

STURGIS CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL – WEST



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School Profile 2017-2018

International Baccalaureate (IB) for All

Founded in 1998, Sturgis Charter Public School adheres to an “IB for All” philosophy, providing students with access to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme — a global-minded, rigorous, and comprehensive curriculum. Our commitment to equal access makes Sturgis quite unusual as students are not preselected for admission into IB classes. In fact, *all* eleventh and twelfth grade students take *all* of their coursework in the IB Programme. We are a full inclusion school, with a strong student support system that adapts to meet students’ needs. This approach offers students the access and tools necessary to succeed in one of the world’s most challenging college preparatory programs. Sturgis maintains that holding high standards and high expectations of all students leads not only to high achievement, but also to college readiness and the development of more inquiring and caring minds. Because of Sturgis Charter Public School’s unique support system for students, high standards, collaborative student culture of peer support, and strict graduation requirements, course failure in upperclassman courses is uncommon.

Sturgis’ membership in the [International Baccalaureate Organization](http://www.ibo.org) (IBO) is fundamental to its charter. IBO is a worldwide consortium of schools that holds its member schools and students to high standards for academic excellence, creativity and service within the classroom and beyond.

Sturgis is nationally recognized for its student success. In 2016, The Washington Post recognized Sturgis as the #2 public school in Massachusetts and #135 in the United States. This marks the 10th straight year that Sturgis has been ranked one of the top schools in the U.S. by The Washington Post. In addition, the 2016 U.S. News and World Report rankings recognized Sturgis as #1 in Massachusetts and #33 in the United States.

Quick Facts

Total Enrollment	404 students
IEP/504	18%
Free/Reduced Lunch	6%
Senior Class	95 students
College Bound	96%: 85% 4 yr; 11% 2 yr
Teaching Faculty	49
Graduate Degrees	74%
Student/Faculty Ratio	9:1
Average Class Size	14
Calendar	Semester/Full Year
Course Schedule	7 rotating periods
Maximum Course Load	7 courses per semester

Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
History	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Foreign Language	6 credits*
The Arts	2 credits
Electives	2 credits
TOTAL	26 Credits

**4 credits in one language and
a minimum of 2 credits of Latin*

Grading System

All grade 9 and 10 classes are designed as preparation for entering the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum in grade eleven. As a result, all grade 9 and 10 courses represent what other schools may reasonably call **Honors** in the first two years of high school. Grades in the IB curriculum reflect the attainment of knowledge relative to the high standards established by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). **Grade point average is not weighted** because all of our students take a full slate of IB classes during grades 11 and 12. We use a 4 point

scale, and calculate career GPA at the end of each school year. Each grade is assigned points as follows: A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; F = 0. As we work with a +/- system, it is important to note that a + adds .3 and a - deducts .3: by way of example, a B+ would be a 3.3 and a B- would be a 2.7. Due to the wide range of curriculum requirements, assessment standards, and grading policies at regional high schools, as well as the unique nature of our "IB for All" curriculum, Sturgis does not incorporate courses completed at prior schools into our transcript, nor do we include these courses in the calculation of a student's Sturgis career GPA.

International Baccalaureate Results

Having gained acceptance into the prestigious International Baccalaureate Organization in 2004, Sturgis implemented the IB program in the 2004-2005 school year. The class of 2017 is the twelfth graduating class eligible to earn the IB Diploma.

	Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Number of Graduates	102	100	88
IB Exam Participation Rate	100%	100%	100%
IB Exams Taken	592 Average of 5.8 per student	577 Average of 5.8 per student	519 Average of 5.9 per student
IB Scores of 3 or better	93%	95%	92%
Number Attempting IB Diploma	65	68	42
Number Earning IB Diploma	44	45	33

Due to its commitment to individual achievement, *Sturgis does not rank students.*
Decile bands & a distribution chart of junior year grades are provided for comparison purposes.

GPA Decile Bands

Class of 2018

Computed at the completion of junior year

1 st	3.84 - 4.00	6 th	2.98 - 3.16
2 nd	3.64 - 3.82	7 th	2.85 - 2.97
3 rd	3.45 - 3.63	8 th	2.63 - 2.84
4 th	3.35 - 3.44	9 th	2.18 - 2.59
5 th	3.17 - 3.34	10 th	1.03 - 2.15

College Admission Test Scores

Class of 2017 (93% of class)

SAT Reasoning	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	530-670	609
Math	530-590	587
Composite	1090-1300	1196 <small>(1600)</small>
ACT Composite	23-29	26.1

Junior Year Grade Distribution Class of 2018

*** Our practice is to limit students to three Higher Level courses. ***

HL – Higher Level SL – Standard Level	90 – 100 (A)	80-89 (B)	70-79 (C)	60-69 (D)	0-59 (F)
IB English HL1	27	29	1	1	0
IB English SL1	14	12	10	0	0
IB History HL1	4	10	10	0	0
IB History SL1	10	40	18	2	0
IB Biology HL1	13	14	2	0	0
IB Biology SL1	2	11	1	1	0
IB Environmental Science SL1	5	19	6	1	0
IB Physics HSL1, HL1	4	5	2	1	0
IB Chemistry HL1	2	1	0	0	0
IB Chemistry SL1	7	10	6	1	0
IB Computer Science HL1	3	1	3	0	0
IB Computer Science SL1	1	3	0	0	0
IB Math HL1	1	3	1	0	0
IB Math SL1	13	18	3	0	0
IB Math Studies 1	14	25	9	7	0
IB French HL1	6	5	0	0	0
IB French SL1 SL2	3	2	0	0	0
IB Latin HL1	9	16	1	0	0
IB Latin SL1	4	9	3	0	0

IB Spanish HL1	8	11	3	0	0
IB Spanish SL1	1	3	2	1	0
IB Theory of Knowledge 1	31	34	2	0	0
IB Psychology SL	8	7	0	0	0
IB Business HL	1	8	3	3	0
IB Business SL	1	2	1	0	0
IB Art HL1	7	1	0	0	0
IB Art SL1	5	1	0	0	0
IB Music SL1 HL1	1	3	0	1	0
IB Theater HL1	4	2	0	1	0

College Admissions

Selected colleges and universities where graduates from the Classes of 2002-2017 have enrolled

American University	Fordham University	Northeastern University	UNC, Chapel Hill
Assumption College	Franklin & Marshall	Norwich University	Union College
Bard College	George Mason University	NYU Abu Dhabi	University of British Columbia
Baylor University	George Washington Univ.	Oberlin College	University of Michigan
Bennington College	Georgetown University	Occidental College	University of North Dakota
Bentley College	Georgia Inst. of Technology	Pace University	University of Notre Dame
Boston College	Gettysburg College	Pratt Institute	University of Rochester
Boston University	Goucher College	Princeton University	USMA, West Point
Brandeis University	Green Mountain College	Providence College	USAFA, Colorado Springs
Brown University	Guilford College	Quinnipiac University	Vassar College
Bryant University	Hampshire College	Rensselaer Poly. Inst.	Virginia Military Institute
Cape Cod Community College	Hartwick College	RI Sch. of Design	Washington & Lee University
Carnegie Mellon University	Harvard College	Rochester Institute of Tech.	Wellesley College
Champlain College	Hollins University	Roger Williams University	Wentworth Institute of Tech.
Clemson University	Ithaca College	Rollins College	Western New England Univ.
Clark University	Johnson & Wales University	Salve Regina University	Wheaton College
Clarkson University	Kenyon College	Sarah Lawrence College	Wheelock College
Colby College	Lasell College	Savannah College of Art	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
College of the Atlantic	Lafayette College	Siena College	State University Systems:
College of the Holy Cross	Lesley University	Simmons College	Alabama
Columbia University	Lewis & Clark College	Smith College	Arizona
Connecticut College	Loyola Univ., Maryland	Southern New Hampshire U	California
Dartmouth College	Macalester College	St. Andrews, Scotland	Connecticut
Dean College	Marist College	St. Anselm College	Indiana
Dickinson College	Marlboro College	St. John's College, MD	Kansas
Drexel University	Mass. College of Pharmacy	St. Michael's College	Maine
Earlham College	Mass. Institute of Tech.	St. Olaf College	Massachusetts
Eckerd College	McDaniel College	Stanford University	New Hampshire
Emerson College	McGill University	Stonehill College	New York
Emmanuel College	Merrimack College	Suffolk University	Rhode Island
Endicott College	Mount Holyoke College	Tufts University	Vermont

For additional information about Sturgis Charter Public School – West, including course descriptions and national recognition, visit our [website](#).



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