

# NORFOLK ACADEMY

1728

## 2021-2022 School Profile

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### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1728, Norfolk Academy is an independent, non-sectarian, coeducational day school enrolling approximately 1,200 students in grades 1-12. Located in southeastern Virginia, the school enjoys a public and inclusive mission attracting students from diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. Students travel to school from all seven cities in the region, Virginia's Eastern Shore, and northeastern North Carolina.

### THE MISSION

Norfolk Academy prepares young men and women for lives of integrity, learning, service, leadership, and consequence.

### THE HONOR SYSTEM

Norfolk Academy's longest-standing and most cherished tradition is its Honor System. Each member of the community commits to behaving honorably in all school activities and programs. It is in this community of trust that the Honor System helps students strengthen and advance their ethical development and their capacity to make sound, moral, and mature decisions about matters of right and wrong.

### STATEMENT ON ADVANCED PLACEMENT

All courses at Norfolk Academy extend beyond the traditional secondary school level in terms of rigor and depth. While Norfolk Academy does not participate in the Advanced Placement Audit, and courses are not formally designated as AP, many of our students sit for AP exams, and achieve strong outcomes. In May of 2021, Norfolk Academy students took 232 Advanced Placement exams. 80% of scores were a 3 or above.

### COVID-19 AND DISTANCE LEARNING

Norfolk Academy transitioned to distance learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020. The approach, inclusive of daily synchronous and asynchronous classroom instruction, sought, to the greatest extent possible, to maintain the continuity of learning in all academic disciplines, as well as the depth and breadth of challenge and scholarship long associated with Norfolk Academy. Fourth quarter student achievement was assessed using all components of the planned curriculum and existing grading structure. The 2019/2020 school year extended the full duration of the traditional academic calendar. Norfolk Academy returned to school in August of 2020 providing in-person and distance learning options for all grade levels for the duration of the 2020/2021 school year, as is our plan for the 2021/2022 school year.

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### THE STUDENT BODY

**Boys:** 597 / **Girls:** 608

**Seniors:** 116

**Racial/Ethnic Diversity:** 25%

**Receive Financial Aid:** 18%

**Average College Applications**

**Filed per Senior:** 6.1

### SAT AND ACT TESTS

The following data reflect middle 50% and mean best test results for the Classes of 2021, 2020, and 2019.

	2021	2020	2019
<b>Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing</b>	610-700 <b>656</b>	600-719 <b>660</b>	610-695 <b>660</b>
<b>Math</b>	600-710 <b>656</b>	610-710 <b>656</b>	630-725 <b>670</b>
<b>Total</b>	1200-1390 <b>1312</b>	1220-1420 <b>1317</b>	1240-1420 <b>1330</b>
<b>ACT</b>	25-31 <b>28.0</b>	24-33 <b>28.3</b>	24-30 <b>27.8</b>

### STATEMENT ON CLASS RANK

Norfolk Academy does not rank students. We believe that ranking based on objective metrics does not yield a fair measure of the distinctions between members of a highly talented and diverse class. We provide a variety of other data to assist in the evaluation of performance and achievement and college counselors are available to answer related questions that arise.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to earn at least 20.5 credits in grades 9-12. Listed below are minimum subject requirements. Most students elect to pursue additional coursework beyond these requirements.

- English (4)
- Foreign Language (3)
- Laboratory Science (2)
- Mathematics (4)
- Social Science (3)
- Academic Electives (3)
- Fine Arts (1)
- Physical Education (.5)

### CURRICULUM GUIDE

Students take the following courses in grades 9-12. Courses indicated in *italics* are required of all students. While no courses are so noted, all core curriculum offerings are designed to be of Honors quality or higher in content and rigor and may be considered as such in evaluation of a student's transcript.

#### ENGLISH

*English 9 (Literature/Writing)*  
*English 10*  
*English 11/12*  
 American Gothic: From Poe to King  
 Biography in Its Many Forms  
 Black Literature  
 The Comedic Tradition  
 Contemporary American Poetry  
 Gender and Its Discontents  
 Great Adventures  
 Middle Eastern and Asian Literature  
 Shakespeare  
 Short Fiction  
 Advanced (11/12):  
 Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Literature:  
   A New Tradition Takes Shape  
 Creative Writing: African American and  
   Native American Literature  
 Creative Writing: Irish Masters  
 Enlightenment vs. Romanticism  
 Faith and Reason  
 Literature of the American West  
 Literature from the Margins  
 The Marriage Plot  
 Narrative Journalism  
 Philosophical Literature  
 Rhetoric  
 Self/Service: Edges of Obligation in Literature  
 Shakespeare and Leadership  
 Southern Literature  
 Speculative Fiction

#### MATHEMATICS

*Geometry or Fundamental Geometry or  
 Integrated Mathematics*

*Algebra II or Algebra II BC*  
*Precalculus or Precalculus BC*  
 Advanced Statistics  
 Advanced Topics in Mathematics  
 Calculus  
 Calculus AB, BC  
 Computer Science  
 Statistics  
 90% of our students graduate with at least one full year of calculus instruction; approximately 50% of graduates have taken Calculus AB or Calculus BC.

#### SCIENCE

*Biology*  
*Chemistry*  
 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology  
 Advanced Biology  
 Advanced Physics C - Mechanics  
 Ecosystem Dynamics  
 Inorganic Chemistry II  
 Organic Chemistry  
 Physics  
 Physics 1B, 2B  
 95% of our students graduate having taken at least three lab sciences.

#### FINE ARTS

Art History I, II  
 Broadcasting and Communications  
 Choral Music  
 Dance  
 Drama - Fall/Spring Play, Winter Musical  
 Film Studies I, II, III  
 Orchestra/Band

Studio Art 1, 2A, 2B, 3  
 Yearbook

#### HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

*World Cultures*  
*United States History*  
*American Government*  
 American Political Foundations  
 Alternate History  
 Constitutional Law  
 International Relations I/  
   U.S. Foreign Policy  
 International Relations II/The U.S. and  
   the Middle East, 1979 - Present  
 Latin American History  
 Political Philosophy & Ethics  
 Principles of Economics  
 Psychology  
 20th Century U.S.: Politics, Society, & Culture  
 Western Civilization  
 World Religions, Introduction to

#### WORLD LANGUAGES

French I, II, III, IV, V  
 German I, II, III, IV, V  
 Latin III, IV, V  
 Spanish I, II, III, IV, V  
 All students complete three levels of a modern foreign language. Additionally, middle school students take two years of Latin, and some students choose to take as many as four additional years of Latin.

### GRADING SCALE, GRADE POINT AVERAGE, AND NUMERIC AVERAGE

Final grades in core courses and academic fine arts courses determine a student's numeric and grade point averages. Numeric and grade point averages are not weighted. Summer school courses do not factor into these calculations. All grades received in all coursework attempted for credit (following the annual add/drop period) will be reflected on a student's transcript and in the calculation of numeric and grade point averages.

Class of 2022	Mean	High	Letter	A	B	C	D	F
<b>Grade Point Average</b>	3.44	4.0	<b>Number</b>	92-100	84-91	76-83	70-75	0-69
<b>Numeric Average</b>	90.96	99.19	<b>Points</b>	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0

### DISCIPLINARY DISCLOSURE

Norfolk Academy will, when asked to disclose such information on an admission 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.

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

### THE BATTEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A three-year, selective, co-curricular, experiential, academic leadership program with five tracks, the program prepares Fellows to lead lives marked by principled civic action by instilling a responsibility for understanding the systemic challenges facing the global community and supporting the creation of actionable solutions to those challenges.

*Chesapeake Bay Fellows • Engineering, Design, and Innovation Fellows •  
Global Affairs Fellows • Global Health Fellows • Literacy Fellows*

### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Students have many opportunities to enrich their understanding of the world's diverse peoples, cultures, and languages through Norfolk Academy's International Programs and partnerships with the following institutions/organizations:

*Ancient World Odyssey in Italy • Arabic Year at King's Academy in Jordan •  
World Leading Schools Association in China • ImprintED Abroad in Morocco •  
Copernicus Gymnasium in Germany • Rochester School in Colombia • St. Dominique in France •  
St. George's School in Argentina • School Year Abroad in France, Italy, Spain •  
STEAM Program in England • Where There Be Dragons in Bolivia*

### LEADERSHIP LAB

This foundational program, mandatory for 9th graders and voluntary for students in grades 10-12, fosters courage and confidence in students using academic and experiential laboratories. Labs are designed to nurture self-awareness, love and empathy for others, and tolerance for failure, all for the purpose of helping students grow into exceptional citizens and leaders.

*9th Grade: Know Thyself • 10th Grade: Leading Others • 11th Grade: Building a Network • 12th Grade: Capstone Project*

### MAYMESTER

Each May, sophomores and juniors embark on experiential learning opportunities locally and abroad. Maymester includes international programs, cross-curricular courses designed by Upper School faculty, and professional internships through Norfolk Academy's Alumni Career Connection. These offerings have substantive academic content, provide immersive learning experiences, and afford time for reflection and growth. Maymester is designed to prepare students to be engaged global citizens.

Some featured cross-curricular courses include:

*Biking the Underground Railroad • Chesapeake Bay: Past, Present, & Future •  
Introduction to Prehospital Medicine (with CPR certification) • Nature Writing and the Appalachian Trail*

Some featured internship partners include:

*Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters • Tidewater Arts Outreach •  
United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia • xTuple Open-Source Software Solutions*

### MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Norfolk Academy partners with community physicians, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and Sentara Healthcare to provide Upper School students with the opportunity to participate in a series of medical education programs and internships in clinical, medical, and hospital settings.

### PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM

Peer Counselors serve as mentors, tutors, confidantes, and counselors to students in grades 7-12. They undergo over 12 hours of training in crisis intervention and general person-centered counseling and participate in ongoing training throughout the school year. Counselors work towards a greater understanding of mental health and common mental illnesses, human relationships and sexuality, suicide prevention, substance use and abuse, and other topics of interest and/or concern. They also receive training about referring students to a school counselor and about handling situations independently. Students and faculty vote for and elect Peer Counselors, and their selection is a statement of confidence in a student's maturity and ability to empathize.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Freshmen and seniors research, compose, and deliver an original persuasive speech to the faculty and student body through a structured program to develop logic, clarity, and confidence in oral expression.

### RENAISSANCE READING PROGRAM

Participants in this voluntary program read six faculty-sponsored texts outside of formal course expectations and meet with sponsors for individual discussions. Students completing nine or more texts are recognized as Renaissance Scholars.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

100% of Norfolk Academy graduates continue at 4-year colleges and universities, and 90% of our alumni graduate from the college or university at which they began. Over the past five years (2017-2021) Norfolk Academy students have applied to 292 unique institutions and matriculated to 137 colleges and universities in 36 states as well as several international locations. The schools to which our 2017 - 2021 graduates have matriculated are listed below.

American University	Hamilton College	Texas A&M University at Galveston
Amherst College	Hampden-Sydney College	Tufts University
Arizona State University	Harvard University	Tulane University
Auburn University	Haverford College	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Babson College	High Point University	United States Military Academy
Bard College	Hofstra University	United States Naval Academy
Barnard College	Hollins University	The University of Alabama
Bates College	Howard University	University of California, Los Angeles
Boston College	Illinois State University	University of California, San Diego
Boston University	James Madison University	University of Chicago
Bridgewater College	Johns Hopkins University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Brown University	Kenyon College	University of Denver
Bryn Mawr College	Leiden University- The Netherlands	University of Georgia
Canisius College	Long Island University, Brooklyn	University of Mary Washington
Carnegie Mellon University	Longwood University	University of Maryland, College Park
Chapman University	Louisiana State University	University of Miami
Christopher Newport University	Merrimack College	University of Michigan
Clarkson University	Michigan State University	University of Mississippi
Clemson University	Morehouse College	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Colby College	Mount Holyoke College	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Colgate University	Naval Academy Preparatory School	The University of North Carolina at Wilmington
College of Charleston	The New School	University of Notre Dame
College of the Holy Cross	New York University	The University of Oklahoma
Colorado State University	North Carolina State University	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia University	Northeastern University	University of Richmond
Cornell University	Old Dominion University	University of South Carolina
Dartmouth College	Oregon State University	University of Southern California
Davidson College	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Tennessee
Duke University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Vermont
Durham University, The United Kingdom	Princeton University	University of Virginia
East Carolina University	Radford University	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Eckerd College	Randolph-Macon College	Vanderbilt University
Elon University	Rice University	Vassar College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Roanoke College	Villanova University
Emory University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Virginia Commonwealth University
Flagler College	Rockhurst University	Virginia Military Institute
Florida A&M University	Rollins College	Virginia Tech
Florida State University	Rutgers University	Wake Forest University
Franklin & Marshall College	Saint Anselm College	Washington and Lee University
Furman University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Washington University in St. Louis
George Mason University	Sewanee: The University of the South	William & Mary
The George Washington University	St. John's College (Sante Fe)	Williams College
Georgetown University	Stanford University	Wofford College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stony Brook University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Georgia Southern University	Syracuse University	Yale University
Gettysburg College	Temple University	