

Phillips Exeter Academy

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Phillips Exeter Academy (also called **Exeter**, **Phillips Exeter** or **PEA**) is a co-educational independent boarding school for grades 9–12 and postgraduates, located on 619 acres (2.51 km²) in Exeter, New Hampshire, USA, 50 miles (80 km) north of Boston.^[3] Because of its large endowment, the scope of its physical plant, the depth of its faculty and a long tradition of sending graduates to the nation's top colleges, Phillips Exeter is widely regarded as one of the United States's best preparatory schools.

Early alumni include US Senator Daniel Webster (1796), US President Franklin Pierce (1820), Abraham Lincoln's son Robert Lincoln (1860), Ulysses S. Grant, Jr. (1870), "grandfather of football" Amos Alonzo Stagg (1880), and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Booth Tarkington (1889). Exeter students and alumni call themselves "Exonians".

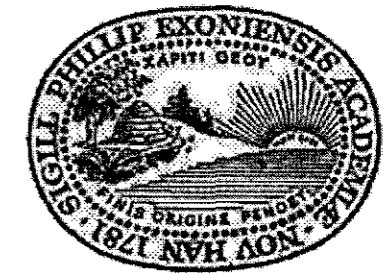
Exeter is noted for its *Harkness* education, a system based on a conference format of teacher and student interaction, similar to the Aristotelian method of learning through asking questions and creating discussions.^[4]

The school's traditional rival is Phillips Academy, and the annual Exeter-Andover Football game has been played since 1878.

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Location

Exeter, New Hampshire, USA

Information

Type	Private, boarding
Religious affiliation	none
Established	1781
Principal	Tyler C. Tingley
Faculty	203
Enrollment	1,050 total 846 boarding 204 day
Average class size	12 students
Student:teacher ratio	5:1
Campus	Town, 619 acres (2.51 km ²) 127 buildings
Athletics	20 Interscholastic sports 60 Interscholastic teams
Mascot	Lion Rampant
Average SAT scores (2008)	694 verbal 705 math 690 writing
Endowment	\$1 billion ^[1]
Annual tuition	\$37,960 ^[2]
Website	www.exeter.edu