

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

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CLASS OF 2006 PROFILE

THE SCHOOL

Highland School is an independent, non-sectarian PK-Grade 12, coed day school. Founded in 1928 for K-Grade 8, in 1993 the School added Pre-Kindergarten, and in 1996 the School added Grades 9-12. Today Highland serves 536 students with an Upper School (Grades 9-12) enrollment of 214, which includes six foreign exchange students. The Class of 2006 has 44 students.

Highland School is located in Warrenton, Va. on a scenic 41-acre campus, with a modern school complex of approximately 145,000 square feet. Students travel by bus or car from over seven neighboring counties; all are college bound. The 35 Upper School faculty and administration teach classes ranging in size from five to 18, with an average class size of 12. Sixty-five 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, and the School Scholarship Service.

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. Seniors and juniors are expected to carry no fewer than six credits; sophomores and freshmen no fewer than 6.5 credits. (Graduating seniors were required to take seven credits their freshman year.)

HIGHLAND SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

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

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In the class of 2004, one student from Highland qualified as a National Merit "Commended Student" for high PSAT scores.

In 2005, six Highland students were "Commended," with one subsequently qualifying as a National Merit Finalist. Also in 2005, one Highland student qualified as a "Commended Student" in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, which assists outstanding African American students.

To date for the class of 2006, three students are National Merit "Commended," one of whom has also qualified as a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

One student in the class of 2006 attended the Governor's School Program for Math, Science and Technology.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On average, nearly 70% of the Upper School population exceeds the community service requirement.

SAT I – Class of 2006

Class Median: 1120
SAT Average of top quartile of the Class: 1381

GRADE DISTRIBUTION Class of 2006

Cumulative Grade Point Average includes six semesters for Grades 9 through 11. There are 44 students in the class of 2006.

GPA	Number of Students
A+ 4.3	5
A 4.0	
A- 3.7	6
B+ 3.3	
B 3.0	12
B- 2.7	
C+ 2.3	11
C 2.0	
	1
	1

Highest GPA: 4.43
Mean GPA: 3.28

A's	B's	C's
25%	68%	5%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA FOR 2005

Fifty students took 102 exams.

13% of the scores were 5's
34% of the scores were 4 or better
57% of the scores were 3 or better

Students are not required to sit for the Advanced Placement Examination.

HONORS COURSES

Honors English I	Honors Geometry
Honors English II	Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors English III	Honors Spanish III
Honors English IV	Honors Programming

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

AP English Language and Composition	AP Statistics
AP English Literature and Composition	AP Calculus AB/BC
AP Biology	AP Computer Science AB
AP Chemistry	AP United States History
AP Physics B	AP Latin - Virgil
AP Environmental Science	AP Spanish Language
AP US History	AP Spanish Literature
AP Psychology w/ Apex Learning	AP French Language
AP Modern European History	AP French Literature
	AP Studio Arts
	AP Music Theory

Not all AP courses are offered every year. Minimum enrollment is five students.

GRADING and RANKING

Because of its size, **Highland School does not rank.** We do, however, compute semester and cumulative academic G.P.A. in Grades 9-12. **Our G.P.A. does not include grades earned in P.E., health, study skills or driver's education. Advanced placement courses are weighted by one extra point with honors courses weighted 0.5.**

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

*An "A+" is not awarded in classes without final exams.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

2000-2005

In the past five years, 183 Highland School graduates (100%) have been accepted by a wide variety of colleges and universities across the country. These students have matriculated to the following institutions (the number of matriculations, if greater than one, appears in parentheses):

American University	Goucher College (2)	Savannah Coll of Art & Design (3)
Appalachian State University	Grambling State University	Shenandoah University
Arizona State University	High Point University (2)	Shepherd University (6)
Bard College	Hollins University	Southern Methodist University (2)
Baylor University (2)	James Madison University (15)	St. Francis University
Brandeis University	Johns Hopkins University	State University of New York
Bridgewater State College	Lafayette College	Susquehanna University
Brigham Young University	Lake Erie College	Sweet Briar College (4)
Brown University	Lebanon Valley College	Temple University
Christopher Newport University	Lewis & Clark College	Texas A&M University
Clemson University	Longwood University (6)	University of Alabama
Coastal Carolina University (2)	Lynchburg College (8)	University of California
College of Charleston (3)	Lynn University	University of Kansas
College of William and Mary (6)	Manhattanville College	University of Maryland
College of Wooster	Mars Hill College	University of Michigan
Colorado State University	Mary Baldwin College	University of North Carolina (3)
Drexel University	Marymount College	University of Pennsylvania
Duke University	Norwich University	University of Richmond (2)
Elon University (3)	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Virginia (19)
Emerson College	Old Dominion University	Ursinus College
Emory & Henry College	Princeton University	Vanderbilt University
Flagler College (3)	Radford University (3)	Virginia Commonwealth U (4)
Frostburg State University (2)	Randolph-Macon College (9)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute (15)
George Mason University (7)	Randolph-Macon Women's College	West Point Military Academy
George Washington University	Roanoke College (2)	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Georgetown University	Salve Regina University (2)	Wingate University

The distribution of Highland student attendance across national regions for the period 2000-2005 is as follows:

	College Attendance by Region* 2000-2005	% Attendance by Region 2000-2005	Schools per Region 2000-2005
Northeast Region	23	12%	22
Southeast Region	150	79%	49
Midwest Region	5	3%	5
Western Region	11	6%	9
<i>Total</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>48</i>

*regions as defined in *Four-Year College Sourcebooks 2004-2005*

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from Highland School 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 requirements for graduation are as follows:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits (must include U.S. History & Government)
Foreign Language	3 credits (in the same language)
Mathematics	3 credits (in Grades 9-12; must include Algebra I & Algebra II)
Laboratory Science	3 credits
Electives	4 credits (to be taken from the departments of the student's choice)
Physical Education	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Computer Science	0.5 credits (in Grades 9-12)

In addition, 20 hours of community service are required for each year of attendance. The Senior Project, which replaces the Community Service requirement for seniors, allows the students to experience a meaningful closure to their Upper School years. During the last two weeks of school, seniors can choose to explore a career interest via an unpaid internship or to pursue an independent study of their choice. Either option will culminate in both an evaluation by the sponsor and a presentation to a group of Highland students and faculty on the last day of school. Not only does the Senior Project reward seniors for their hard work and maturity, it also provides them with an opportunity to delve into their individual interests.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Courses offered in 2005 - 2006

English:

English I, Honors English I, English II, Honors English II, English III (Composition and American Literature), Honors English III, English IV (Composition and British Literature), Honors English IV, AP English III (Language and Composition), AP English IV (Literature and Composition), Debate, Creative Writing, Journalism, Speech and Yearbook.

Social Sciences:

World History I, World History II, United States History, AP United States History, Government, AP Modern European History, International Flashpoints, Economics and Psychology.

Science:

Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Quantitative Chemistry, Environmental Ethics, Human Biology, AP Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics B and AP Environmental Science.

Mathematics:

Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Informal Geometry Algebra II, Advanced Algebra, Algebra III, Probability and Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus AB and AP Statistics.

Classical Languages:

Latin I, II, III, IV and AP Latin Literature.

Foreign Languages:

French I, II, III, IV, AP French Language, AP French Literature, Spanish I, II, III, Honors III, IV, AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature.

Computer Science:

Computer Concepts, Game Development, Introduction to Programming, Computer Simulations, 2D Graphics and Introduction to Digital Video, 3D Animation and Architecture, Advanced Game Development and Honors Programming.

Fine and Performing Arts:

Advanced Placement Studio Arts, Art Appreciation, Concert Band, Highland Chorus, Introduction to 2D Art, Introduction to 2D Design, Photography, Play Studies, String Ensemble, Introduction to 3D Art, Theater Tech, AP Music Theory, Songwriter, Beginning Guitar, Guitar Ensemble and Art II.

Physical Education:

Physical Education, Advanced Physical Education, Sports Marketing, Driver's Education and Fitness.