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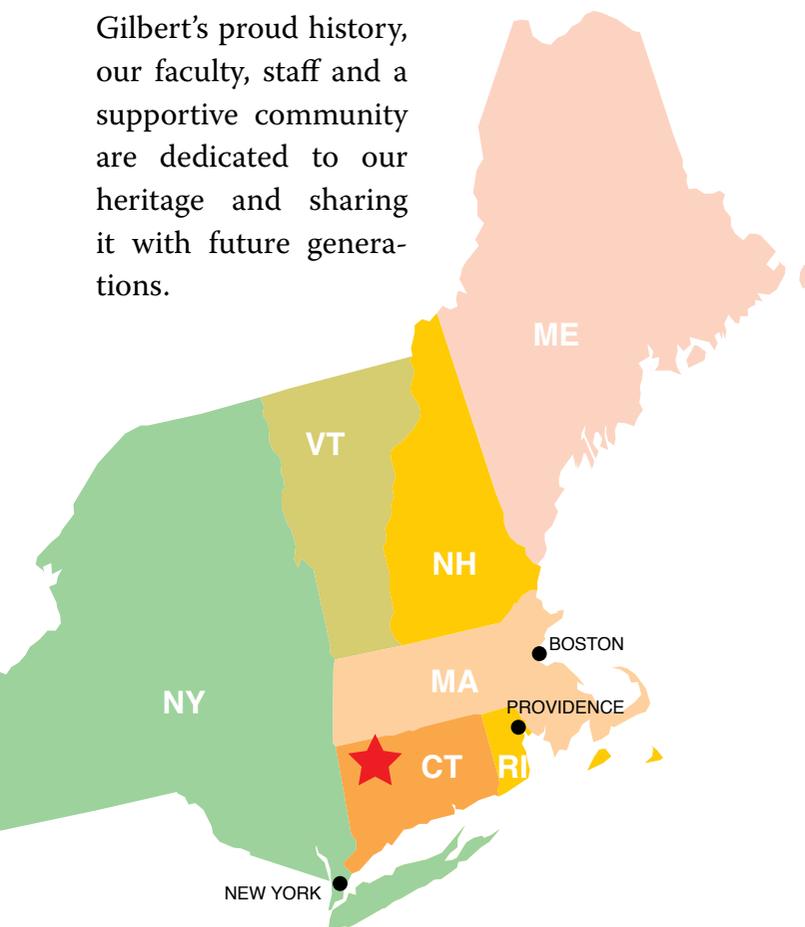
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About Our School

The Gilbert School is a comprehensive independent middle-senior high school, grades 7-12, in Winsted, Connecticut. Set in the picturesque Litchfield Hills of Northwestern Connecticut, many prestigious institutions of higher learning are easily accessible. The Gilbert School is equidistant to Boston and New York City—and a half an hour from Hartford's Bradley International Airport.

Our Founder

Founded by William L. Gilbert through his last Will and Testament, the School has a unique and compelling history that defines the American experience of an active businessman and entrepreneur who left a large portion of his estate to be used for the improvement of mankind. True to our motto "Committed to our Heritage—Focused on the Future" we are introducing an International Residency Program in 2013. A natural extension of Gilbert's proud history, our faculty, staff and a supportive community are dedicated to our heritage and sharing it with future generations.



Accreditation

An endowed town academy, Gilbert is fully accredited through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The faculty at The Gilbert School is highly trained, certified through Connecticut's State Department of Education in their discipline; over 85% have degrees beyond their Bachelors of Arts and Sciences. The staff is dedicated and takes great pride in cultivating and maintaining a successful learning environment. Both faculty and staff understand that teamwork is essential in providing educational opportunities for our students.

Our Facility

The Gilbert School's first building was dedicated on September 9, 1895, and opened to its first students the next day. The present, larger facility located on 120 acres of land at 200 Williams Avenue opened in 1959. Between 1970 and 1992, art rooms, band and chorus rooms and a small gymnasium were added to the building. The entire building was wired for computer networking during the summer of 1998. A major \$12,000,000 renovation, completed in 2000–2001, added new classrooms, a state-of-the-art library-media center, a new administrative suite and a fully renovated kitchen and cafeteria. Improved athletic fields, tennis courts, parking and driveways were also part of the project.

William L. Gilbert founded The Gilbert School for the purpose of providing instruction "for the improvement of mankind by affording such assistance and means of educating the young as will help them to become good citizens." Today, that spirit of good citizenship and educating the whole child endures on our campus.

Philosophy of The Gilbert School

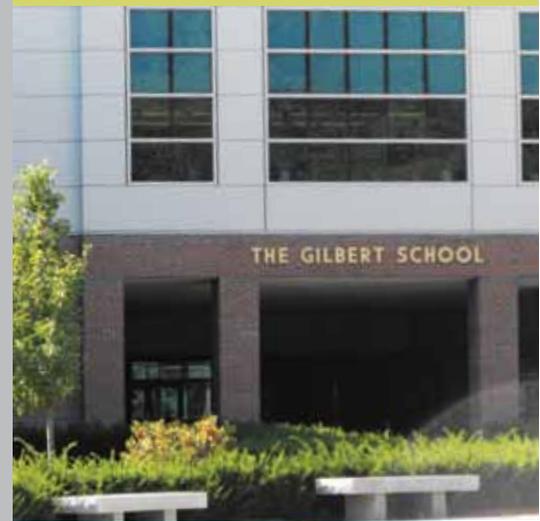
- To be concerned with the development of the entire student: his/her physical, intellectual, emotional, and social growth.
- To prepare students with the academic and life skills necessary to survive, succeed, and contribute to their community.
- To nurture the growth of values such as respect, honesty, tolerance, and a strong work ethic.
- To present a curriculum that will provide a challenge for students at all levels, a sense of responsibility, accountability, and an active participation in their education.
- To be knowledgeable of the newest methods and trends in education, including technology, and to implement those programs into the curriculum responsive to the changing needs of society.

Mission Statement

The Gilbert School is committed to assuring that all our students are prepared to be thoughtful and productive citizens in a complex, global society.

In pursuing this mission, we believe that:

- All students can learn and be successful.
- All students are valued and deserve an education that addresses their academic, physical, and social/emotional needs.
- All students are entitled to a safe, healthy, and respectful learning environment.
- All members of The Gilbert School community must uphold high expectations, be accountable, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence.
- Celebrating the unique heritage of The Gilbert School strengthens community pride and inspires individual accomplishments.



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The Gilbert Program

The Gilbert program is multidimensional.

Teachers provide age- and level-appropriate lessons, differentiate instruction and assessment, comply with student modifications and help students reach attainable goals, both personal and intellectual. Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) level classes allow students to stretch themselves academically, while resource classes, peer tutoring and other remediation opportunities help students who require additional assistance. There are also classical studies and language offerings in Latin and Greek. Our AP offerings include Calculus, Chemistry, English Literature and Composition, Language and Composition, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics and U.S. History. We also offer University of Connecticut courses that follow the university's curriculum standards and syllabus. Students can attain UConn college credit while attending high school at The Gilbert School. We also have a partnership with Northwestern Connecticut Community College, located less than two miles from our campus in downtown Winsted, that allows students to attend classes at the college and gain college credit.

Our athletic program is dedicated to helping students develop outside the classroom.

It begins with coaches who reflect good practices, including organization, sport-specific skill development, nutrition and conditioning. All student athletes are held to high expectations across all levels for skill development, strategies for success and code of conduct. Athletic trainers and the school nurse work together to monitor the physical capability of student athletes. We offer eighteen different sports programs at the high-school level and nine different sports opportunities at the middle-school level. Varsity athletic offerings include: football, soccer, cross country, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, swimming and diving, baseball, softball, golf, track and field, cheerleading and tennis.

Our award-winning band and choral music programs have been recognized through the Berkshire Festival.

Members of the band and chorus have been honored for excellence, winning the Northern Regional competitions and taking All-State Honors. Performing-arts stage productions in our 700-seat auditorium and our TV studio provide additional opportunities for students to express their talent. Students can elect two- and three-dimensional art classes and their work is displayed throughout the campus.

Technology is widely and regularly used to improve student learning, increase student engagements, and reach a greater number of modalities.

Technology use is extensive across the disciplines and teachers and students have access to a variety of media, technology and resources to efficiently enhance teaching and learning. As students develop, expectations increase regarding their responsibility and independence. As is the case in a college environment, faculty post class expectations and grading rubrics, as well as distribute course syllabi. Gilbert's Technology Plan calls for the use of tablet technology and textbook application for all students by the 2013-14 academic year.

The library media specialist works with classroom teachers to create lessons and projects that differentiate instruction and take into account the developmental level of all students.

Library materials are offered in a variety of formats and address a range of reading levels and cognitive abilities. Online resources are selected to meet the needs of all students at all levels of ability. Assistive technologies and resources include iPods, Kindles with text-to-speech capability, reading program software and large print materials.

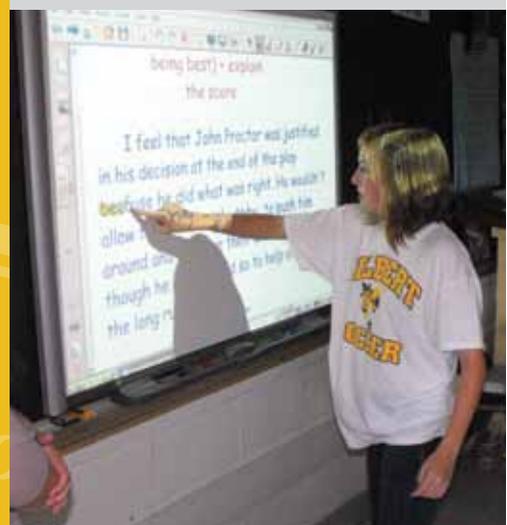
Faculty and Staff

The Gilbert faculty provides a safe environment that allows students to challenge themselves academically. Highly trained teachers provide age-appropriate instruction utilizing a variety of methodologies assessments reflecting differing learning styles. The faculty and staff of The Gilbert School are dedicated to providing a comprehensive educational program that incorporates academics, athletics, and opportunities for meaningful personal growth.

Ethical issues and moral development are integrated into the curriculum. Teachers emphasize global and international impact on their students' lives and experiences. Students are taught the importance of respect for other viewpoints and are encouraged to share their own. Classes in most fields of study address social issues such as public policy, conflict resolution and a respect for other cultures.

Alumni/ae

Gilbert has more than 8,000 living graduates, many of whom are successful professionals, artists, entrepreneurs, skilled tradespersons and dedicated public servants. Hundreds contribute their time and financial resources to help their alma mater further its mission and continue its legacy. Events are held regularly on- and off-campus to bring alumni/ae together and help them not only stay connected to Gilbert, but reconnect with one another.



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Reasons to Consider The Gilbert School

CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

The Gilbert School provides students with a curriculum that addresses ethical and moral issues, problem solving, project based learning, authentic assessments, involves an assortment of teaching styles and methodologies and provides opportunities for students to challenge themselves in preparation for post-secondary education or the work force.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Extracurricular trips, athletics and assemblies featuring guest speakers, making for a well-rounded program that allows students to explore ideas, gain perspectives, advocate for themselves and hone talents beyond the classroom.

ADVANCED STUDIES

Our Classical Studies, Advanced Placement courses, University of Connecticut credit curriculum offerings and our college enrollment program with Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

CONVENIENT LOCATION

Proximity to New York City and Boston, the second largest airport in New England, institutions of higher learning, ski resorts and lakes and rivers that allow for skiing, hiking, swimming, fishing, rafting and kayaking.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The small size of our school, 500 students in grades 7-12, coupled with the time allocated for teachers to meet in teams or by department, are just two of many factors that enable our faculty and staff to know the students well. This allows for a great deal of personalization that goes into providing an appropriate and safe educational environment.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Athletic, Arts and community-based learning programs that allow students to grow beyond the classroom and discover and enhance their talents.

NEW ENGLAND LIFESTYLE

The City of Winsted, located within the Town of Winchester, incorporated in 1771, has a population of 10,500 and provides a small-town rural setting with access to the cosmopolitan cities of America's East Coast, making for an authentic American experience.

DIVERSITY

The Gilbert School's diverse population is supported by the local community, businesses, parents, citizens, alumni and the Board of Trustees, made up of local residents.

CONTEMPORARY SKILLS

In fulfilling its mission, The Gilbert School is committed to ensuring that all our students are prepared with 21st Century skills to be thoughtful and productive citizens in a complex, global society.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

The Gilbert program is designed to meet the developmental needs of students in all aspects of student life and to help them obtain the skills necessary to become proficient users of information and life-long learners.

Colleges attended by The Gilbert School graduates over the last four years

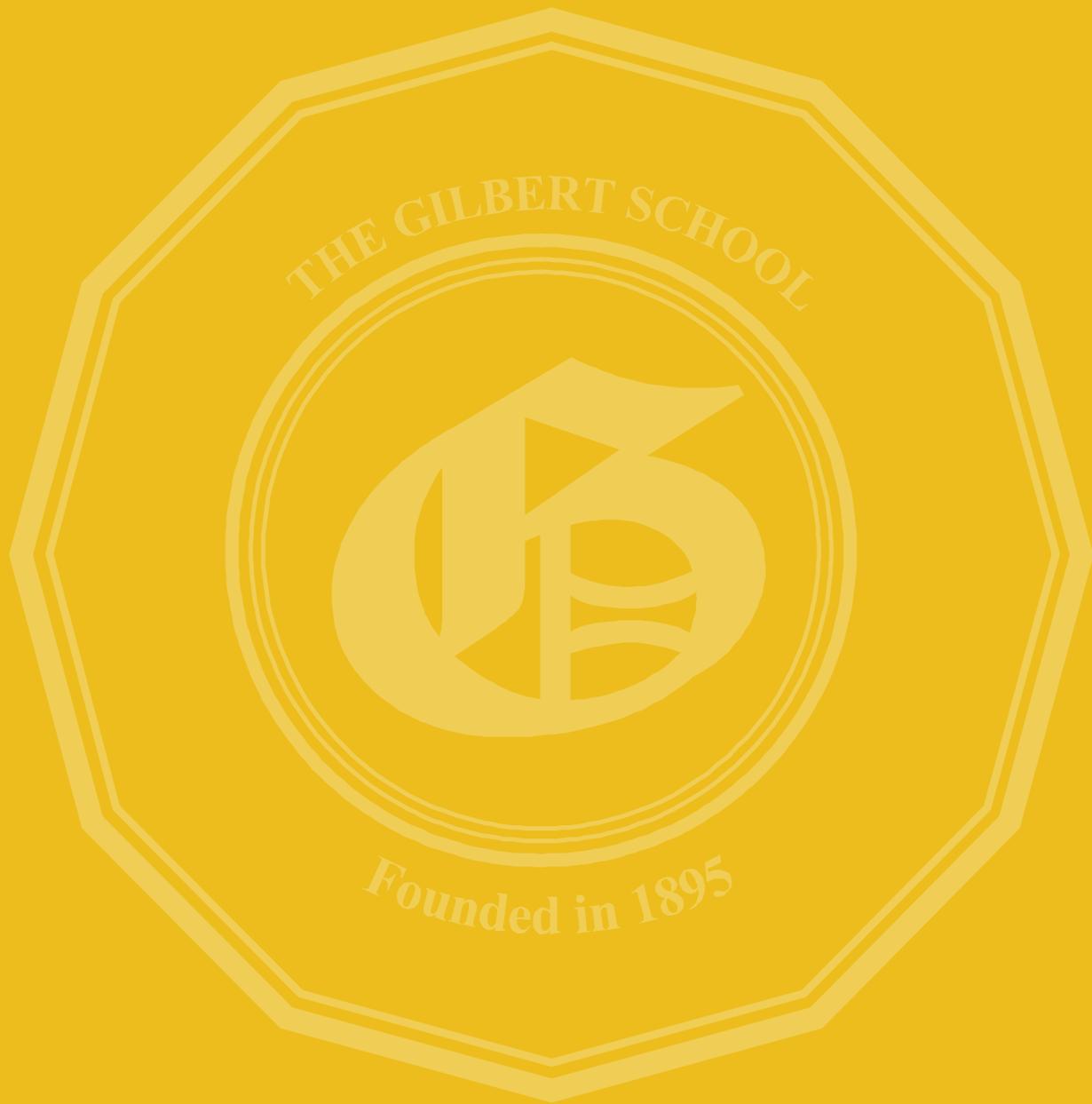
Eighty-six percent of graduating classes went on to advanced schooling:

- 58% to four-year institutions
- 27% to two-year institutions
- 1%, to vocational institutions
- 1% joined the military



Students of The Gilbert School are attending the following colleges and universities:

Albany College of Pharmacy	Lincoln College of New England	Southern Connecticut State University
Arcadia University	Lincoln Technical Institute	Springfield College
Bay Path College	Long Island University	St. John's University Stonehill College
Bentley University	Maine College of Art	SUNY Maritime
Boise State University	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Temple University
Boston College	Mitchell College	The New England Institute of Art
Briarwood College	Mount Ida College	Tunxis Community College
Brigham Young University	Naugatuck Valley Community College	Union College
Bryant College	Newbury College	University of Colorado
Cazenovia College	North Country College	University of Connecticut
Central Connecticut State University	Northwestern Connecticut Community College	University of Hartford
College of the Holy Cross	Norwich University	University of New Hampshire
Curry College	Pace University	University of New Haven
Dean College	Porter and Chester Institute	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Delaware State University	Post University	University of Pittsburgh
Eastern Connecticut State University	Providence College	University of Rhode Island
Eastern University	Purdue University	University of Utah
Fairfield University	Quinnipiac University	University of Vermont
Fisher College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Villanova University
Fordham University	Sacred Heart University	Western Connecticut State University
Franklin Pierce University	Saint Anselm College	Western New England University
Hampshire College	Saint Joseph College	Westfield State College
Johnson State College	Saint Joseph's College of Maine	Wheaton College
Johnson & Wales University	Salve Regina University	
Keane State College		
LaSalle College		



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