



ARMBRAE ACADEMY 2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

CEEB CODE: 825385

About Armbrae Academy

Armbrae Academy is located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq First Nations People. Founded in 1887 as the Halifax Ladies' College, Armbrae is an independent, co-educational, non-denominational, university preparatory day school with classes from Preschool to Grade 12. Armbrae is accredited by the **Nova Scotia Department of Education** and by **CA+IS (Canadian Accredited Independent Schools)**. The school maintains membership with **Canadian Independent School Counsellors (CISC)**, both the **International & National Associations for College Admission Counseling (IACAC & NACAC)** and is a **UCAS Apply Centre**.

School Community

Armbrae is a place where community comes first. Our motto, "Be Kind, Work Hard" communicates our core values as a community that prepares students for success at university and as lifelong learners, critical thinkers and engaged citizens. Upper School students learn foundational leadership skills and take on leadership roles throughout their high school years.

Academic Program

Armbrae offers a rigorous preparatory curriculum; course expectations meet or exceed learning outcomes of provincial equivalents. In addition to the Nova Scotia high school diploma, the learner experience is further enriched by Armbrae Diploma requirements, CAS requirements and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Most graduates earn both diplomas and sit one or more AP exams between Grades 10-12. Course offerings, including AP, are limited based on student interest and faculty availability.

CAS PROGRAM (Creativity, Action, Service)

- Students are required to earn a minimum of 6 credits for participating in school-sponsored co-curriculars each year.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 service learning hours each year during high school.

GRADING SYSTEM

The complete mark range is 0 to 100%, with a passing grade set at 50%; some courses coded as OPEN are graded in a Pass/Fail basis. Students who earn an academic average of 80% or greater at Armbrae are distinguished by placement on the *Honour Roll*; students earning 90% or greater receive *Honours with Distinction*. Armbrae does not rank students within their grade level nor do we weight GPA for university admission purposes.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Armbrae students are not required to write the SAT or ACT as part of our academic program, however they do write a PSAT 10 as part of our Career Education program. Additional SAT/ACT preparation must be undertaken independently and students must write the SAT at a local testing centre with limited spaces available. The ACT is not available in the local area.

NOVA SCOTIA DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of 18 credits - no more than seven Grade 10, and at least five Grade 12 courses. Compulsory credits:

Language, Communication and Expression:

- 3 English Language Arts, one at each grade level
- 1 Fine Arts

Science, Mathematics and Technology:

- 3 Mathematics, one at each grade level
- 2 Science
- 1 other Mathematics, Science, or Technology

Personal Development and Social Studies:

- 1 Physical Education
- 1 Global Studies Course
- 1 Canadian Content Social Studies Course

School Information

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Facts & Figures

Students (Grades 9-12):

142

Financial Assistance:

14.1%

Class of 2026:

32 students

Class Sizes:

8-22 students per class

International Students:

15.5%

ARMBRAE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Nova Scotia Diploma, the Armbrae Diploma is awarded to students who complete Armbrae's unique program in Grades 9-12, maintaining high academic standards and demonstrating respect for the school's Core Values by:

- Completing all Nova Scotia High School Graduation Requirements;
- Completing additional required courses:
 - Leadership 9
 - Career Education 10
- Maintaining the required course load each year;
- Fulfilling CAS requirements each year;
- Abiding by the school's Honour Code.

ACCREDITATIONS:



ACCEPTANCE WITH MATRICULATION (Past Three Years, 2023-2025)

Armbrae is proud of all students' individual pursuit of excellence as they strive to unleash their potential whether they have identified a best fit university or chosen another option such as bridge, gap, military service or other careers. Matriculations are identified with **BOLD** text.

CANADA

Acadia University
Brock University
Cape Breton University
Carleton University
Champlain College
Concordia University
Dalhousie University
Eastern College
Holland College
Humber College
Huron at Western University
McGill University
McMaster University
Mount Allison University
Mount Saint Vincent University
Nova Scotia Community College
Ontario College of Art & Design
Queen's University
Royal Military College of Canada
Sheridan College
Simon Fraser University
St Francis Xavier University
St Mary's University
St Thomas University
Sheridan College
Simon Fraser University
Toronto Film School
Toronto Metropolitan University
University of Alberta

University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of King's College
University of New Brunswick
University of Ottawa
University of Prince Edward Island
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Western University
Wilfred Laurier University
York University

UNITED STATES

Adelphi University
American University
Beloit College
Clarkson University
Columbia College Chicago
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida International University
High Point University
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Illinois College
Juniata College
Louisiana State University
Lynn University
Marist University

Maryland Institute of Art
Missouri Southern State University
Oregon State University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Ringling College of Art & Design
Rollins College
Sarah Lawrence University
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of Visual Art
Seattle University
SUNY - Binghamton, Geneseo
Stevens Institute of Technology
Syracuse University
The College of Wooster
The New School
Wesleyan College
Whitman College

OTHER

Franklin University, Switzerland
Griffith College, Australia
Lancaster University, Germany
Marist University, Italy
Queen's Belfast University, Ireland
American University of Paris, France
University of Dundee, Scotland
University of Glasgow, Scotland
University of Stirling, England

MEMBERSHIPS:

