

Academics at Kent

Challenge, choice, balance and wholehearted participation are the hallmarks of a Kent education.

Kent students are immersed in a rich learning environment that exposes them to an extensive selection of challenging and dynamic courses, including 27 Advanced Placement classes. Kent's curriculum is known for its breadth, ranging from courses in engineering, Ancient Greek, Latin, and numerous electives in the sciences, theology, history, math, music, art, modern languages and English. Many courses are offered at three levels of rigor, from honors and accelerated, to Advanced Placement, designed to meet students' abilities and challenge in areas of strength. A trimester schedule provides a tremendous range of options, allowing for an array of electives each term. For students looking to challenge themselves even further, Kent also offers an opportunity to design an independent study, or work with a faculty member on an original research project.

At Kent, students' academic needs come first. The master class schedule is built around each student's course selection. Each student's academic program is individually tailored to match aptitude and ability, assuring that all students are at once challenged, but not overwhelmed. Further, a large and talented faculty affords the School an 7:1 student : teacher ratio. Faculty members are not only available during the academic day, but six nights a week during evening study hall. A math teacher is on duty each night of the week. Each week, two academic periods are set aside for open office hours, guaranteeing that students have ready access to their teachers should they require extra help in any subject.

Kent is as nurturing as it is challenging. Students are enveloped in a stimulating academic environment, one which abounds in opportunity and support. This support takes on many forms. In addition to their classroom teachers and dorm parents, each student has an Academic Advisor who oversees all aspects of the student's life, from overseeing the transition to boarding school to ensuring academic success. The advisor is a true mentor who looks out for their advisees' emotional, social and intellectual well-being. Students are welcome to seek out an advisor's advice at any time, day or night. There are two advising periods built into the weekly academic schedule. Additionally, every Thursday night, the entire community gathers for a formal sit-down dinner where advisors share a meal with their advisory group

Kent School graduates report that their Kent experience well prepared them for the challenges and rigors of college life. By fully immersing themselves in Kent's vibrant intellectual life, Kent students learn to challenge themselves, manage their time and seek out support when needed. A Kent education is one which demands full participation and builds confident, thoughtful and curious learners.



New Student Seminar (NSS): Our III and new IV form students take NSS in the fall of their first year at Kent. The course is designed to help students evaluate their work habits and learn new ones so they can produce their best academic results at Kent and beyond. Throughout the fall term, students practice methods of organization and time management, and are asked to articulate ways that their study choices help them effectively process new information. New Student Seminar provides a common experience for our new students, guaranteeing they have the tools needed for academic success.

Academic Resource Center (ARC): Skilled advisors are available to assist any student in developing effective reading and note-taking skills, study strategies for homework and tests, and improved time management. They will help students set academic goals and cultivate the self-discipline to achieve those goals through daily and weekly action plans. The ARC staff, which includes English faculty and Peer Writing Tutors during study hall, also provides assistance at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming and outlining to drafting and revising. Students can visit the ARC for feedback on writing of all sorts, including expository essays, research papers, and creative writing. Located in the library, the Academic Resource Center is open during the academic day and every night for study hall. Students can drop by without an appointment, or teachers may refer a student for required visits.

By the Numbers:

- 10 academic departments
- 7:1 student-faculty ratio
- 27 Advanced Placement courses
- 77% faculty have advanced degrees
- 12 average class size
- 5 multi-level mathematics courses through Post-Calculus
- 10 multi-level science courses
- 5 multi-level languages including Mandarin, Spanish, French, Latin and Ancient Greek

