



# FAST FACTS

2009-2010

**MISSION:** 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.

**HISTORY:** Founded in 1928 by Dorothy Rust and Lavinia Hamilton, Highland added Grades 9-12 in 1996, PK4/5 in 1993 and PK 3/4 in 2008. The School currently serves 500 students, including four foreign exchange students from Moldova and Vietnam.

**LOCATION:** A 42-acre campus with a modern school complex of approximately 145,000-square-feet in Warrenton, Virginia. Highland is less than one hour from Shenandoah National Park and Washington, D.C.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Highland serves students from nine counties. Bus service is available to/from Culpeper, Haymarket, Middleburg, Purcellville, Gainesville, Leesburg and Manassas.

**ENROLLMENT:**

PK-Grade 4:	158
Grades 5-8:	125
Grades 9-12:	217
Total Enrollment:	500

Ethnically diverse students: 13%

**FACULTY/STAFF:**

106 - 30 male and 76 female  
49 Masters, 2 Ph.D.  
58% with advanced degrees (Grades 9-12)

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND AWARDS:**

AP courses offered: 16; Honors courses offered: 10  
Average class size (Grades 9-12): 11

UVA Saturday Enrichment Program, only No.VA site.

- 100% of graduates attend college; 67% to first choice
- 12 AP Scholars and 4 AP Scholars with Distinction (2009); 1 National Merit Semifinalist (2009)
- Six students attended Summer Governor's School in Math, Science & Technology, Humanities, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Agriculture (2009)
- Jefferson (UVA), Echols (UVA) and Davidson Scholars (2007); Johnson (W&L) and Richmond Scholars (2008)
- Class of 2009 Four Year Scholarships: \$3,155,121

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** Spanish is offered in PK-Grade 12, with Latin offered in Grades 7-12, and French offered in Grades 9-12.

- Two Top Ten, 4 Honors, 14 Honorable Mention, National French Exam (2009)
- One Gold, 12 Silver and 9 Bronze medals, National Spanish Exam (2009)
- One Gold medal, 5 Silver medals, 6 Cum Laude, 4 Magna Cum Laude, National Latin Exam (2009)

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION/SERVICE LEARNING:**

Experiential education encourages students to learn about themselves, their school and global communities through multiple-day field studies and direct service opportunities. Existing programs include Field Studies, Junior Internships, Winter Program, Senior Projects and Service/Community Projects.

**FINE ARTS:** Highland provides opportunities for students to participate in theater, music and visual arts. Our facilities include the 355-seat Rice Theater, the 60-seat Lise Hicklin Black Box Theater, an Art Gallery, 2-D and 3-D art rooms, photography, filmmaking and editing labs, music rooms and a theater shop. The Center for the Arts is home to the Piedmont Symphony Orchestra, the Warrenton Chorale and the American Children of SCORE.

*From Fall 2008 - Spring 2009:*

- One Class play K-Grade 6, 1 Middle School play
- One Upper School play, and 1 Upper School musical
- One Capital Music Fest Choral Superior Rating
- Eight Public art exhibits; 4 student art exhibits
- Public "Artist Series" events

**ATHLETICS:** Highland is a Division I member of the Delaney Athletic Conference. There are 19 Varsity, 5 Junior Varsity and 18 Middle School teams. Our facilities include a new synthetic turf field, three game/practice fields, two gymnasiums, weight and training rooms, and four tennis courts.

*From Fall 2008 - Spring 2009:*

- Over 80% of Upper School students participated in the Athletic Program
- Nine Varsity teams qualified for the State Tournament
- Three Varsity teams won State Championships
- Two Varsity teams were State Runner-Up
- Six Varsity teams won Conference Championships
- 18 graduates from the class of 2009 are participating in sports at the college level
- Our coaches are all members of "Positive Coaching Alliance"

**TUITION FOR 2009-2010:**

PK 3/4:	\$6,100
PK 4/5:	\$9,700
K- Grade 2:	\$15,675
Grades 3-8:	\$17,175
Grades 9-12:	\$19,700

**FINANCIAL AID:** Highland awarded \$980,000 in need-based financial aid to 25% of the student body (K-Grade 12). The average grant was nearly \$7,900.

**FOUNDER'S SCHOLARS:** Highland awards merit-based scholarships to rising Grade 9 students. Fifteen scholars received approximately \$79,500.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** National Association of Independent Schools, Virginia Association of Independent Schools, The College Board, The Secondary School Admission Test Board, Piedmont Admission Group, Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, Latino Student Fund and Emerging Scholars Program.