



HAMPSHIRE
COUNTRY SCHOOL

PLACE of POSSIBILITIES

At HCS, we meet
our students
where they are.

And see them for
who they are.



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Hampshire Country School [HCS] is a Place of Possibilities for high-ability, neurodiverse students who have not found success in traditional educational environments. HCS offers understanding, lightheartedness, and structure to educate students in a family-style, supportive, and calming learning community.

1948

year our school
was founded

HCS is accredited to serve students in grades 3 – 12. Most students enroll in upper elementary school. The average length of stay is 3 – 4 years, but may be longer or shorter depending on a student's specific needs.



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maximum
number of boys

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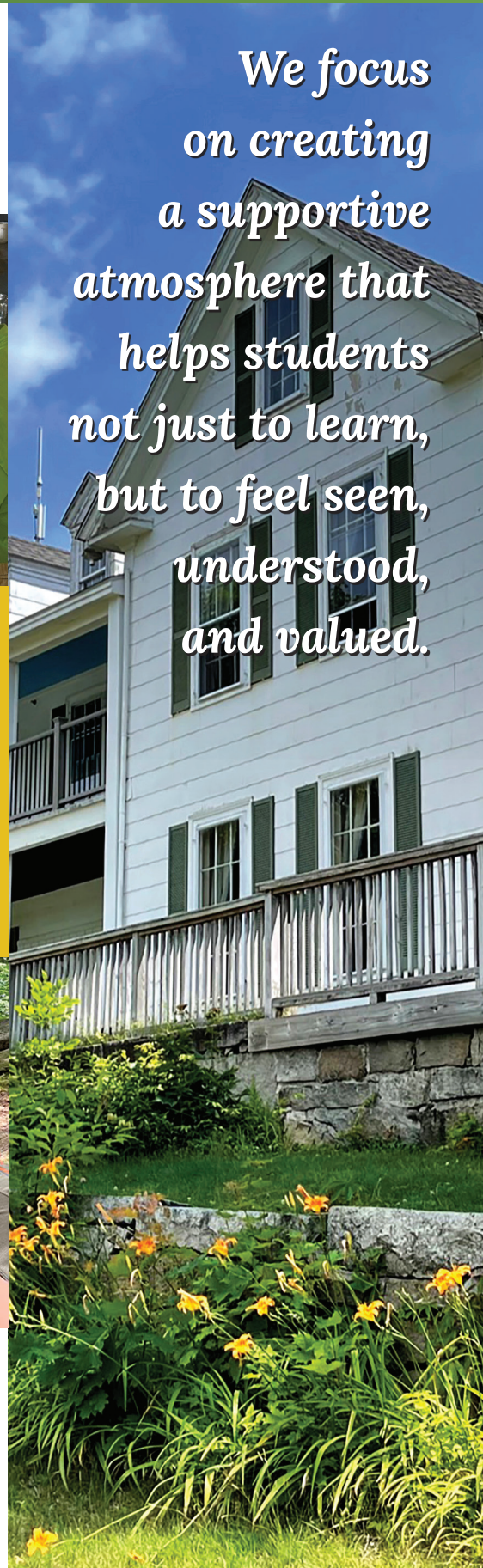
student to
teacher ratio

The students who find a home at Hampshire Country School often carry labels like:

Neurodivergent | ASD | Twice-exceptional (2e) | ADHD

Many struggle with social communication, emotional regulation, executive functioning, cognitive rigidity, and are in desperate need of a friend.

*We focus
on creating
a supportive
atmosphere that
helps students
not just to learn,
but to feel seen,
understood,
and valued.*



UNDERSTANDING | LIGHTHEARTEDNESS | STRUCTURE

*HCS's land is
the heart of
the school.*

*It is a source
of recreation,
renewal,
and pride.*

HCS owns more than 1,700 acres, of which 1,400 acres are permanently preserved as the Wapack Wilderness, in partnership with the Northeast Wilderness Trust.

The property is comprised of hundreds of acres of forests, open fields, pastures, and wetlands. It features three ponds that range in size from a few acres to 39 acres. It includes the southern part of Barrett Mountain, including Pratt Peak and Stonytop.

1,700
acres of land

13

buildings on
campus

Hampshire Country School Values:

- Life is a manageable and good experience. The many challenges that occur, both little and big, may be difficult, but they are not insurmountable, and they are a part of the whole beauty of life.
- Other people are worth treating with consideration, respect, and assistance.
- The world is much more beautiful in its somewhat natural condition than when too much technology has been imposed on it.
- Learning, maturing, and broadening our perspective of the world are natural, important, and pleasurable experiences.
- Curiosity is encouraged and observations can be made in the absence of interpretations.
- Taking breaks is always okay. We are all provided with the time and space necessary to step back, regulate, and try again.

ACADEMICS

“Every child deserves an educational experience tailored to their unique strengths and needs.”

— Chris Heys, Head of School



3–12

grades served

Traditional educational environments often lack the right balance of flexibility and structure necessary to support students who are neurodivergent, twice exceptional, or simply out of sync. At **Hampshire Country School**, we recognize a world of strength in our students' idiosyncrasies.

CURATED CURRICULA | Elementary & Secondary

Our curriculum is not just customized ... it's curated.

This level of individualization is essential for harnessing the potential of each student. By focusing on student interests, highlighting personal strengths, and applying gentle pressure, we push the boundaries of what's possible.



3

average class size

INTEGRATED SUPPORT

Our approach provides the perfect balance of agency, flexibility, and structure — allowing our students to grow, learn, and truly thrive.

Our faculty support students as they develop social skills, learn to regulate emotions, and pursue academic mastery.

HCS provides the understanding, flexibility, and responsiveness necessary to patiently cultivate greatness.



UNDERSTANDING

FLEXIBILITY

RESPONSIVENESS

ACTIVITIES and EXTRACURRICULARS



Opportunities for Students to Imagine, Explore, Discover, and Play

MUSIC & ARTS

A number of **MUSIC & ARTS** opportunities are available, and may include:

- Piano
- Drawing
- Pottery
- Voice Lessons
- Painting
- Drama
- Fiber Arts
- Sculpture
- Woodworking



ACTIVITIES & SPORTS

ACTIVITIES & SPORTS may include:

- Hiking
- Canoeing
- Ice Skating
- Snowshoeing
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Biking
- Swimming
- Skiing & Snowboarding
- Fishing
- Soccer
- Four Square
- Archery
- Sledding
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Woodworking
- Flag Football
- Ping-Pong

HCS's facilities include a tennis court, sports field, gymnasium for indoor sports, and a new 9-hole disc golf course completed in 2024.

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teachers &
residential life staff

GAMES

Playing **GAMES** . . . frequently . . . is part of the HCS culture.

- Role-Playing Games
- Card Games
- Board Games
- Conversation Games
- Tabletop Games
- Chess



IMAGINE | EXPLORE | DISCOVER | PLAY

BOARDING SCHOOL LIFE

Life outside the classroom is just as important as academic instruction.

Living and playing together after school, in the evening, and on weekends is central to student life and growth.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Our residential life team is actively involved with students throughout the day. Dorm parents help the boys prepare for school in the morning, eat meals with them, lead activities

during the afternoon and weekends, assist with evening homework, and help the boys prepare for bedtime.

Dorm parents provide ongoing residential curriculum to gently and supportively help students to gain skills necessary for them to be successful in and out of the classroom.



1

boy in
each bedroom



INTENTIONALLY LOW-TECH

Our small country school is intentionally slow- and low-tech. Our program is based on relationships, community learning, and engagement.

Students do not have personal computers or phones. They do not play video games or watch TV. Chromebooks are available for classwork and written assignments.

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student dorms



RELATIONSHIPS | COMMUNITY LEARNING | ENGAGEMENT



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types of
farm animals



Students can obtain hands-on experience working on a functional, small-scale, sustainable farm.

This resource supplements and enhances curriculum and meals, by providing the school kitchen with the highest quality meat, eggs, and produce.

FARM LIFE & ANIMALS

Cattle, chickens, ducks, goats, pigs, rabbits, sheep, and turkeys live on the farm. Some students take an interest in taking care of the animals or performing daily farm chores. Others simply enjoy the calming benefits of spending time with farm animals.

Teachers may coordinate academic lessons with the farm to provide opportunities for students to learn about business planning and management, environmental and veterinary science, mathematics, biology, anatomy, and chemistry.



WILDLIFE

In addition to the farm animals, the 1,700-acre property supports a large variety of wildlife, including beaver, deer, wild turkeys, moose, mink, otter, coyotes, bobcats, and many other birds, mammals, and reptiles.

The numerous lakes have an abundance of fish, including trout, pickerel, pike, and bass.





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Stump Pond

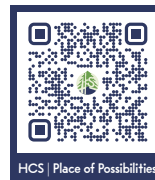
Island Pond

Mill Pond

Tennis &
Basketball Court

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| 1 Main House
<i>Classrooms, Dining Room & Offices</i> | 4 Theater | 8 Stonytop & Timbertop
<i>Faculty Residences</i> | 11 Deer Run
<i>Student Dorm</i> |
| 2 Mountain View & Forest View
<i>Student Dorms</i> | 5 Barn View
<i>Faculty Residence</i> | 9 Mill House
<i>Faculty Residence</i> | 12 Soccer Field |
| 3 Coach House & Art Studio
<i>Classrooms & Faculty Residence</i> | 6 Sports Barn | 10 Meadows House
<i>Faculty Residence</i> | |
| 7 Animal Barn | | | |

*If you are interested in learning more about Hampshire Country School,
please contact us to obtain more information or to schedule a tour.*



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