

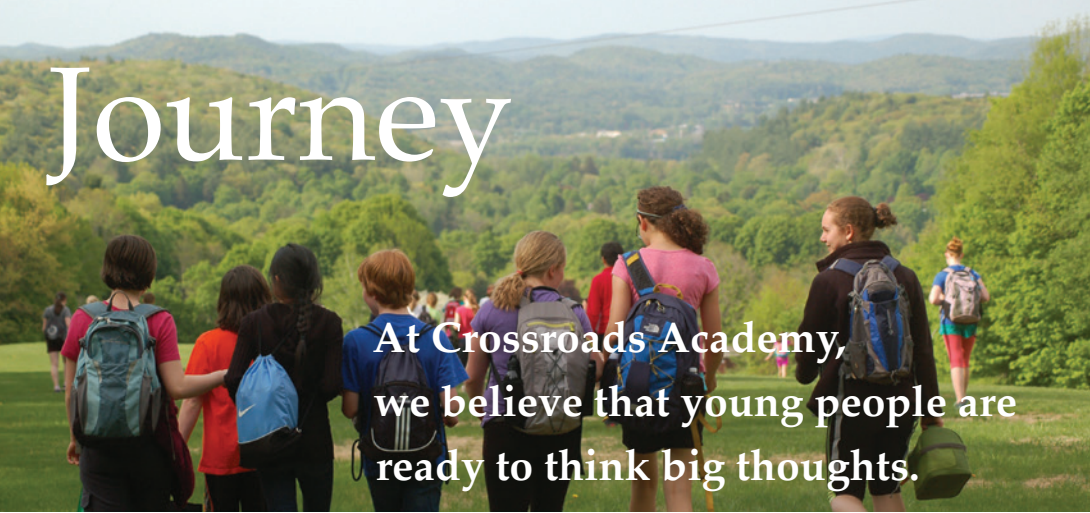
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Crossroads Academy



Journey



At Crossroads Academy,
we believe that young people are
ready to think big thoughts.



“We all want our kids to be happy, and smart, and perhaps most of all, good human beings. Crossroads not only points the way toward these lofty goals, but actively guides, illuminates, models, and inspires.”

This is a special place—filled with world-class faculty, strong minds, and kind hearts.”

—Jake Reder, Lower School parent

“We love Crossroads because the curriculum addresses the whole child; there is a body of knowledge the students should possess when they leave, and there is a person they’re meant to be: compassionate, aware of the world around them, able to lead when capable and follow when necessary.”

— Terry Samwick, Lower and Middle School parent

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Crossroad Academy’s curriculum integrates Core Knowledge and Core Virtues.

Core Knowledge is a body of solid, shared, specific, and sequenced knowledge most essential for literacy in contemporary American society. Solid content in history, literature, geography, mathematics, and science promotes cultural literacy and provides rich opportunities to develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking.

Core Virtues are those traits of character that define human moral goodness. Our approach is centered upon the four cardinal virtues of justice, wisdom, courage, and temperance.

These two strands combine to create an ethos of perseverance, academic strength, self-reflection, and moral courage. As they master content and practice virtue, students gain, over time, an appreciation of who they are and who they aspire to be.





Program



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Students

Crossroads students love school. They are inspired by teachers, encouraged by classmates, and strive toward excellence. Recent accomplishments:

Language Arts: Sixteen students earned medals in the National Mythology Exam; two students earned platinum medals in the National French Contest; a dozen students had work published in *The Voice*, *Valley News*, *VT Digger*, *Cowbird*, Vermont Public Radio, and Vermont Stage Company's *Winter Tales*.

Mathematics: Our elementary math team finished 8th of 114 teams in the MathLeague.org national competition. We placed first in northern New England in the American Mathematics Competition-8 Exam and had the largest number of students in the top 5% in our region.

Science: Since 2012, over 20 Crossroads students have been inducted into the Junior Academy of Science. Each of them published an abstract and presented their research at the annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Two students received the Cogito Research Award from the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

Technology: Five students won "Best in Region" in the Verizon App Challenge against a field of 1,100 teams nationwide. Using our 3-D printer, students designed cars that placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the NH/VT Solar Sprint Competition. Our First LEGO League team won the Champion's Award at regionals and the Research Award at the New Hampshire State Championship.

"I find Crossroads students to be inquisitive and engaged, and the environment at the school bestows them with a sense of poise and purpose well beyond their years."

— Brett Wanner, alumni parent

“Crossroads stands out in that its faculty consists not only of highly qualified, talented and knowledgeable teachers, but also of teachers with extraordinary dedication and contagious enthusiasm.”

— Elisabeth Hammer,
Middle School parent

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The Core Knowledge Sequence is a rigorous program that requires Crossroads Academy faculty members to possess significant background knowledge in the areas of science, math, history, literature, and language arts.

Our greatest asset is the caliber, effectiveness, and creativity of our faculty. More than half of our teachers have earned master's degrees; three faculty members have doctoral degrees. Our faculty members have written books, published articles, presented at professional conferences, and earned awards: we have two New Hampshire History Teachers of the Year, an Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow, and an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow.





Faculty

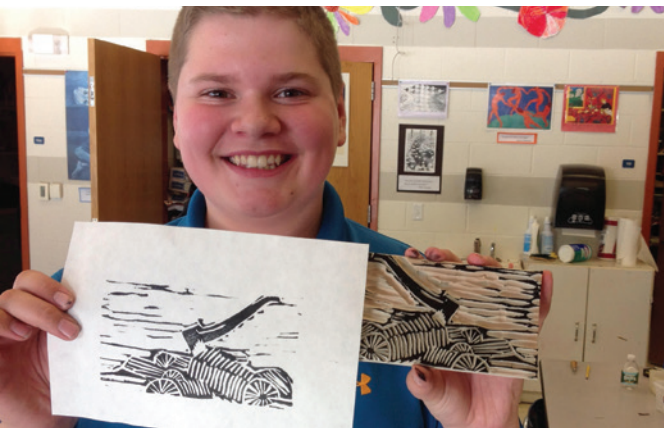
Under the guidance of our science faculty, more than 30 Crossroads Academy students have published papers and presented original research at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting.

Strong Minds



Kind Hearts





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A group of five students and two adults are running along a grassy trail in a wooded area. The students are in the foreground, smiling and running towards the camera. The adults are in the background, also running. The scene is outdoors with trees and foliage in the background.

Crossroads Academy students enjoy cross country trails, outdoor classrooms, a rich array of habitats, and ample opportunities for hands-on science, place-based education, and year-round recreation.

Campus

Located in picturesque, rural New Hampshire just ten minutes north of Hanover, the Crossroads Academy campus is an idyllic spot for education and recreation. The 140-acre property is designated as an American Tree Farm. Hewes Brook flows through our campus, and an audit by the Audubon Society revealed more than four hundred species of plants in our fields, forests, wetlands, and riparian corridor.

Campus buildings include the three-story brick and clapboard Klee Building, our Middle School building and barn, and the 16,000-square-foot Bancroft Campus Center. The Bancroft complex includes our 10,000-volume Lora Robins Library, a well-equipped gymnasium with a climbing wall, a spacious art studio, and a lovely music classroom.

At the north end of campus, a 144-panel photovoltaic (PV) solar array generates 40 kW power, enough to power over half of our campus' energy needs.



“The beautiful wooded campus, the small class sizes, and the nurturing, supportive staff are all special. But to us, it’s all about master teachers—and Crossroads has more of those than any school we’ve known.”

—Jim and Kristen Collins-Laine,
alumni parents

“How wonderful it is to be engaged with the thoughtful and caring young people at Crossroads. We all feel it has been a privilege to be involved. And we all realize that such a worthwhile process emerges from the very best kind of teaching and learning, in which minds are stretched and hearts are opened.”

— Alice Harrison, Lower School
grandparent and resident of Kendal
at Hanover

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Crossroads Academy’s motto is “Strong Minds, Kind Hearts.”

This motto becomes manifest through intention, diligence, and the practice of community. Our rich community calendar features performance assemblies, Back-to-School-Night, Family Arts Night, Grandparents Day, Shakespeare Day, Move Up Ceremony, and an annual celebration honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students serve the Upper Valley community in a variety of ways. The fifth grade students perform *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* at the Blow-Me-Down Grange in Plainfield; seventh grade students host “You Come Too,” a Robert Frost birthday recitation at the Howe Library in Hanover; the Lady’s Slipper Club presents their efforts to save endangered orchids at the New Hampshire Orchid Society’s annual conference.

During community service afternoons, students lend helping hands at partner institutions: Bugbee Senior Center, Upper Valley Haven, Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society, Lyme Nursery School, COVER Home Repair, among others.

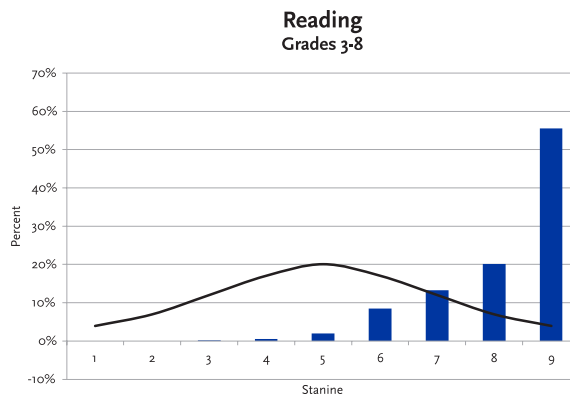
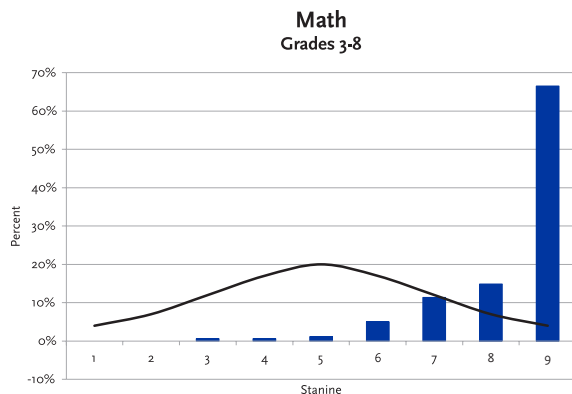


Community

In 2015, Crossroads Academy received Honorable Mention as a National School of Character. Our students were selected to participate in a longitudinal study of character development during the 2015-2016 school year. The study was led by researchers at Brown University and the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Crossroads Academy ERB Performance versus National Norms

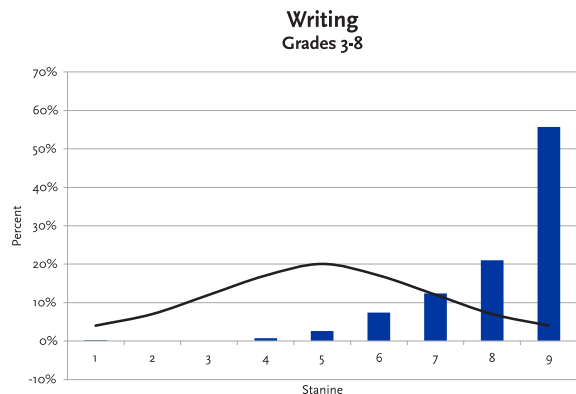


About 80 percent of Crossroads students score the equivalent of “proficient with distinction” on the NECAP **

* Stanines are often used in education statistics as an intuitive way of rendering performance relative to a comparison group. The bottom cutoffs of the 2nd through 9th stanines are 4th, 11th, 23rd, 40th, 60th, 77th, 89th, and 96th percentiles, respectively. Data are from ERB CTP-4 tests given in May 2013-2015.

** About 25, 20, and 15 percent of New Hampshire students score “proficient with distinction” on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) exams, for Math, Reading, and Writing, respectively. Adjusting for the stronger than average performance of NH students, the cutoff for “proficient with distinction” is approximately the bottom, middle, and top of the 7th National Norms stanine for Math, Reading, and Writing, respectively.

Results



“Crossroads attracts many of the most academically oriented students in the Upper Valley, and, once at Crossroads, they perform even better. You can see it in the test scores—the 2nd and 3rd graders look good, but by 5th grade, they are stunning.”

— Eric Zitzewitz, parent and Dartmouth College professor



“As the parent of three children who completed their full K-8 experience at Crossroads, two of whom are now in high school and one at Dartmouth College, it is clear that Crossroads provides students with an outstanding education and a strong foundation for future success!”

— David Kotz, alumni parent and
Dartmouth College professor

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Crossroads students graduate to public schools, where placement is strong in honors-level courses, as well as private schools such as Choate Rosemary Hall, Deerfield Academy, Emma Willard, Kimball Union Academy, Milton Academy, Phillips Academy (Andover), Phillips Exeter Academy, St. Johnsbury Academy, and St. Paul's School. In 2015-2016, a Crossroads eighth grader was the only student in New England selected for the Caroline Bradley Scholarship Award, which will fully fund her private high school of choice.

Crossroads alumni have attended colleges and universities such as Amherst, Brown, Carleton, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Harvard, Kenyon, MIT, Middlebury, Mt. Holyoke, NYU, Oberlin, Stanford, and the University of Chicago, among many others.

Founded in 1991 and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Crossroads Academy enrolls more than 120 students. Our student to teacher ratio is 5:1.

Tuition is about half that of “big-city” private schools. Financial aid is available and is awarded to approximately twenty percent of our students.

Please contact us to learn more about this incredible institution.

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Future

We listen to each other, we respect one another. With kindness and loyalty
 we pledge our support. We practice self-control and honesty; we balance and optimism
 and realism. Working together, we make amends and forgive each other. As a group, we

D E R S E L E R E

Nate

Leanna K.

Kate G. ♥

Constance H.
Dylank. Billy U.

Sierra

Rain L.

Julia H.

Miriam U. ♀

Morgan P.

Marianz

Mr. Glozer

Micki

Elizabeth L.

Andrew

Crossroads Academy is an independent, coeducational day school committed to academic excellence and moral integrity. We inspire our students to love learning, act honorably, and contribute actively to intellectual, cultural, and civic life.



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