



THE POTOMAC SCHOOL

2018–19 ACADEMIC PROFILE

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SCHOOL MISSION

We believe that intellectual development, love of learning, and strength of character are complementary, and equally essential, educational goals. With a firm commitment to our core values and a rigorous academic program, we prepare students to lead lives of purpose, achievement, and generosity of spirit.

THE SCHOOL

- Founded in 1904 in Washington, DC
- K-12; co-ed
- Upper School added in 1987
- Accredited by Virginia Association of Independent Schools
- Enrollment K-12, 1052; Upper School, 459
- 170 full and part-time faculty
- 71% of faculty have advanced degrees
- Students receiving financial aid: 20%
- Student diversity: 38%
- Senior class enrollment: 113
- Graduates attending four-year colleges: 100%
- Upper School average class size: 15
- Class of 2018 National Merit: Finalists 3, Commended 20

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- All courses are highly rigorous and college preparatory.
- All Upper School students take at least five academic courses each semester.
- The school year consists of two semesters.
- Each year-long course is worth one credit.
- The Potomac School does not rank students or provide a GPA.
- AP enrollment is based upon departmental approval.
- Due to the structure of the curriculum, few students take AP courses prior to 11th grade.
- Potomac offers 29 honors courses and 18 AP courses, which include the following:

Biology	Macroeconomics	Physics C
Calculus AB	Microeconomics	Spanish Language & Culture
Calculus BC	English Literature & Composition	Spanish Literature & Culture
Chemistry	French Language & Culture	Statistics
Comparative Government & Politics	Latin	US Government & Politics
Computer Science A	Music Theory	US History

CONCENTRATION PROGRAMS

Potomac offers three concentration programs for students who are interested in intensive study in a particular discipline. Students in the GPAC and SERC concentrations design and conduct original research projects. All three programs have required courses; VPAC also includes after-school and/or extracurricular commitments. The number of students admitted to these programs is limited, and admission is competitive.

- Global Perspectives and Citizenship Program (GPAC): 15 students in Class of 2019
- Science and Engineering Research Center (SERC): 8 students in Class of 2019
- Visual and Performing Arts Concentration (VPAC): 8 students in Class of 2019

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

21 credits, including successful completion of

- English (4 years)
- History (3 years – 2 world history and 1 US history)
- Mathematics (3 years, including geometry and algebra 2)
- Science (3 years: biology, chemistry, physics)
- World Languages (3 years of the same language)
- Arts (3 semesters, 2 different areas: visual art, music, theater)
- Non-credit requirements (9 of 12 seasons of athletics/activities)

CLASS OF 2019 JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

A+ = 23	B+ = 148	C+ = 14	D+ = 1
A = 199	B = 78	C = 1	D = 0
A- = 220	B- = 15	C- = 4	D- = 1

2018 STANDARDIZED TEST RANGES

ACT (92 tested)	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
COMPOSITE	30-34	31.6

SAT (52 tested)	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN
COMBINED	1350-1500	1440
EBRW	665-750	705
MATH	675-770	730

Subject Test Scores	MEAN
Biology - Ecology	605
Biology - Molecular	555
Chemistry	712
English Literature	679
French	649
Latin	658
Math Level I	676
Math Level II	732
Physics	653
Spanish	644
US History	697

2018 AP SCORES

- 210 students sat for 465 exams in 21 subjects.
- 77% of our students earned a 4 or 5.
- 95% earned a 3 or better.

THE POTOMAC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

COURAGE

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

HUMILITY

PERSEVERANCE

The Potomac School is a founding member of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS) and a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and complies with the NACAC statement of Principles of Good Practice.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION LIST 2015-2018

American University (2)	Pratt Institute (1)
Amherst College (4)	Princeton University (5)
Baylor University (1)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)
Boston College (7)	Rhode Island School of Design (1)
Boston University (1)	Rice University (3)
Bowdoin College (2)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1)
Brandeis University (1)	Santa Clara University (2)
Brown University (1)	Sarah Lawrence College (1)
Bucknell University (5)	Sewanee: The University of the South (2)
California Institute of Technology (2)	Southern Methodist University (1)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (1)	St. John's University – NY (2)
Carleton College (2)	St. Lawrence University (1)
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	St. Mary's College of Maryland (1)
Claremont McKenna College (3)	St. Olaf College (2)
Clemson University (6)	Stanford University (5)
Colby College (4)	Stevenson University (1)
Colgate University (3)	Swarthmore College (1)
College of Charleston (2)	Syracuse University (5)
College of William and Mary (26)	Temple University (1)
College of Wooster (1)	The Catholic University of America (2)
Colorado School of Mines (1)	The George Washington University (4)
Columbia University (5)	The New School – All Divisions (1)
Connecticut College (3)	The University of Alabama (2)
Cornell University (10)	The University of Arizona (1)
Dartmouth College (7)	The University of Georgia (2)
Davidson College (2)	Trinity College (3)
Denison University (2)	Tufts University (11)
Drexel University (1)	Tulane University (4)
Duke University (10)	University College London (1)
Emerson College (2)	University of California, Berkeley (4)
Elon University (2)	University of California, Los Angeles (3)
Emory University (5)	University of California, Santa Cruz (1)
Florida State University (1)	University of Chicago (13)
Fordham University (2)	University of Colorado at Boulder (3)
Franklin & Marshall College (1)	University of Maryland, Baltimore County (1)
Furman University (1)	University of Maryland, College Park (2)
George Mason University (4)	University of Michigan (9)
Georgetown University (11)	University of Mount Union (1)
Georgia Institute of Technology (2)	University of Notre Dame (6)
Gettysburg College (1)	University of Pennsylvania (7)
Hamilton College (4)	University of Richmond (4)
Harvard University (8)	University of Rochester (1)
Haverford College (1)	University of San Diego (1)
High Point University (2)	University of Southern California (5)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (1)	University of South Carolina (2)
Indiana University at Bloomington (3)	University of St. Andrews (2)
Ithaca College (1)	University of Utah (1)
James Madison University (4)	University of Vermont (5)
Kenyon College (3)	University of Virginia (22)
Lafayette College (1)	University of Washington (1)
Lehigh University (1)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)	Vanderbilt University (2)
McGill University (1)	Villanova University (6)
Middlebury College (5)	Virginia Commonwealth University (1)
Moore College of Art & Design (1)	Virginia Tech (10)
Mount Allison University (1)	Wake Forest University (13)
New York University (8)	Washington University in St. Louis (9)
Northeastern University (2)	Wellesley College (4)
Northwestern University (5)	Wesleyan University (2)
Occidental College (1)	Williams College (5)
Oberlin College (1)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)
Pennsylvania State University (1)	Yale University (4)