lighted turf field
- 6 tennis courts
- 4 playing fields
- X-C running course
- High and low ropes course
- Indoor climbing wall

COUGAR PRIDE
Derryfield athletes regularly compete in state tournaments and have won over 90 team and individual championships.

TAKE A DIFFERENT TRACK
Noncompetitive athletic options are available. Upper school students may develop and apply for an Independent Physical Activity. Students can also meet athletic requirements serving as team managers and scorekeepers, completing community service, and more.

CORE VALUES
- AIM HIGH: a culture of high expectations and unbridled encouragement
- BALANCE: dedicated equally to academic, artistic, and athletic excellence
- CHARACTER: respect, integrity, compassion, and perseverance
- COMMUNITY: sustained by close relationships, social interdependence, openness to diversity, and service
- FAMILIES: a day school celebrating home and school
- INDIVIDUALITY: igniting unique passions and a love for learning, self-knowledge, critical inquiry, and reflection
Come to Derryfield to be transformed.

Your passions will guide the change.”

MARY HALPIN CARTER, PH.D.
HEAD OF SCHOOL
“What you hear a lot at Derryfield is, I never thought of it that way.”

ISAIAH DE LOS SANTOS
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

Isaias De Los Santos loves school. “Teachers here make it fun to learn. For example, we’ll be doing a lab, they’ll change it into some wacky example that’ll just blow your mind,” he says. An avid thespian, Isaias recently tackled the title role in the school production of the musical Oliver. He debuted as Troy in High School Musical. “I’m passionate about singing, dancing, and acting. Here, they really want you to do well in everything.”
Collaborative, confident, engaged, open—increasingly, such words define key traits of successful leaders. Responsible risk taking is easier in a supportive community, and Derryfield students learn to spread their wings. Global connections and meaningful service work help students apply their unique gifts in the wider world for greater impact. Empowered to engage life, they embrace possibilities and the challenges that lie ahead.

Academic challenge, personal growth. That’s the Derryfield promise. It’s realized every day through small, engaged classes taught by dynamic, dedicated teachers. In Derryfield classrooms, students feel safe to take intellectual risks. And what happens in the classroom is only the beginning.

Purposeful Involvement
Founded in 1991 at The Derryfield School, Breakthrough Manchester is a tuition-free, academic program that prepares academically motivated students from Manchester public schools who have limited opportunities to succeed in school and attend college. Many Derryfield students volunteer in this nationally recognized summer and school year program.

ON THE LEARNING TRACK
Derryfield’s active style of learning sends Middle School science students out to the woods to track animal prints in the snow.

Middle School
Make it fun, make it real, make it active—that’s the way we do things in the Derryfield Middle School.

For many children, the middle years are a crucial period for developing a lifelong love of learning. Housed in its own building linked to the Upper School, the Middle School is a haven for young learners. Tailoring their classes to the needs of individuals and to the class as a whole, teachers are given considerable autonomy. It’s a safe and exciting learning environment that is part fun, part serious, and always active. Our professional teaching staff stays up to speed on the latest teaching developments; materials are updated regularly and shared with the aim to inform, inspire, and excite teachers and students alike.

Sustainable commitment
Derryfield is committed to practicing and modeling sustainable practices. According to Director of Facilities Gary Harper, “Our school has taken a leadership role in understanding and promoting sustainability.”
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Middle School

In all disciplines, the middle school courses focus on skill acquisition. Coursework progresses from the concrete to the abstract as a student moves from sixth through eighth grade. Dedicated Derryfield teachers make themselves fully present in their students’ classes and their lives to challenge, nurture, and support them as they navigate the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual challenges of early adolescence.

Christina Williams

"I am passionate about global travel and service, and Derryfield has given me numerous opportunities to do both."

"I’ve met amazing people on my journeys," Christina says. She’s worked with children in India and the Dominican Republic. She’s participated in Semester at Sea, an ocean voyage of discovery “down the Caribbean, into Brazil, and up the Amazon River,” she says. Her passion for service took her to Winston-Salem, North Carolina with Habitat for Humanity. “I never thought I could shingle a roof!” she exclaims. “I’m lucky Derryfield makes global travel and service so easy for so many students.”

Global Partnerships

Newly developed global partnerships with schools in South Africa and China aim to bring more of the world to Derryfield and more of Derryfield to the world. Exchange programs, service, and cultural trips for students and faculty abound.

International Students

Derryfield admits several international students each year to come live with host families and enrich the school community. Recent full-time international student graduates have been admitted to Northeastern University, Johns Hopkins University, Pitzer College, and Florida Institute of Technology.

World Wise

Fulfilling their passion for service, science, and cultural awareness, students recently traveled to the Dominican Republic, New York City, China, Peru, and Ecuador. Financial aid is available for these trips.

Top 10

Each year, approximately 30-35 Derryfield students and alumni serve as teachers in Breakthrough Manchester. Teaching at Breakthrough programs consistently earns a “Top 10 Internship in America” from the Princeton Review.

Middle School Clubs

- Art Club
- Assembly Committee
- Builders’ Club (community service)
- Cartooning Club
- Chinese Club
- Drama Fun
- Junkyard Engineering
- Magic & Performance
- Mathcounts Team
- Robotics Club
"I’m amazed at how well Derryfield helps you develop your personal artistic passion along with your academic passions."

DANIEL SCHWARTZBERG  
UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT

Daniel came to Derryfield to explore his love of the performing arts. Along the way, he discovered himself. "The self-confidence that Derryfield has given me and that it gives every single student is truly amazing," he says. It’s a sense of self that sets Derryfield graduates apart. "The way in which you can discover yourself here helps enormously when you’re writing your college essay." He explains. "It makes writing about yourself and conveying who you are as a person so much easier."
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The upper School offers a dynamic, collaborative environment for teachers and students. Opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts expand dramatically. In small classes, teachers and students get to know one another well. Numerous advanced placement and interdisciplinary courses, independent projects, and individualized college planning combine to make the experience highly personal and exciting.

Together with their enthusiastic teachers, students learn to search for understanding, rather than just the right answer. They travel to distant countries, design original research, and rise to new challenges. In this stimulating setting, students are free to pursue their passions as far as their interests can carry them—all the way to the finest colleges and universities in the nation.

There’s a real difference in a Derryfield graduate. Academically excellent, they are also energetic, empowered individuals. They’ve learned how to learn and how to make more of their college experiences and their lives. Derryfield graduates meet the world prepared and confident, comfortable in who they are and ready to contribute.

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WISE COUNSEL

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OF RECENT DERRYFIELD
GRADUATES WERE ACCEPTED INTO
ONE OF THEIR TOP CHOICE COLLEGES.
WE BELIEVE IN A STRATEGIC AND
PERSONALIZED APPROACH TO
FINDING THE RIGHT COLLEGE FIT.

Starting early. Starting smart.

With two College Counselors for 60 Seniors, we pride ourselves on highly personalized, one-on-one counseling. The college process is a team approach, with faculty advisors guiding curricular and extracurricular choices, and faculty writing recommendations for students who they really know.

INDEPENDENT SENIOR PROJECT, A SAMPLING
- Internship at 92.5 The River radio station
- Internship in international relations at World Affairs Council of New Hampshire
- Internship in oncology at Parkland Hospital
- Raising and training horses at Senator Bell Farm in Chester, New Hampshire
- Teaching and studying languages in The Netherlands
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Upper School

Virtually all Derryfield graduates attend college; almost all are admitted to their first choice. And the academic program qualifies them for admission to the most competitive colleges. Seniors in good academic standing may often elect to do a practical experience outside the classroom during the final six weeks of spring term in the form of Independent Senior Project. They intern in hospitals and law firms, serve as teachers’ aides, study ecology in Costa Rica, create and produce videos, to mention just a few recent examples. Our broad-based education assumes college as its logical outcome, but never as an end in itself.

Upper School clubs

- Amnesty International
- Conservation Club
- Euro-Challenge Team
- International Thespian Society
- Key Club (community service)
- Mock Trial Team
- Model United Nations
- Multicultural Club
- Robotics Club
- Set Design and Painting
- Social Media Ambassadors
- Writing Club

ALUMNI

Derryfield alumni go on to athletics, the stage or gallery, business, medicine, law, and more. An active Alumni Council and Facebook presence keep grads connected. The generosity of this extraordinary group of people comes back to Derryfield in countless ways.

Navigating financial aid

During our annual financial aid workshop, college counseling and financial aid experts help parents of students at all grade levels prepare for navigating the college financial aid process.

Recent college acceptances

- Brown University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cornell University
- Fordham University
- Harvard College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Stanford University
- Tufts University
- University of Chicago
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia
- Vassar College
- Yale University

ATHLETIC RECRUITING WORKSHOP

RECENTLY, AN NCAA COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FROM A LOCAL COLLEGE SPOKE TO DERRYFIELD PARENTS AND STUDENTS ABOUT BUILDING ATHLETIC RESUMES, RULES ABOUT CONTACTING COACHES, THE IMPORTANCE OF SUMMER CAMPS, AND MORE.

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Like many alumni, Preston is passionate about the school. “I want students to have the same great experiences that I had here for years to come,” he says.

PRESTON HUNTER, ’98
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, ECKMAN CONSTRUCTION

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We can’t wait to meet you!

Plan your visit now and discover the Derryfield difference for yourself.

Register for an information session or complete our online inquiry form at www.derryfield.org and we will invite you to upcoming events. Schedule your visit early and we’ll waive your application fee!

Bus Transportation Available
Derryfield’s buses provide one-way or round-trip service to students in several local communities. Many routes also offer a late afternoon departure to accommodate students in our upper school athletic program.

Contact the Admission Office
We are here to help you and your child get to know The Derryfield School, and we would be delighted to talk with you one-on-one about your school search.

For specific information about standardized testing, the application process, or financial aid, visit www.derryfield.org.

Transfer students
Interested in transferring to Derryfield? Call the Admission Office to speak with an admission counselor today or complete an online inquiry form at www.derryfield.org.

Admissions information
phone: 603.669.4524
e-mail: admission@derryfield.org
website: www.derryfield.org
Fast facts

- Founded: 1964
- Type: Independent, co-educational, college preparatory day school
- Grades: 6-12
- Area Served: approximately 40 towns
- Location: Manchester, New Hampshire
- Campus size: 84 wooded acres
- Student Body: 370
- Faculty: 52 faculty members, 50% hold advanced degrees
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 8/1
- Average Class Size: 15 students
- Percent of students who are accepted to four-year colleges: 100%
- Financial Aid: Awarded on a need basis to about 23% of students