

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

MISSION

Highland School prepares students to thrive, lead and serve in a diverse and dynamic world, developing essential skills and character by challenging them with a demanding academic and co-curricular program.

THE SCHOOL

Highland School is an independent, 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, in 2008 the School added Pre-Kindergarten for three year olds, and in 2015 the School added our program for two year olds. Today, Highland serves 502 students with an Upper School (Grades 9-12) enrollment of 224 which includes 18 international students. The Class of 2019 contains 70 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 38 Upper School faculty and administrators teach classes ranging in size from one to 18 with an average class size of 11. Sixty-eight percent hold advanced degrees.

ACCREDITATION

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 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 & 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 20 varsity teams and four junior varsity teams in Division I in the Delaney Athletic Conference. In 2017/2018,

15 varsity teams participated in the State Tournament, one team won a State Championship, 13 teams won Conference Championships, and eight coaches were named Conference Coach of the Year.

Sixteen of the Class of 2018 have gone on to play Division I, II or III athletics. Though there is not an annual sports requirement, over 80% of our students participate in our athletic program.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The school year is divided into two semesters of approximately 18 weeks. Academic classes meet 215 minutes per week. Students enroll in both semester and year-long courses. All students are expected to take a minimum of six credits per year. Students in AP Sciences may carry 5.5 credits due to the additional lab period requirements.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- In 2015, two students were named Commended students.
- In 2016, four students were named Commended students.
- In 2017, four students were named Commended students and one was named a National Merit Semi-finalist.

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL AND VASTS PROGRAM

Three students in the Class of 2016 attended Virginia Governor's School; one in Math, Science, and Technology, one in Humanities, and one in Visual Art.

Six students in the Class of 2017 attended Virginia's Governor's School programs: one in Agriculture, one in Humanities, one in Medicine, one in Latin, one in Spanish, and one in Voice.

Five students in the Class of 2018 attended Virginia Governor's School programs: one in Agriculture, one in Humanities, one in Japanese, one in Math, Science & Technology, and one in Spanish.

Three students in the Class of 2019 attended Virginia Governor's School programs; one in Math, Science & Technology; one in Agriculture, and one in Medicine.

GRADING AND RANKING

Highland School does not rank. *There are 66 students in the Class of 2018.* 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 2018

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+
4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3
20	13	21	12	3	1	

MEAN WEIGHTED GPA = 3.67

Results are based on grades through the Junior year.

SAT REASONING TEST - CLASS OF 2019

Results are based on testing in the Junior year and includes foreign exchange students.

Class Mean:	630 EBRW	622 M
Top 30% of Class:	681 EBRW	732 M

ACT TEST - CLASS OF 2019

Class Mean:	26	Top 30% of Class:	31
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ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCHOLARS

In 2018, 38 student honors were received. Fifteen students were recognized as Scholars, eight as Scholars With Honor, 13 as Scholars With Distinction, and two National AP Scholars.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA FOR 2018

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 2018, 101 students took 182 exams, 57% of the scores were 4's or 5's, and 80% of the scores were 3's or better.

TOTAL NUMBER OF AP'S TAKEN BY INDIVIDUALS IN THE CLASS OF 2019

Number of AP's	Students	Overall AP Participation:
9-10	1	Percentage Taking AP's 83%
7-8	6	Highest Number of AP's 10
5-6	12	Mean Number of AP's 3
3-4	17	
1-2	22	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED IN 2018/2019

AP Biology	AP English Language	AP Latin	AP World History
AP Calculus AB	AP English Literature	AP Physics C: E&M	AP 2D Design
AP Calculus BC	AP Environmental Science	AP Spanish Language	AP 3D Design
AP Chemistry	AP European History	AP Statistics	
AP Drawing	AP French Language	AP United States History	

HONORS COURSES OFFERED IN 2018/2019

Honors Algebra and Elementary Functions	Honors English II	Honors Physics	Honors Spanish IV
Honors Biology	Honors English III	Honors Latin IV	Honors World History I
Honors Chemistry	Honors English IV	Honors Latin V	
Honors English I	Honors Geometry	Honors Spanish II	
	Honors Pre-Calculus	Honors Spanish III	

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)
Science	3 Credits (must include Chemistry)
Electives	7.5 Credits (including Fine Arts & Computer Science; must include Technology in the 21st Century or Technology Essentials, and Freshman Wellness)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

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 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 **denotes semester courses*

ENGLISH | English I, Honors English I, English II, Honors English II, English III, Honors English III, English IV, Honors English IV, AP English Language, AP English Literature, *Independent Study, *Speech, *Creative Writing, *Black Voices, *Writing Theory and Pedagogy, *International Lab, *9th Grade Intensive and *10th Grade Intensive

SOCIAL SCIENCES | World History I, Honors World History I, 20th Century United States History, AP US History, *Government, AP European History, AP World History, *Cultures in Conflict, *East Asia Studies, *Economics, *Economics of Imperialism, *Comparative Religion, *Tribalism and Nationalism, *Independent Study, *Social Entrepreneurship and *SEES Capstone

SCIENCES | Environmental Science, Biology, Honors Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, Physics, Honors Physics, AP Physics C: E&M, *Independent Study, *Human Biology, *Marine Biology, *Introduction to Engineering, *Engineering Design, *Engineering Capstone, *Robotics Computing, AP Environmental Science, *Astronomy, *Ecology and *Summer Ecology

MATHEMATICS | Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Algebra II, Honors Algebra and Elementary Functions, Algebra III, *Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, Differential Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC and *Independent Study

CLASSICAL LANGUAGES | Latin I, II, III, Honors IV, Honors V, Classical Mythology: The Gods, and AP Latin

WORLD LANGUAGE AND CULTURE | French I, II, III, IV, AP French, Spanish I, II, Honors II, III, Honors III, Honors IV, AP Spanish Language and Global Studies Capstone

COMPUTER SCIENCE | *Technology in the 21st Century, *Intro to Programming, Open Programming Lab and *Independent Study

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS | *Drawing and Painting I, *Drawing and Design I, *Beginning Sculpture, Intermediate Sculpture, *Ceramics I, *Ceramics II, Ceramics III, AP Drawing, *Independent Study, *Beginning Filmmaking, *Intermediate Filmmaking, Graphic Design/Yearbook, *Theater Tech, *Sound Tech, *Sound Tech II, *Chorus, *Beginning Guitar, Intermediate Guitar, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Advanced Jazz Ensemble, *Digital Photography, Open Studio, *CAD1: Architecture 1, *CAD2: Architecture 2, *CAD3: Architecture 3, AP 2D Design and AP 3D Design

OTHER CLASSES | *Leadership I, Freshman Seminar, Senior Seminar and *Social Justice

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2012-2018 **denotes matriculation*

Agnes Scott College	Georgetown University*	Syracuse University*
American University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Texas Christian University
Auburn University*	Gettysburg College*	Trinity University (Texas)*
Bard College*	Goucher College	Tufts University
Baylor University*	Hamilton College	Tulane University
Berea College	Hampden-Sydney College*	United States Military Academy*
Boston College	Hampton University	Universitat Paderborn (Germany)*
Boston University*	Hampshire College*	University of Alabama*
Bowdoin College	High Point University*	University of California, Berkeley
Brandeis University	Hofstra University*	University of California, Davis
Brown University*	Hollins University	University of California, Los Angeles*
Bucknell University*	Howard University*	University of California, Santa Barbara*
Carnegie Mellon University*	James Madison University*	University of Chicago
Case Western Reserve University	Johns Hopkins University*	University of Connecticut*
Catholic University	Kenyon College	University of Edinburgh (Scotland)*
Christopher Newport University*	Lafayette College	University of Georgia
Clemson University*	Lehigh University*	University of Mary Washington*
Coastal Carolina University*	Maynooth University	University of Maryland – College Park
Colby College	McGill University*	University of Massachusetts Amherst*
Colgate University*	Miami University	University of Michigan
College of the Atlantic	Michigan State University	University of Mississippi
College of Charleston*	Middlebury College*	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
College of William and Mary*	Mount Holyoke College*	University of Pittsburgh*
Colorado School of Mines*	New York University	University of Richmond*
Columbia University*	North Carolina State University	University of St. Andrews
Cornell University*	Northwestern University	University of South Carolina*
Dartmouth College*	Ohio State University	University of Southern California*
Davidson College	Penn State-University Park*	University of Tampa*
Denison University*	Pitzer College*	University of Virginia*
DePauw University	Princeton University*	University of Vermont*
Dickinson College*	Providence College	University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Drexel University	Purdue University	Vanderbilt University*
Duke University*	Quest University	Villanova University*
East Carolina University*	Radford University*	Virginia Commonwealth University*
Eckerd College	Randolph-Macon College*	Virginia Tech*
Elon University*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	Wake Forest University*
Emerson College*	Roanoke College*	Warren Wilson College
Emory and Henry College*	Rochester Institute of Technology	Washington and Lee University*
Emory University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*	Washington College*
Flagler College*	Rutgers University	Washington University in St. Louis*
Florida Institute of Technology	Savannah College of Art & Design*	Wellesley College*
Fordham University	Sewanee: The University of the South*	West Virginia University*
Franklin and Marshall College*	Shenandoah University*	Wofford College*
Furman University*	Stanford University*	Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
George Mason University*	Stevens Institute of Technology*	Yale University*
George Washington University	Swarthmore College*	Yale-NUS College

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