Program Overview
Most ELP students begin at Fay in grade seven or eight, with the goal of joining Fay’s mainstream classes in ninth grade as preparation for secondary school. The ELP program is composed of three courses: Literature and Composition; Inquiry and Analysis; and American history. ELP students take all other courses—which include math, science, art, music, creators class, and wellness—with their mainstream classmates.

Immersion and Community
Students enrolling in Fay’s English Language Program are full and integral members of the Upper School community, which is composed of 275 day and boarding students from 45+ local towns, across the United States, and more than 25 different countries. Students have numerous opportunities throughout the school day and on weekends to participate in engaging, immersive activities that foster friendships and new interests. Students play a team sport each season, choose music and art electives, participate in after-school activities, compete in our color team competitions, share dorm rooms, and enjoy meals and social events with students from around the world. By using English continuously in meaningful contexts, students move closer to proficiency and fluency at a faster rate.

Structure and Support
Fay’s structured language program facilitates the steady development of language skills. Our ELP teachers are experts in teaching English to international students, and they are trained to provide engaging activities and meaningful feedback that foster progress. Dorm parents and advisors are also part of each student’s team of support. They are on hand before and after class hours to provide supervision, guidance, and encouragement as students learn and grow.

Who Is Eligible?
While prior English speaking experience is a requirement for this program, students need not be completely fluent. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate a strong school record, effective study skills, earnest effort, the ability to hear and incorporate feedback, and a willingness to be a contributing part of our community. During the application process, students are placed into the English Language Program by the chair of our English Department, who considers the applicant’s written and spoken English, academic record, and standardized test scores.
English Language Program of Study

Course 1: Literature and Composition
Students participate in literary study and analysis through individualized instruction, choice reading, and guided analysis of texts. Students move toward the organization and development of longer compositions, including five-paragraph essays based on strong thesis statements.

Course 2: American History
This course introduces students to the study of American history and offers advanced preparation for historical study and research. A course rich in content and writing, this class provides students with the tools they will need for success in high school history courses.

Course 3: Inquiry and Analysis
This highly individualized course offers a workshop environment in which students learn the vocabulary, organizational skills, and study strategies needed for success in their entire academic program.

Arts Courses

Visual arts: 2D design, painting, ceramics, printmaking, sculpture, Advanced Studio Art, and Digital Photography & Media.
Drama: Winter drama production, Spring Musical, public speaking program 7-9

Athletic Options

Fall: soccer, football, field hockey, golf, volleyball, cross country, fitness, dance, outdoor adventure, tennis
Winter: basketball, wrestling, squash, ice hockey, skiing/snowboarding, fitness, dance
Spring: baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, track & field, fitness, dance, outdoor adventure

Secondary School Counseling

The top 25 schools where Fay graduates have matriculated over the past five years: St. Mark’s School, Phillips Exeter Academy, Phillips Academy Andover, Middlesex School, Suffield Academy, Tabor Academy, Loomis Chaffee School, Brooks School, Deerfield Academy, Northfield Mount Hermon School, St. Paul's School, Worcester Academy, Choate Rosemary Hall, Concord Academy, Pomfret School, Hotchkiss School, Lawrenceville School, Kent School, Blair Academy, Groton School, Noble and Greenough School, Rivers School, St. George’s School, Milton Academy, St. John’s High School

HOW TO APPLY
Visit us at www.fayschool.org/apply for information, deadlines, and a link to our online application.