

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

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CLASS OF 2008 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, and in 1996 the School added Grades 9-12. Today Highland serves 553 students with an Upper School (Grades 9-12) enrollment of 228 which includes five foreign exchange students. The class of 2008 contains 54 students; all are college-bound.

Highland School is located in Warrenton, Virginia on a scenic 41-acre campus, with a school complex of 145,000 square feet. Highland School draws students from Fauquier County and eight other neighboring counties; all are college-bound. The 47 Upper School faculty and administration teach classes ranging in size from three to 18 with an average class size of 11. Sixty-four 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.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AND SERVICE LEARNING

Highland School embraces the fundamental 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, field trips 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 18 varsity teams in the Delaney Athletic Conference and 2 teams in the Melville Church Athletic Conference. In 2005-06, six Highland teams qualified for the State Tournament, five teams advanced to the State finals and our girls soccer team won the 2006 VISAA Division 2 State Tournament Championship. In 2006-07, four teams competed in state championship games and our girls soccer team repeated their state title and our girls softball team won the 2007 VISSA Division 2 State Tournament Championship. 72 players were named All-Conference, nine were named Conference MVP, 14 were named to the All-State Team, and four were named All-Metro. Nine of our coaches were named Conference Coach of the Year. Of the Class of 2007, nine of our students have gone on to play Division I, II, and III athletics. Though there is not a mandatory sports requirement, 86% of our students participate on school athletic teams.

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.

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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 semester.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- In 2005, five students were “Commended” students and one was named a National Merit Finalist.
- In 2005, one student qualified as a “Commended Student” in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, which assists outstanding African American students.
- In 2006, two students were named “Commended” students and one was named a National Merit Finalist.
- In 2007, two students were named “Commended” students and three were named National Merit Semi-Finalists.

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL PROGRAM

One student in the Class of 2006 attended the Virginia Governor’s School Program for Math, Science, and Technology.

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.

AP SCHOLARS

In 2007, 11 students were recognized in the AP Scholar Awards by the College Board for their outstanding academic performance. Six students were recognized as Scholars, one as a Scholar With Honor, and one as a Scholar With Distinction.

AMERICAN SCHOLASTIC PRESS

Our 2006-07 Yearbook “Blue and Gold” won first place in the American Scholastic Press competition.

GRADING AND RANKING

Highland School does not rank. There are 54 students in the Class of 2008. 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 year long courses.

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	64-0

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2008

GPA	Number of Students	
A+ 4.3	}	5
A 4.0		
A- 3.7	}	8
A- 3.7		
B+ 3.3	}	13
B+ 3.3		
B 3.0	}	10
B 3.0		
B- 2.7	}	5
B- 2.7		
C+ 2.3	}	10
C+ 2.3		
C 2.0	}	3
C 2.0		

Highest GPA: 4.26
Mean GPA: 3.23

SAT Reasoning Test – Class of 2008

Based on testing in the Junior year

Class Mean: 560 CR 550 M 558 W

Average of top twenty percent of the Class: 648 CR 622 M 660 W

HONORS COURSES

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA FOR 2007

An AP student competitive selection process began in Fall 2006 and students are now required to sit for the Advanced Placement Examination. All AP courses passed the AP Audit.. Not all AP courses are offered every year. In 2007, 60 students took 127 exams, 26% of the scores were 4's or 5's, 63% of the scores were 3's or better.

Total Number of APs Taken By Individuals in Class of 2008

Number of APs	Number of Students	
9	1	Highest Number of APs: 9
7 - 8	3	Percentage Taking APs: 63%
5 - 6	8	Mean Number of APs: 3.7
3 - 4	8	
1 - 2	14	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

AP 2-D Design	AP English Language Composition	AP Physics B
AP 3-D Design	AP English Literature and Composition	AP Spanish Language
AP Biology	AP French Language	AP Spanish Literature
AP Calculus AB	AP French Literature	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP Latin Literature	AP United States History
AP Computer Science AB	AP Modern European History	
AP Drawing	AP Music Theory	

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	3 Credits (in the same language)
Mathematics	3 Credits (in grades 9-12; must include Algebra II & Geometry)
Laboratory Sciences	3 Credits
Electives	3.5 Credits
Computer Science	1 Credit (Computer Concepts or Intro to Programming)
Physical Education	1 Credit
Fine Arts	1 Credit

Twenty hours of community service are required for each year of attendance. The Senior Project allows students to experience a meaningful closure to their Upper School years. During the last three weeks of school, seniors explore a career interest via an unpaid internship or pursue an independent study of their choice. Culminating in an evaluation by the sponsor and a presentation to a group of Highland students, faculty, and staff, it awards seniors for their hard work and maturity. It also provides them with an opportunity to explore their individual interests.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Courses offered in 2007-2008

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, *Shakespeare, *Speech, *Myths & Legends and *Literary Influences

Social Sciences:

World History I, World History II, United States History, AP US History, *Government, AP Modern European History, *Economics, *Nuclear Power Politics, *Peace & Conflict Studies, *Revolutionaries, and *Cultures in Conflict

Sciences:

Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Quantitative Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, 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, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, and AP Statistics

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Courses offered in 2007-2008

Classical Languages:

Latin I, II, III, IV, V, *Classical Mythology, and AP Latin Literature

Foreign Language:

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

Computer Science:

Introduction to Programming, *Computer Concepts, *Game Development, *Computer Simulations, *3D Animation & Architecture and Advanced Programming

Fine and Performing Arts:

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

Physical Education:

Physical Education & Wellness, PE II: Strength Training, PE II: Cardio Training, *Sports Marketing, and *Introduction to Athletic Training

* denotes semester courses

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

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

Alfred University	Georgetown University	Salve Regina University
Allegheny College	Goucher College	Savannah College of Art & Design
American University	Guilford College	Shenandoah University
Appalachian State University	Hampden-Sydney College	Shepherd University
Arizona State University	High Point University	Southern Methodist University
Averett University	Hollins University	State University of New York
Bard College	Hood College - Honors	Stetson University
Baylor University	Indiana University	Sweet Briar College
Brandeis University	James Madison University	Syracuse University
Brigham Young University	Johns Hopkins University	Temple University - Tyler School of Art
Brown University	Lafayette College	Texas Christian University
Case Western Reserve University	Landmark College	University of Alabama
Christopher Newport University	Lehigh University	University of California
Clemson University	Lewis & Clark College	University of Georgia
Coastal Carolina University	Longwood University	University of Kansas
College of Charleston	Lynchburg College	University of Mary Washington
College of William and Mary	Lynn University	University of Michigan
College of Wooster	Manhattanville College	University of Mississippi
Colorado State University	Mars Hill College	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Cornell University	Mary Baldwin College	University of Pennsylvania
Davidson College	Marymount University	University of Pittsburgh
Davis and Elkins College	Northwestern University	University of Richmond
Denison University	Oberlin College	University of South Carolina
DePauw University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Tampa
Duke University	Old Dominion University	University of Virginia
Eastern Mennonite University	Penn State-College Park	Ursinus College
Eckerd College	Princeton University	Vanderbilt University
Elon University	Queens University of Charlotte	Virginia Commonwealth University
Embry-Riddle University	Radford University	Virginia Military Institute
Emory and Henry College	Randolph-Macon College	Virginia Tech
Emerson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	Washington College
Flagler College	Roanoke College	West Point Military Academy
Florida Institute of Technology	Rochester Inst. of Technology	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Frostburg State University	Rollins College	Western Michigan University
George Mason University	Rutgers University	Wheaton College
George Washington University	St. Francis University	Wingate University
		Wittenberg University
		Worcester Polytechnic Institute