



# HIGHLAND SCHOOL FAST FACTS

2013-2014

**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 PK 4/5 in 1993, Grades 9-12 in 1996, and PK 3/4 in 2008. The School currently serves 487 students, including 22 foreign exchange students from Belgium, China, Germany, Korea, Scotland, Spain and Vietnam.

**LOCATION:** A 42-acre campus with a modern school complex of approximately 183,300 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, Rappahannock County, Haymarket, Middleburg, Purcellville, Gainesville, Manassas, Orlean and Boyce.

**ENROLLMENT:**

PK-Grade 4:	Grades 5-8:	Grades 9-12:
133	154	200
Total Enrollment: 487		
Ethnically diverse students: 15%		

**FACULTY/STAFF:**

102 - 36 male and 66 female  
 40 Masters, 2 Ph.D.  
 60% with advanced degrees (Grades 9-12)

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND AWARDS:**

- AP courses offered: 15; Honors courses offered: 12
- Average class size: 11; Student/teacher ratio 7:1 (Gr. 9-12)
- UVA Saturday Enrichment Program, only No. VA site
- 100% of graduates attend college; 71% to first choice
- AP: 19 Scholars, 8 Scholars with Honor, 10 Scholars with Distinction; 3 National Scholars (2013)
- 2 National Merit Finalists, 2 Commended (2013), 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist, 1 Commended (2014), 1 National Hispanic Recognized Student (2013)
- 4 students attended Summer Governor's School in Agriculture, Humanities, Math, Science and Technology, and Japanese (2013)
- 4 Echols Scholars (UVA) (2-2012, 2-2013); Wendy's Heisman State Female Scholar Athlete (2012)

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** Latin offered in Grades 7-12; Spanish offered in Grades PK-12; French offered in Grades 8-12.

- Two Gold medals, 6 Silver medals, 8 Cum Laude, 3 Magna Cum Laude, National Latin Exam (2013)
- Four Gold medals, 2 Silver medals and 6 Bronze medals, National Spanish Exam (2013)
- Four Honors, 1 Bronze, National French Exam (2013)

**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, Senior Projects and Service/Community Projects.

**CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP:** Highland provides students a variety of leadership opportunities in order to foster the values of service, community, respect for others, inclusiveness, and generosity of spirit. Opportunities to grow personally, as well as intellectually, are purposefully facilitated throughout all divisions of the school.

**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, a music/film tech lab, 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.

**LEARNING CENTER:** Highland's Learning Center supports the needs of students with diverse learning styles, providing an environment for all learning styles with the expectation that, with the proper support and guidance, all students can succeed academically. The Learning Center at each division is a resource to students, teachers and parents and provides programs to enhance both individual and class performance in Kindergarten - Grade 12.

**ATHLETICS:** Highland is a Division I member of the Delaney Athletic Conference. There are 20 Varsity, 4 Junior Varsity and 19 Middle School teams. Our facilities include a synthetic turf field, two bermuda game fields, baseball and softball fields, two gymnasiums, weight and training rooms and four tennis courts.

*From Fall 2012 - Spring 2013:*

- Over 80% of Upper School students participated in the Athletic Program
- The boys lacrosse team won the State Championship
- Fourteen Varsity teams participated in the State Tournament
- Six Varsity teams won Conference Championships
- Two student athletes were named "All American"
- All coaches are members of the "Positive Coaching Alliance" and 6 coaches were Conference Coach of the Year.

**TUITION FOR 2013-2014:**

PK 3/4:	5-day	3-day	2-day	Grades 1-2: \$17,390
9am-12pm	\$4,245	\$3,310	\$2,380	
PK 4/5:	9am-1pm	9am-3pm		Grades 5-8: \$19,770
	\$6,415	\$8,590		Grades 9-12: \$22,670
Kindergarten:	8am-1pm	8am-3pm		
	\$9,110	\$12,835		

**FINANCIAL AID:** Highland awarded over \$1,700,000 in need-based financial aid to 36% of the student body (K-Grade 12). The average grant was \$9,800.

**MERIT SCHOLARS:** Founder's Scholarship program awards merit-based scholarships to rising Grade 9 students. Twenty-nine scholars received approximately \$178,000. Piedmont Scholarship program awards merit-based scholarships to new Upper School students. Five scholars received \$50,000.

**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, and Emerging Scholars Program.