

Wakefield School College Admission

Profile

2018-2019

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The School

Founded in 1972, **Wakefield School** is an independent, college preparatory school serving students in junior kindergarten through 12. The school is located 50 miles west of Washington, D.C., on a 64 acre hilltop campus in the picturesque village of The Plains, Virginia. Enrollment for 2018-2019 is 330 with 167 in the Upper School (grades 9-12). The student population represents students from several surrounding counties. The average class size is 16. Through a homestay program, Wakefield also enrolls several international students. Approximately 25% of families receive financial aid. Wakefield is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools.

The Mission

The mission of **Wakefield School** is to provide a rigorous liberal arts education through a challenging, content-rich curriculum and extra-curricular activities that are delivered by skilled, supportive, and creative teachers, coaches, and advisers. We believe in broad knowledge, the equal importance of character and intellect, the benefits of hard work, and the unique potential of our students. We foster self-discipline, independence, creativity, and curiosity. We provide students with the fundamental knowledge and the critical thinking skills to distinguish that which is true from that which is not, and the strength of character to use that wisdom. We welcome families who will embrace our ambitious vision: to develop capable, ethical, and articulate citizens who will seek the challenge, make a difference, and live extraordinary lives.

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Faculty

Wakefield's talented 42-member faculty lies at the heart of the school's success, creating an atmosphere that blends challenge and support in equal measure. The average tenure of a faculty member at Wakefield is six years, with an average of 12 years of teaching experience overall. Nearly three-quarters of the faculty hold an advanced degree.

Athletics

Wakefield's Athletic Department includes 18 varsity sports and 36 total teams. With its current Upper School population, the school maintains an 82 percent student participation rate for athletics. Alumni are currently playing at NCAA DI and DIII institutions.

Arts

Wakefield's Art Department supports a wide range of artistic endeavors from acting to photography to music theory. Each year there are a number of traditional productions in all divisions including dramatic plays, musicals, concerts, poetry readings, arts festivals, and an alumni art exhibit. Student-produced publications, including *Virtus et Sapientia* (yearbook), *Talisman* (Upper School art and writings), and *Amulet* (Lower and Middle School art and writings), regularly win national awards.

Society for Leadership and Engagement

Supporting Wakefield's mission of "seeking the challenge, making a difference and living and extraordinary life," the Leadership & Engagement Recognition program recognizes student participation in, and the development of key leadership attributes through, a range of activities across the school year. It encourages students to participate in different types of activity and celebrate success in non-academic areas, as well as develop leadership qualities in each of the following categories: Capable, Ethical, and Articulate. Participation is required in the following activity areas: Physical, Creative & Cognitive, and Civic Engagement/Service. For a full description of the program please visit the Wakefield School website (<http://wakefieldschool.org>).

Course Requirements for Graduation

Students must earn a minimum of 27 credits for graduation, including:

- ◆ Literature, 4 years
- ◆ Interdisciplinary Composition, 4 years
- ◆ Mathematics, 3 years
- ◆ Laboratory Science, 2 years
- ◆ History, 4 years
- ◆ Foreign Language, 2 years
- ◆ Fine Arts, 1 year
- ◆ Physical Education, 2 years
- ◆ Electives, 5 years

Academic Schedule

Wakefield School operates on a trimester schedule. All courses are full year and carry one credit. Courses meet on alternating days for a period of 80 minutes. The vast majority of students elect to carry seven courses. In 2018-2019 Wakefield School will offer one Honors course, 16 AP courses, and two Dual Enrollment courses. AP courses are not available to students in 9th grade; students in grades 10 and above must obtain departmental approval to enroll in the Honors Thesis and AP courses.

Grading System

(Wakefield School does not rank its students)

Each Wakefield School GPA is unweighted, calculated on a 4.0 scale and includes all courses taken. GPA does not include grades earned at schools other than Wakefield. A minimum grade of 60 is required to pass. First trimester grades are considered the mid-year grades. High Honors are awarded to students who achieve all A's with one B+ or B allowed. Honors are awarded to students who achieve at least one grade in the A range and no more than one C+ or C allowed (or all grades in the B range with no more than one B-).

Grading Scale

A+	4.30	97-100	C+	2.30	77-79
A	4.00	93-96	C	2.00	73-76
A-	3.70	90-92	C-	1.70	70-72
B+	3.30	87-89	D+	1.30	67-69
B	3.00	83-86	D	1.00	63-66
B-	2.70	80-82	D-	0.70	60-62
			F	0.00	0-59

Class of 2019 GPA Distribution

(Avg. GPA: 3.22)

GPA Range	# of Students	% of Class
4.29-4.00	4	9%
3.99-3.70	7	16%
3.69-3.30	13	29%
3.29-3.00	5	11%
2.99-2.70	6	14%
2.69-2.30	4	9%
2.29-2.00	2	4%
1.99-1.70	3	7%



Advanced Placement Examinations 3-Year School Score Summary

	2016	2017	2018
Total AP Students	75	64	91
Number of Exams	155	143	190
AP Students with Scores 3+	57	46	65
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	76.0	71.9	71.4

In 2018, 18 students earned an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Award in one of three categories:

AP Scholar: 9

AP Scholar with Honor: 6

AP Scholar with Distinction: 3

SAT Performance – Class of 2018

SAT		
Section	Mid 50%	Mean
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing	600-695	645
Mathematics	540-675	630
Composite	1140-1370	1275

ACT Performance – Class of 2018

ACT		
Section	Mid 50%	Mean
English	26-35	30.5
Mathematics	21-30	26.2
Reading	23-35	30.4
Science	24-31	26.9
Composite	24-32	28.3

Most Demanding Courses Offered

English

Honors Senior Thesis
AP British Literature

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB and BC
AP Statistics

Tech Education

AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles

Science

AP Biology
AP Chemistry*
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
AP Physics C: Mechanics

World Languages

AP French
AP Latin
AP Spanish

History

AP U.S. History
AP U.S. Government
DE International Relations**
DE World Civilization

Fine Arts

AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art

* Not offered in 2018-2019.

** Course offered in alternating years.

The Senior Thesis Project is the culmination of the student's intellectual experience at Wakefield. Each student uses the skills of scholarly interdisciplinary research, original composition, and multimedia and written presentation to explore a topic of intense personal interest and report on it comprehensively. Students enrolled in the **Honors course** submit the equivalent of a college level, thirty page paper and present their work to various audiences within the academic community; students in the **standard course** submit the equivalent of a college level, fifteen page paper.

Independent Studies

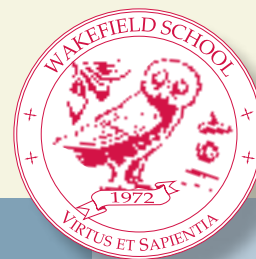
Independent Studies are available to Juniors and Seniors who are seeking to take a course that is not available at Wakefield School. To be eligible a student must: 1) have exhausted the school's offerings in a specific discipline; 2) have an approved independent study advisor (someone who works in the department); 3) submit a proposal to obtain approval from the Curriculum Committee; 4) has a proven academic strength with a solid work ethic.

Global Engagement

Wakefield engages in at least five global experiences each year in several countries, including programs in China, Australia, and Africa.

Wakefield Internship Summer Experience (WISE)

Offered to a select group of juniors and seniors, the WISE program includes a three-day classroom experience followed by a three-week unpaid internship at a local business or non-profit organization. The program is designed to give students an opportunity to observe leaders in a professional setting, gain valuable work experience, foster important relationships, and contribute positively to the company to which they are matched.



College Placement 2014 – 2018

Virtually all Wakefield School graduates go on to attend four-year colleges and universities. Institutions attended by graduates in the past five years appear below, with the number of matriculants in parentheses. The nonappearance of a number indicates one:

American University	Florida Southern College (2)	Shepherd University
Amherst College	Fordham University	Stanford University
Arizona State University	George Mason University (3)	Trinity College
Barry University	Georgetown University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Bates College	Georgia Institute of Technology	United States Military Academy Prep School
Beloit College	Gettysburg College	United States Naval Academy
Bentley University	High Point University (3)	University of Alabama
Berklee College of Music	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Arizona
Boise State University	James Madison University (4)	University of California, Berkeley
Bridgewater College (3)	John Jay College of Criminal Justice	University of Maine
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Kansas State University	University of Mary Washington (3)
Bucknell University	Liberty University (2)	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Carleton College	Longwood University	University of Miami (2)
Carlow University (2)	Lynchburg College	University of Mississippi
Champlain College	Lynn University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Christopher Newport University (3)	Miami University of Ohio	University of Pennsylvania (2)
Clemson University	New York Film Academy	University of Scranton
Coastal Carolina University (2)	New York University	University of South Carolina
Colgate University	Norwich University	University of South Carolina, Beaufort
College of Charleston (3)	Ohio State University	University of Texas, Austin
College of William and Mary (8)	Old Dominion University (3)	University of Virginia (16)
Columbia University	Pennsylvania State University	Utah State University
Cornell University	Pennsylvania State University, Altoona	Villanova University
Dickinson College	Pepperdine University	Virginia Commonwealth University (3)
Duke University	Pratt Institute	Virginia Military Institute (4)
Elon University	Princeton University	Virginia Tech (12)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Purdue University (2)	Virginia Wesleyan College
Emory University	Radford University (3)	Wellesley College
Eugene Lang College	Randolph-Macon College (3)	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Ferris State University	Richard Bland College	West Virginia University
Ferrum College	Roanoke College (6)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Atlantic University	Savannah College of Art and Design	