

THE ACADEMY AT A GLANCE

Founded 1842

Motto: Semper Discens or Always Learning

Colors: Academy Green & White

Nickname: Hilltoppers

Mission

This is the mission of St. Johnsbury Academy a diverse, comprehensive, and independent educational community grounded by our traditions, our deep optimism regarding young people, and our commitment to learning:

Character: To teach good character by modeling compassion, respect, responsibility, and integrity

Inquiry: To foster a love for learning by engaging individuals in the pursuit of knowledge, creativity, and intellectual self-reliance

Community: To encourage each individual to understand his or her relationships, rights, and responsibilities within a community that is itself part of the larger world

- The Academy is an approved independent school under Vermont law
- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Approved by the State Board of Education

- 949 students enrolled for the 2016-2017 academic year, with a diverse student body:
 - 694 Day Students (# public school students) – 73%
 - 255 Boarding Students – 27%
 - Representing 40 communities in VT/NH, 17 states, and 24 countries

- 234 employees, including 123 faculty and 111 staff
- Average class size is 12
- The student to faculty ratio is 9:1; the student to adult ratio is 4:1

- The Advisor Program provides each student with a faculty mentor and places each student in a supportive peer group

- Academy traditions include a dress code for all students, and nondenominational Chapel assembly daily for all students

- 24 Varsity athletic teams open to all students
- 50 organized clubs and activities open to all students

- The Academy is an active contributor to the local community:
 - opens its facilities for community use (e.g. First Night, non-profit organizations)
 - took over the management of the Recreation Department
 - creates partnerships with area organizations (e.g. Catamount Arts, Athenaeum, Fairbanks Museum)
 - numerous community service initiatives (e.g. food shelf, stewardship projects, senior living centers, youth mentoring)

- The Academy is critical to the local and statewide economy:
 - \$12.7 million paid in wages to employees in calendar year 2015
 - \$2.8 million paid in health insurance and retirement benefits to employees
 - \$12.4 million in purchases of goods and services in Vermont (2011):
 - \$3.6 million in Caledonia County
 - \$8.8 million outside Caledonia County
 - Averages \$1.6 million in capital construction projects annually using local businesses
 - \$547,000 in annual spending in St. Johnsbury by students, parents, and guests (2015)