



# HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL

## 2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

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### Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Association of Independent Maryland Schools

### Memberships

National Association of Independent Schools

Association of Independent Maryland Schools

Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington

National Coalition of Girls' Schools

College Board

National Association of College Admission Counseling

Potomac and Chesapeake Association of College Admission Counseling

Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools



*Inveniam viam aut faciam*  
I will find a way or make one

### School and Community

Founded in 1901 by Jessie Moon Holton and Carolyn Hough Arms, the Holton-Arms School is an independent college preparatory day school for girls, grades 3 through 12, located in a suburb of Washington, D.C. The School admits girls with strong academic interests and abilities who wish to engage with and contribute to the life of the School community.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Holton-Arms School is to cultivate the unique potential of young women through the "education not only of the mind, but of the soul and spirit."

### Vision Statement

Inspiring young women to lead lives of positive influence.

### Distinctive Upper School Curricular Features

Global Education • Global Scholars • One Schoolhouse • Independent Science Research • STEM Scholars • Writing Intensive Courses

### 2020-2021 Hybrid Learning Plan:

During the 2020-2021 school year, Holton-Arms School provided students with meaningful and engaging learning experiences through a combination of on-campus and virtual instruction for all courses, including the Arts, physical education and other electives. Holton teachers facilitated rich learning experiences that built the skills and competencies we want every Holton graduate to have. Teachers held students to high expectations for student learning and all Upper School students were graded on a 100 point scale.

## STUDENTS

**673** Total Enrollment

**358** Upper School (Grades 9-12)

**92** Class of 2021

**41%** Students of Color

**2%** Foreign Nationals

**6:1** Student/Faculty Ratio

**15** Average Class Size

**24%** Students receiving financial aid

Student geographic distribution:

**70%** Maryland **15%** D.C. **15%** Virginia

Students who participate in a sport:

**60%** Upper School **100%** Middle School

**100%** of the Class of 2021 plan to attend four-year institutions

## FACULTY

**120** Full- and part-time Faculty

**82%** Advanced degrees

**13** Doctorates

**94** Masters

The Holton-Arms School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, or sexual orientation in the administration of its hiring, educational policy, admissions, financial aid practices, or of its athletic and other school-administered programs.

As of 2019-2020, AP courses have been replaced by Advanced level courses of equal rigor.  
 Enrollment in Honors and Advanced level courses requires departmental approval.  
 Class scheduling sometimes does not permit students to enroll in all courses for which they are eligible.

## UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses in bold type are Honors or Advanced level and are given additional weight in GPA calculations. • (Honors) denotes that an Honors section is offered.  
 • # Denotes a course not offered in 2020-2021. • \* Denotes a single trimester course.

DISCIPLINE	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
<b>English</b> 12 credits	English 9	English 10 Creative Writing Workshop*	English 11 Creative Writing Workshop*	English 12 Elective Options Creative Writing Workshop*
	Seniors elect one of the following sections of English 12. Course availability is subject to sufficient enrollment. (All English 12 courses conclude with a term paper.) Senior English Electives for 2021-2022 include: African-American Literature, Digitopia, Love in Literature, War in Literature, Sixties Protest Literature			
<b>History &amp; the Social Sciences</b> 9 credits required including History 9, US/European History I & II	History 9/The Historian's Craft	U.S./European History I (Honors)	U.S./European History II Advanced U.S./European History II Global Issues and Perspectives* Comparative World Religions, Amplifying Black Women's Voices	Advanced Topics in Psychology Advanced Topics in U.S. Government Advanced Principles of Economics Advanced Topics in Global Art History
<b>Mathematics</b> 9 credits are required for graduation: one of which is Algebra 2 & Trigonometry. Placement is based on success in previous courses.	Algebra 1 # Geometry (Honors)	Geometry Pre-Calculus (Honors)		Calculus 1A Pre-Calculus
	Algebra 2/Trigonometry with Data Analysis (Honors)	Algebra 2/Trigonometry Algebra 2/Trigonometry with Data Analysis (Honors)	Pre-Calculus (Honors) Model Thinking *	
			Functions of Pre-Calculus Pre-Calculus (Honors) Calculus I	Calculus I & II Multivariable Calculus Statistics
	History of Mathematics #*, Discrete Math #*, Architectural Design with SketchUp *, Model Thinking			
<b>Pure &amp; Applied Sciences</b> 9 credits required including Biology.	Physics (Honors)	Introduction to Engineering Chemistry (Honors)	Biology (Honors) Independent Science Research	Advanced Analytical Physics Advanced Global Applications in Environmental Science Advanced Topics in Biology
			Advanced Analytical Chemistry Introduction to Engineering Forensics: Analysis of Trace Evidence * Earth Structure and Phenomena* Scientific Perspective and the Environment * Microbiology * Molecular Biology * Seminar in Scientific Practice and Policy	
<b>World Languages</b> 9 credits in one language with successful completion of Level 3 required for graduation.	Chinese 2 French 2 Latin II, III Spanish 1, 2	Spanish I	Spanish 5: Film & Theater Honors Advanced Spanish Seminar: Voices	
		Chinese 2, 3, 4 (Honors), 5 (Honors) French 2, 3 (Honors) French 4: Conversation and Composition (Honors) French 5: Cinéma et Francophonie (Honors) Latin II, Latin III: Roman Prose and Poetry Latin IV: Readings in Latin Literature (Honors)		Latin V Honors Spanish 2, & 3 (Honors) Spanish 4: Conversation and Composition (Honors) Spanish 5: Hispanic Culture

### Music

Music Theory \*  
 Vocal Technique, Auditioning, & Cabaret \*  
 Chorus  
 Chamber Singers  
 Swing Choir  
 English Handbells  
 String Orchestra  
 Chamber Orchestra  
 Wind Ensemble  
 Jazz Band

### Visual Arts

Ceramics\*  
 Drawing and Painting \*  
 Photography \*  
 Advanced Ceramics  
 Advanced Drawing and Painting  
 Advanced Photography  
 Graphic Design Foundations \*  
 Applications in Graphic Design \*  
 Video Editing \*

### Dance

Orchestr Ensemble  
 Dance Technique \*  
 Int./Adv. Dance Technique \*  
 Dance Composition & Choreography \*

### Drama

Acting: Improv and Devising \*  
 Acting: Scene Study and Monologues \*  
 Production Technology \*  
 Theatrical Design \*  
 Dramatic Performance or Applied Technical Theater: Fall Play/Musical, Winter Play, Spring Play/Musical, One-Act Plays

### Health

Seminar 9      Seminar 10      Seminar 11

### Computer Science

Computer Science: App Development \*#  
 Computer Science: Web Development \*  
 Computer Programming & Robotics \*  
 Intro to Computer Science \*

### Physical Education

Fundamentals of Physical Education \*  
 Aquatic Fitness \*  
 Lifetime Fitness \*  
 Strength and Conditioning \*  
 For Dance offerings, see Dance & Drama

### Interscholastic Athletics Teams (ISL):

Basketball, Cross Country, Crew, Field Hockey, Golf (club), Ice Hockey, Indoor Track (club), Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Fall Tennis, Spring Tennis (club), Track & Field, Volleyball

## TRANSCRIPTS AND GRADING POLICY

- Grades on transcripts are not weighted; the GPA is weighted.
- Only final grades from academic courses taken at Holton in grades 9-12 are used in the calculation of the GPA. As of 2021 - 2022 Advanced Art Courses will no longer be used in the calculation of the GPA.
- Honors and Advanced courses in core academic subjects are weighted an additional 5 points when factored into the GPA.
- One Schoolhouse online courses and other courses not taken at Holton are not included in a student's GPA.
- Due to our commitment to wellbeing and balance, students must receive approval to take more than two Honors or Advanced courses per year.

**Course Schedule** The grade 9 course load consists of five major courses. At least four major courses per trimester are required in grades 10 through 12. The recommended course load for most students is five majors. Students may take six majors with permission of the Director of Upper School.

**Class Rank** Because of the relatively small size and strong quality of our graduating classes, we do not rank our students.

**Academic Honors** The School does not maintain an Honor Roll. Each spring the top 10% of the junior class is inducted into Cum Laude Society.

**First Trimester Grades** Holton-Arms School follows a trimester calendar. First trimester grades for seniors are used to satisfy the mid-year report requirement for colleges.

**Final Transcripts** Final transcripts for seniors will be sent to colleges in mid-June.

A+	97-100%	B	83-86%	C-	70-72%	F	below 60
A	93-96%	B-	80-82%	D+	67-69%		
A-	90-92%	C+	77-79%	D	63-66%		
B+	87-89%	C	73-76%	D-	60-62%		

## OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 63 credits including:

**Physical Education** • 6 credits (as of Class of 2023) 1 credit for each trimester of physical education classes or participation on interscholastic teams in Upper School

**Visual or Performing Arts** • 4 credits in Art, Dance, Drama, or Music

**Computer Science** • 1 credits (as of Class of 2022)

**Community Service** • 50 hours in Upper School to be completed by the beginning of the senior year

**Senior Project** • In May, each senior undertakes a project, subject to Senior Project Committee approval, that she designs and implements. Some explore possible future careers; others select social service work or creative pursuits.

## RECOGNITION AND AWARDS 2020-2021

### Scholastic Art & Writing

#### Award - Gold & Silver Keys

- 2 Photography
- 7 Ceramics
- 2 Writing

### Performing Arts Awards

- 2 MD All State Musicians
- 1 MD All State Chorus
- 1 NAFME All-National Orchestra
- 1 NAFME All-National Chorus

### National Merit Scholarship Program

- 5 National Merit Finalists
- 9 National Merit Letters of Recognition
- 3 National Hispanic Scholars

### National Latin Exam

- 10 Summa Cum Laude

## ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021-2022

### Athletic Championships 2017-2020

- 6 CREW
- 4 CROSS COUNTRY
- 1 FIELD HOCKEY
- 1 ICE HOCKEY
- 9 SWIM & DIVE
- 3 FIELD HOCKEY
- 2 VOLLEYBALL

### Class of 2021 Athletic Recruitment

Swimming & Diving - Georgetown  
 Swimming & Diving - George Mason  
 Swimming & Diving - Pitzer College  
 Cross Country - Middlebury College  
 Track & Field - Washington University, St. Louis  
 Field Hockey - Swarthmore College  
 Soccer - Colorado College  
 Lacrosse - Kenyon College

## TESTING TAKEN BY STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2021

SAT Testing (1600 scale)	Mean	Mid 50%
Evidence Based		
Reading & Writing	701	650-750
Mathematics	699	645-755
Writing	36	33-39
Total	1400	1305-1505
ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Composite	31	28-33
English	33.6	33-35
Mathematics	29.5	27-32
Reading	33.5	32-36
Science	30.6	28-33

## TESTS TAKEN BY STUDENTS BETWEEN 2018-2020

SAT Testing (1600 scale)	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2020	1402	1340-1480
Class of 2019	1358	1260-1470
Class of 2018	1394	1280-1510
ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2020	31.6	31-33
Class of 2019	33.6	28-33
Class of 2018	29.5	30-33

## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2018-2021

Agnes Scott College	Haverford College	The University of Texas at Austin
American University (4)	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Trinity College (2)
Amherst College	Howard University	Tufts University (3)
Barnard College (2)	Illinois Wesleyan University	Tulane University of Louisiana (7)
Bates College (5)	Indiana University-Bloomington (2)	United States Air Force Academy
Boston College	Johns Hopkins University (6)	University of British Columbia
Boston University (5)	Kenyon College (3)	University of California-Davis
Bowdoin College	Lafayette College (2)	University of California-Los Angeles
Brandeis University (4)	Lawrence University	University of Chicago (3)
Brown University	Lehigh University (2)	University of Colorado Boulder
Bryn Mawr College	Louisiana State University	University of Georgia
Bucknell University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)
Carleton College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)	University of Kentucky
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	McGill University	University of London
Case Western Reserve University	Miami University-Oxford	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Claremont McKenna College (2)	Middlebury College (5)	University of Maryland-College Park (4)
Clemson University (3)	Muhlenberg College	University of Miami (4)
Colby College (4)	New York University (9)	University of Michigan (8)
Colgate University (3)	Northeastern University (7)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
College of Charleston	Northwestern University (4)	University of Notre Dame (4)
College of William and Mary (4)	Oberlin College (2)	University of Pennsylvania (11)
Colorado College (3)	Occidental College (2)	University of Pittsburgh
Columbia University (2)	Ohio State University	University of Richmond (2)
Cornell University (5)	Pennsylvania State University (2)	University of Rochester
Dartmouth College	Pepperdine University	University of South Carolina-Columbia (2)
Davidson College (4)	Pitzer College (2)	University of Southern California (2)
Denison University	Princeton University (2)	University of Vermont
Dickinson College	Purdue University	University of Virginia (14)
Duke University (6)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Vanderbilt University (7)
East Carolina University	Rice University	Vassar College
Elon University (5)	Savannah College of Art and Design (2)	Villanova University (3)
Emory University (5)	Scripps College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2)
Furman University	Smith College	Wake Forest University (2)
George Mason University	Southern Methodist University (6)	Washington and Lee University
George Washington University	Spelman College	Washington University in St Louis (14)
Georgetown University (8)	Stanford University (2)	Wesleyan University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Swarthmore College (3)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Hamilton College (3)	Syracuse University (6)	Yale University (2)
Hampshire College	Texas Christian University	
Harvard University (6)	The University of Tampa	

### Other colleges to which students were admitted:

Albright College	Goucher College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Guelph
Arizona State University-Tempe	Grinnell College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Auburn University	Hampton University	Santa Clara University	University of Iowa
Babson College	Harvey Mudd College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Lynchburg
Baldwin Wallace University	High Point University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Mary Washington
Bard College	Ithaca College	Simmons University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Baylor University	James Madison University	Skidmore College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Belmont University	King's College London	St. John's College	University of Minnesota
Bennington College	Knox College	St. Lawrence University	University of Mississippi
Berklee College of Music	Long Island University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Missouri-Columbia
Berry College	Loyola University Maryland	Susquehanna University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Bradley University	Macalester College	Temple University	University of Oregon
Butler University	Marist College	The New School	University of Pennsylvania
Catholic University of America	Marymount Manhattan College	The University of Alabama	University of Pittsburgh
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	McMaster University	The University of Arizona	University of Rhode Island
Clark Atlanta University	Michigan State University	The University of Edinburgh	University of San Diego
Clark University	Millikin University	The University of Tennessee	University of St Andrews
Coastal Carolina University	Montana State University	The University of the South	University of Toronto
Colorado State University	Mount Holyoke College	Towson University	University of Warwick
Connecticut College	North Carolina A & T State University	Tufts University	University of Washington
DePaul University	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	Union College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Drew University	Otterbein University	United States Naval Academy	University of York
Drexel University	Pace University	University of California-Berkeley	Virginia Commonwealth University
Durham University	Point Park University	University of California-Irvine	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Eckerd College	Providence College	University of California-San Diego	Wagner College
EHL	Purdue University	University of California-Santa Barbara	Wellesley College
Emerson College	Queen Mary University of London	University of California-Santa Cruz	Wesleyan University
Florida State University	Queen's University	University of Cincinnati-Main Campus	Williams College
Fordham University	Reed College	University of Colorado Boulder	Wittenberg University
Franklin and Marshall College	Rhodes College	University of Connecticut	Xavier University of Louisiana
Furman University	Rider University	University of Delaware	
Georgia State University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Denver	
Gettysburg College	Rollins College	University of Florida	