

18 The Walpole Academy

32 Main Street, Walpole, New Hampshire



Located on a knoll overlooking Main Street in Walpole, New Hampshire, The Walpole Academy is a well preserved example of Greek Revival architecture, as well as home to the Walpole Historical Society.

Opened in 1831, the Academy taught languages, sciences, as well as “moral and religious culture” to students enrolled from both the Vermont and New Hampshire sides of the Connecticut River. The school was a co-ed private academy until 1853 when it was purchased by the Town of Walpole to become a public high school. It functioned as the high school for nearly a century until it was bought by the Walpole Historical Society in 1950, transitioning to a museum and headquarters for the historical society.

Its original builder, Aaron Prentiss Howland, was a local master builder who created the building with large columns in front and an octagonal cupola on the roof. The Walpole Academy was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

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