



Boarding School Life at Hampshire Country School

Afternoon, evening, and weekend hours are as important in the life and development of a Hampshire Country School student as are the hours spent in class. Faculty members are fully involved with students throughout the day: they eat meals with students in the school dining room; participate in afternoon and weekend activities; help with homework; and say good night at bedtime. They are also actively involved in helping students struggle through the stresses and challenges of living with other people and growing up.

It is the after-school and weekend hours that make Hampshire Country School the unusual place that it is. A dorm is not just a place to reside. Instead, it is the dynamic, home-style center of a student's life. It is where he laughs and plays, argues and resists, helps to perform household chores and cook weekend breakfasts, grapples with homework, and practices lines for a play or his part in a brass ensemble.

Typical School Day

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| 7:30 a.m. | Arise. Clean room, help straighten dorm, prepare for breakfast and school. Dorm parents are present to say good-morning and help start the day. |
| 8:30 | Breakfast. Students and faculty eat together family-style in the school dining room. |
| 9:00-11:45 | Morning classes. |
| 11:45-12:15 | Lunch recess period. Informal activities such as board games, sledding, shooting baskets, or instrumental music practice. |
| 12:15-12:45 | Lunch. Students and faculty eat together family-style in the school dining room. |
| 12:45-3:30 | Afternoon classes. |
| 3:45-5:00 | Afternoon activities (e.g. recreational sports such as soccer, softball, tennis, or flag football; woodshop; horse care and riding; music lessons; play rehearsals; gardening; woodshop; canoeing). |
| 5:00-6:00 | Free time. |
| 6:00 | Dinner. Students and faculty eat together family-style in the school dining room. |
| 7:00-8:00 | Study period in the dorms. |
| 8:00-bedtime | Free time, dorm activities, additional study time, snacks, etc. Prepare for bed. |
| 9:00-10:00 | Lights out. Bedtime depends on age. |



Typical Weekend Day

Saturday

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| Early Morning | Flexible wake-up schedule. Breakfast in the dorm. Room and dorm cleaning. Play time. |
| 10:00-12:30 | Morning activities (e.g. recreational sports; indoor and outdoor games; recycling and other work projects; trip to the Rindge library; hiking; snowshoeing; ice skating; art, crafts, or woodshop; sledding; canoeing; camping skills) |
| 12:45 | Lunch in the school dining room (family-style, faculty and students). |
| 1:15-2:30 | Afternoon activities (similar to Saturday morning activities). |
| 2:45-3:45 | Study period in the dorms. Writing letter home. |
| 4:45-6:00 | Free time, play time, special games or activities. |
| 6:00 | Dinner (family-style, faculty and students) |
| 7:00 until Bedtime | Special Saturday evening activities. |

Sunday

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| Early morning | Flexible wake-up schedule. Breakfast in the dorm. Play time. |
| 11:00-12:30 | Sunday morning activities (similar to Saturday activities) |
| 12:30 | Lunch (family-style, faculty and students) |
| 1:00-2:30 | Sunday afternoon activities (similar to Saturday activities). |
| 2:30-6:00 | Play time, free time, special activities. |
| 6:00 | Sunday dinner (Jackets and ties, formal waiters, multicourse meal, warm atmosphere). |
| 7:00 | Sunday Forum (a special concert, lecture, or presentation by faculty, students, or guests). |

Additional Weekend Events and Activities

Many weekends include one or more off-campus trips to a live theater performance (e.g. Mame, Carmen, and the National Acrobats of Taiwan); classical concert; living history museum (e.g. a reconstructed 18th century colonial fort, and the Worcester Armory, a collection of medieval weapons and armor); off campus hikes; and an occasional ski trip.

Some weekends feature special events such as a Halloween celebration, Family Weekend, an acting workshop, or a game tournament.

Camping trips and/or rugged hikes are offered some weekends.