

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

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CLASS OF 2010 PROFILE

THE SCHOOL

Highland School is an independent, non-sectarian PK-Grade 12, coeducational day school. Founded in 1928 for K-8, in 1993 the School added Pre-Kindergarten, in 1996 the School added 9-12, and in 2008 the School added Pre-Kindergarten for 3 year olds. Today Highland serves 500 students with an Upper School (Grades 9-12) enrollment of 215 which includes four foreign exchange students. The class of 2010 contains 53 students; all are college-bound.

Highland School is located in Warrenton, Virginia on a scenic 42-acre campus, with a school complex of 145,000 square feet. Highland School draws students from Fauquier County and nine other neighboring counties. The 41 Upper School faculty and administrators teach classes ranging in size from 1 to 18 with an average class size of 11. Fifty-eight percent hold advanced degrees.

Highland School is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools. In addition, it holds memberships in the National Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of College Admission Counseling, the College Board, the Educational Records Bureau, The Secondary School Admission Test Board, Piedmont Admission Group, Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, Latino Student Fund, Emerging Scholars Program and the School Scholarship Service.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AND SERVICE LEARNING

Highland School embraces the belief that traditional classroom learning must function in partnership with innovative methodologies designed to nurture the entire student. Through experiential education programs, including field studies, service learning, hands-on projects, trips, internships and activity days, Highland strives to enhance learning, promote character and leadership development, and build connections within and beyond the school community.

ATHLETICS

Highland fields 19 varsity teams in the Delaney Athletic Conference and 2 teams in the Melville Church Athletic Conference. In 2007-08, eight teams competed in the state play-offs, five teams made it to the championship game and our girls' softball team repeated their VISSA Division II State Championship. Fifty-nine players were named All-Conference, eight were named Conference MVP, eleven were named to the All-State Team, and one was named State Player of the Year. Nine of our coaches were named Conference Coach of the Year. Of the Class of 2008, six students have gone on to play Division I, II and III athletics. In 2008-09, nine teams qualified for the state play-offs, five teams made it to the championship game and three of our teams won State VISSA Division II State Championships. Our coaches are all members of "Positive Coaching Alliance"; six of our coaches were named Conference Coach of the Year. Of the Class of 2009, eighteen of our students have gone on to play Division I, II and III athletics. Though there is not a mandatory sports requirement, over 80% of our students participate on our athletic program.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a demanding academic and co-curricular program that develops the skills and character essential for students to meet the challenges of college and leadership in the twenty-first century.

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THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The school year is divided into two semesters of approximately 18 weeks. Academic classes meet 225 minutes per week. Students enroll in both semester and year-long courses. All students are expected to take a minimum of 6 credits per year.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- In 2007, two students were named Commended students and three were named National Merit Semi-Finalists.
- In 2008, one student was named a Commended student.
- In 2009, two students were named Commended students and one was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist.
- In 2009, one student qualified as a National Hispanic Scholar.

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL PROGRAM

Two students in the Class of 2007 attended the Virginia Governor's School Programs: one in Math, Science, and Technology and the other in Humanities.

Four students in the Class of 2008 attended in the Virginia Governor's School Programs: one in Math, Science, and Technology; one in Humanities; one in Visual Arts; and one in Latin.

Seven students in the Class of 2009 attended Virginia Governor's School Programs: one in Math, Science and Technology; one in Humanities; two in Visual and Performing Arts; one in Latin, and two in Chinese.

Six students in the Class of 2010 attended Virginia Governor's School Programs: one in Math, Science and Technology; one in Humanities, one in Agriculture, one in Arabic, one in Chinese and one in Russian.

AP SCHOLARS

In 2009, 17 students were recognized. Thirteen students were recognized as Scholars, three as Scholars With Honor, and one as a Scholar With Distinction.

GRADING AND RANKING

Highland School does not rank. There are 53 students in the Class of 2010. Cumulative Grade Point Average includes six semesters for Grades 9 through 11. Physical Education and Wellness are not included in our CGPA. Advanced placement courses receive an additional point and honors classes an additional half point. A+ is only given in courses with final exams.

A+ = 4.3	97-100	B+ = 3.3	87-89	C+ = 2.3	77-79	D+ = 1.3	67-69
A = 4.0	94-96	B = 3.0	84-86	C = 2.0	74-76	D = 1.0	65-66
A- = 3.7	90-93	B- = 2.7	80-83	C- = 1.7	70-73	F = 0.0	0-64

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2010

GPA	Number of Students	
A+ 4.3	}	
	2	
A 4.0	}	
	14	
A- 3.7	}	Highest GPA: 4.08
	15	
B+ 3.3	}	Mean GPA: 3.32
	6	
B 3.0	}	
	7	
B- 2.7	}	
	8	
C+ 2.3	}	
	1	
C 2.0	}	

SAT Reasoning Test – Class of 2010

Based on testing in the Junior year

Class Median: 570 CR 550 M 560 W

Top twenty-five percent of the Class: 620 CR 620 M 610 W

HONORS COURSES OFFERED IN 2009-2010

Honors Chemistry	Honors Geometry
Honors English I	Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors English II	Honors Latin IV
Honors English III	Honors Spanish II
Honors English IV	Honors Spanish III

ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA FOR 2009

The competitive AP selection process for AP courses began in Fall 2006 and all are required to sit for the Advanced Placement Examination. All AP courses passed the AP Audit. Not all AP courses are offered every year. In 2009, 75 students took 135 exams, 25% of the scores were 4's or 5's, and 59% of the scores were 3's or better.

Total Number of APs Taken By Individuals in Class of 2010

Number of APs	Number of Students	
7 - 8	2	Highest Number of APs: 8
5 - 6	9	Percentage Taking APs: 64%
3 - 4	9	Mean Number of APs: 3.3
1 - 2	14	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED IN 2009-2010

AP Biology	AP English Language Composition	AP Physics B
AP Calculus AB	AP English Literature and Composition	AP Spanish Language
AP Chemistry	AP European History	AP Spanish Literature
AP Drawing	AP French Language	AP Statistics
		AP United States History

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from Highland requires the successful completion of a minimum of 23 academic credits. A credit is the equivalent of a full year of study in a course; semester courses are half a credit. Minimum graduation requirements:

English	4 Credits (4 year-long English classes)
Social Studies	3.5 Credits (must include US History & Government)
Foreign Language	2 Credits (at least through third year of a language)
Mathematics	3 Credits (at least through Algebra II & Geometry)
Laboratory Sciences	3 Credits
Electives	5.5 Credits
Computer Science	1 Credit (must include Technology in the 21st Century)
Fine Arts	1 Credit

Students in Grades 9-11 are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of approved community service each year. The Junior Internship allows students the opportunity to explore and clarify potential career interests, discover the skills and education that are essential for success, and develop maturity and responsibility. This experience will allow them to refine their interests before choosing their three week-long Senior Project. The Senior Project allows students to experience a meaningful closure to their Upper School years. During the last three weeks of school, Seniors are given the opportunity to explore a career, academic, or service interest by developing an internship or pursuing an independent project. Projects culminate in an evaluation by the sponsor and a presentation to Highland students and faculty.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Courses offered in 2009-2010

English:

English I, Honors English I, English II, Honors English II, English III, Honors English III, English IV, Honors English IV, AP English III (Language and Composition), AP English IV (Composition and British Literature), *Creative Writing, *Speech, and *Myths and Legends

Social Sciences:

World History I, World History II, United States History, AP US History, *Government, AP European History, *Peace & Conflict Studies, and *Comparative Religion

Sciences:

Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, Physics, AP Physics, *Human Biology, and *Marine Biology

Mathematics:

Algebra I, Algebra I Part 2, Informal Geometry, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Algebra, *Algebra III, *Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, Differential Calculus, AP Calculus AB, and AP Statistics

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PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Courses offered in 2009-2010

Classical Languages:

Latin I, II, III, IV, Honors IV, and V

Foreign Language:

French I, II, III, IV, and AP French Language, Advanced French Literature Studies, Spanish I, II, Honors II, III, Honors III, IV, Spanish Cultures*, AP Spanish Language, and AP Spanish Literature

Computer Science:

Programming I, *Technology in the 21st Century, *Game Development, *Computer Simulations, *2D Graphics, *3D Animation, and *3D Architecture

Fine and Performing Arts:

Art II, *Introduction to 2D Art, *Introduction to 2D Design, *Introduction to 3D Art, *Ceramics I, *Ceramics II, Ceramics III, AP Drawing, *Beginning Filmmaking, Yearbook, String Ensemble, Advanced Sculpture, *Theater Tech, Upper School Chorus, *Beginning Guitar, Intermediate Guitar, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and *Music Theory

Physical Education:

*Strength Training and Conditioning, *Sports Marketing, and *Introduction to Athletic Training

Other Classes:

*Leadership, *Reading/Writing Lab, Freshman Wellness and Senior Seminar

** denotes semester courses*

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Since our first graduating class in 1998, our graduates have been accepted at a wide variety of colleges and universities across the country. These colleges and universities include:

Alfred University	Goucher College	Smith College
Allegheny College	Guilford College	Southern Methodist University
American University	Hampden-Sydney College	State University of New York
Appalachian State University	High Point University	Sweet Briar College
Art Academy of Cincinnati	Hofstra University	Syracuse University
Arizona State University	Hollins University	Texas Christian University
Bard College	Hood College - Honors	Tulane University
Baylor University	Indiana University, Bloomington	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Boston University	James Madison University	University of Alabama
Bowdoin College	Johns Hopkins University	University of California at Santa Barbara
Brown University	Lafayette College	University of Connecticut
Bryn Mawr College	Landmark College	University of Georgia
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	University of Mary Washington
California State University, Long Beach	Lewis & Clark College	University of Michigan
Christopher Newport University	Liberty University	University of Mississippi
Clemson University	Longwood University	University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill
Coastal Carolina University	Lynchburg College	University of Pennsylvania
College of Charleston	Manhattanville College	University of Pittsburgh
College of William and Mary	Marlboro College	University of Richmond
College of Wooster	Mars Hill College	University of Southern California
Cornell University	Mary Baldwin College	University of South Carolina
Davidson College	Marymount University	University of Tampa
Denison University	Michigan State University	University of Virginia
DePauw University	New York University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Dickinson College	Oberlin College	Ursinus College
Duke University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Vanderbilt University
East Carolina University	Old Dominion University	Villanova University
Eastern Mennonite University	Penn State-University Park	Virginia Commonwealth University
Eckerd College	Princeton University	Virginia Military Institute
Elon University	Queens University of Charlotte	Virginia State University
Embry-Riddle University	Radford University	Virginia Tech
Emerson College	Randolph-Macon College	Wake Forest University
Ferrum College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	Washington College
Flagler College	Roanoke College	Washington and Lee University
Florida Institute of Technology	St. Anslem College	Wellesley College
Fordham University	Salve Regina University	West Virginia University
Franklin and Marshall College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Wheaton College
Georgetown University	Sewanee: The University of the South	Wingate University
George Mason University	Shenandoah University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
George Washington University	Shepherd University	Yale University