

NANSEMOND-SUFFOLK ACADEMY

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2021 - 2022

THE SCHOOL AND ACCREDITATION

Located on two campuses in Suffolk, VA within the heart of the Hampton Roads region, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy (NSA) serves approximately 900 students from southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. NSA is a co-educational, independent, college preparatory day school for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. Admission is selective, and students reflect a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. At NSA, we inspire a passion for learning in a supportive, innovative and student-centered community that develops each individual for lifelong success. Nansemond-Suffolk Academy is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools.

HONOR CODE

As a responsible member of the student body of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, I realize that everything I do must be above reproach. I will be honest with myself and with others. I will refrain from all acts of cheating, lying and stealing, and I will not tolerate those acts from others. I will actively encourage my fellow students to follow the highest standards of integrity.

ACADEMIC YEAR

Each trimester is approximately 56 days. The class schedule is on a seven-day rotation with each class meeting five times during the seven-day rotation. A maximum of seven credits may be earned in a regular school year. Five of these credits must be in academic courses. In the 2020-2021 school year, students took only six courses due to COVID-19 protocols.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 22 credits in grades 9-12 is required for graduation. Successful completion of a course earns one credit. Minimum subject requirements are listed below; however, most students elect to pursue additional coursework in areas of interest.

Mathematics	English	History/Social Sciences	Lab Sciences	World Language	Fine Arts
3 years	4 years	4 years	3 years	3 years	1 year

GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE WEIGHTING POLICY

Only academic courses are computed in the student's GPA. Students may not earn a grade greater than 100, therefore the unweighted 100 point GPA cannot be greater than 100. GPA is also reported on an unweighted and weighted 4-point scale. Courses labeled as AP or Honors are weighted. Advanced Placement courses carry the weight of .5 and Honors courses, .25 on a 4-point scale.

Numerical Grade	97-100	93-96	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	0-59
Letter Equivalent	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
GPA	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.0

ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICY

AP courses are offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Taking more than three AP courses per year or as a freshman requires special permission. Although NSA offers 18 AP courses, the typical maximum load of AP courses throughout a student's Upper School career is as follows: 1 sophomore year, 3 junior year, and 3 senior year, for a total of 7 AP courses.

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROFILE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROFILE

ACT	SAT	AP
English	EBRW	106 students sat for 201 exams in 2021
Math	Math	72% of students scored a 3 or higher
Reading	Score ranges represent the middle 50% of the Class of 2021. Not all students were able to take tests due to COVID-19 cancellations.	45% of students scored a 4 or higher
Science		21% of students scored a 5
Composite		

Nansemond-Suffolk Academy does not rank students for the purpose of college admission.

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ENROLLMENT

- Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12: 919
- Grades 9-12: 289
- 84 seniors, 83 juniors
- % diversity in grades Pre-K-12: 25%
- % international in grades 9-12: 1%

FACULTY

The NSA faculty totals: 85

Upper School faculty totals: 32

- 56% hold advanced degrees
- 9:1 student-faculty ratio

MISSION STATEMENT

At Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, students are engaged in personal growth, inspired to discover their passion and empowered to make a difference in the world.

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

NSA will, when asked to disclose such information on an admissions application, report to colleges and universities any major honor or disciplinary infractions that took place during grades 9-12, including, but not limited to, those which result in suspensions and dismissals.

CURRICULUM

All courses are college preparatory. Honors and AP courses are selective. Selection for these courses is based upon past academic performance and teacher recommendation. Courses are taught based on enrollment.

KEY

CP = College Preparatory
H = Honors
AP = Advanced Placement
+ Not offered in 2021-2022
* Graded Pass/Fail

ENGLISH

English 9	CP		
English 10	CP	H	
English 11	CP	H	
English 12	CP	H	
English Language and Composition			AP
English Literature and Composition			AP
Survey of Literature*	CP		

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ancient World History	CP		
European History			AP
Holocaust and Genocide Studies	CP+		
Modern World History	CP		
Principles of Economics	CP		
U.S. History	CP	H	AP
U.S. Government and Politics	CP	H	AP

Holocaust and Genocide Studies is taught every other year. It is not offered in 2021-2022.

INTERNSHIPS

Business and Marketing* (12)
Early Childhood Education* (12)
Innovation Lab (11, 12)*
Philanthropic Studies and Business* (12)
Technology* (11, 12)

Internships are credit-bearing pass/fail courses that provide the opportunity for upperclassmen to engage in experiential learning in a specific area of interest.

LAB SCIENCES

Anatomy & Physiology	CP		
Modern Biology	CP		
Biology		H	AP
Chemistry	CP	H	AP+
Computer Science A			AP
Environmental Science			AP
Design Thinking and Innovation I and II	CP		
Physics	CP	H	
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism			AP
Sports Medicine	CP		

AP Biology, AP Physics C and AP Chemistry are offered in alternating years. For the 2021-2022 school year, AP Biology and AP Physics C are offered. AP Environmental Science will continue to be offered each year.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY SCIENCE (PLTW)

Principles of Biomedical Science

Human Body Systems

Project Lead the Way's science courses allow students to engage in compelling, hands-on activities to tackle real-world problems.

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I	CP		
Geometry	CP	H	
Algebra II	CP		
Algebra II/Trig	CP	H	
Algebra III/Trig	CP		
Precalculus	CP	H	
Calculus		H	
Calculus AB			AP
Calculus BC			AP
Statistics with College Math Prep	CP		
Statistics			AP
Multivariable Calculus		H	

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES

Introduction to American Education* +

Strength Training

Study Skills*

These classes are non-academic and are not included in a student's GPA.

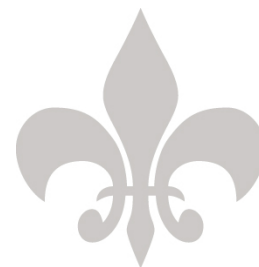
WORLD LANGUAGE

French I-III	CP		
French IV		H	
French Language and Culture			AP
Latin I-III	CP		
Latin IV-V		H	
Latin: Vergil			AP
Spanish I-III	CP		
Spanish III-V		H	
Spanish Language and Culture			AP
Spanish Literature and Culture			AP+

FINE ARTS

Art I-II	CP		
Advanced Art	CP		
Advanced Art II	CP		
Digital Art	CP		
Studio Art			AP
Band	CP		
Intermediate Choral Music	CP		
Advanced Choral Music	CP		
Fundamentals of Band	CP+		
Music Theory	CP		
Photography	CP		
Stage Crafts and Theatre Arts	CP		
Yearbook Production	CP		

Stage Crafts and Theatre Arts was formerly two distinct classes: Stage Crafts/Technical Production and Theatre Arts. While they are now a single course, they may still appear on some transcripts separately in previous years.



COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASSES OF 2018-2021

Agnes Scott College	Gardner-Webb University	Pratt Institute	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	George Mason University	Purdue University	University of Iowa
American University	George Washington University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Kansas
Appalachian State University	Georgetown University	Quinnipiac University	University of Kentucky
Arcadia University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Radford University	University of Louisville
Arizona Christian University	Georgia Southern University	Randolph College	University of Lynchburg
Auburn University	Goucher College	Randolph-Macon College	University of Mary Washington
Averett University	Grove City College	Regent University	University of Maryland Baltimore County
Barton College	Guilford College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maryland College Park
Baylor University	Hampden-Sydney College	Rice University	University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Belmont University	Hampton University	Richard Bland College of William and Mary	University of Massachusetts at Boston
Bethany College	Hawaii Pacific University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Memphis
Bluffton University	High Point University	Roanoke College	University of Miami
Boston College	Hillsdale College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Mississippi
Boston University	Hofstra University	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Bridgewater College	Hollins University	Salisbury University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Butler University	Hood College	Santa Clara University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
CUNY Brooklyn College	Howard University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
CUNY City College	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Seton Hall University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
CUNY Hunter College	J Sargeant Reynolds Community College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Northern Colorado
CUNY Queens College	James Madison University	Shenandoah University	University of Oregon
California College of the Arts	Johns Hopkins University	Southern Methodist University	University of Pittsburgh
Campbell University	Johnson & Wales University	Spelman College	University of Richmond
Carroll University	Kent State University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of San Diego
Carson-Newman University	Kenyon College	St. Bonaventure University	University of San Francisco
Case Western Reserve University	Lafayette College	Stetson University	University of South Carolina
Central Connecticut State University	Liberty University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of South Florida
Champlain College	Longwood University	Stony Brook University	University of St Andrews
Christopher Newport University	Louisiana State University	Sweet Briar College	University of Virginia
The Citadel: Military College of South Carolina	Loyola University New Orleans	Syracuse University	University of Washington (Seattle)
Clafin University	Maine College of Art	Temple University	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Clark University	Maine Maritime Academy	Texas A&M University at Galveston	Valley Forge Military College
Clemson University	Manhattan College	The College of New Jersey	Vanderbilt University
Coastal Carolina University	Marist College	The College of Wooster	Villanova University
College of Charleston	Mars Hill University	The Ohio State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Colorado State University	Mary Baldwin University	The University of Alabama	Virginia Military Institute
Columbus College of Art and Design	Maryland Institute College of Art	The University of Tampa	Virginia Tech
Concord University	Marymount Manhattan College	The University of Tennessee	Virginia Wesleyan University
Cornell University	Marymount University	The University of Texas at Austin	Wagner College
Davidson College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wake Forest University
Davis & Elkins College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Thomas Nelson Community College	Washington College
DePaul University	McGill University	Tidewater Community College	Washington and Lee University
DePauw University	Meredith College	Towson University	West Virginia University
Delaware State University	Methodist University	United States Air Force Academy	Western Carolina University
Denison University	Miami University (Oxford)	United States Military Academy	Wilkes University
Dickinson College	Michigan State University	United States Naval Academy	William & Mary
Drew University	New York University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Wingate University
Drexel University	North Carolina State University	University of California (Berkeley)	Wofford College
East Carolina University	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	University of California (Davis)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Eastern Mennonite University	Northeastern University	University of California (Irvine)	York College Pennsylvania
Eckerd College	Norwich University	University of California (Los Angeles)	
Elon University	Old Dominion University	University of California (San Diego)	
Emory & Henry College	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California (Santa Barbara)	
Emory University	Pace University	University of California (Santa Cruz)	
Ferrum College	Patrick Henry Community College	University of Central Florida	
Flagler College	Paul D Camp Community College	University of Colorado Boulder	
Florida Atlantic University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Connecticut	
Florida Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University (Berks)	University of Delaware	
Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Florida	
Fordham University	Pepperdine University	University of Georgia	
Franklin & Marshall College	Pfeiffer University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	
Furman University	Point Park University	University of Illinois at Chicago	