

# NORFOLK ACADEMY

1728

## 2022-2023 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 2022, Norfolk Academy students took 317 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. During the 2021-2022 school year, Norfolk Academy returned fully to in-person instruction and gradually returned to pre-pandemic operating procedures.

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### THE STUDENT BODY

Boys: 608 / Girls: 607

Seniors: 126

Racial/Ethnic Diversity: 25%

Receive Financial Aid: 17%

Average College Applications

Filed per Senior: 5.37

### SAT AND ACT TESTS

The following data reflect middle 50% and mean best test results for the Classes of 2022, 2021, and 2020.

	2022	2021	2020
<b>Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing</b>	590-690 <b>641</b>	610-700 <b>656</b>	600-719 <b>660</b>
<b>Math</b>	580-680 <b>634</b>	600-710 <b>656</b>	610-710 <b>656</b>
<b>Total</b>	1200-1350 <b>1275</b>	1200-1390 <b>1312</b>	1220-1420 <b>1317</b>
<b>ACT</b>	23-29 <b>26.0</b>	25-31 <b>28.0</b>	24-33 <b>28.3</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)
- Laboratory Science (2)
- Social Science (3)
- Fine Arts (1)
- Foreign Language (3)
- Mathematics (4)
- Academic Electives (3)
- 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 Drama
- 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
- Seven American Poets
- Shakespeare
- Short Fiction
- Advanced (11/12):
- Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Literature: A New Tradition Takes Shape
- Contemporary Poetry
- Creative Writing: African American and Native American Literature
- Creative Writing: Irish Tenors
- Enlightenment vs. Romanticism
- Faith and Reason
- Literature of the American West
- Literature from the Margins
- Modern Self-fashioning
- 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 or Organic Chemistry I*
  - Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
  - Advanced Biology
  - Advanced Physics C - Mechanics
  - Ecosystem Dynamics
  - Engineering, Design, and Innovation Lab
  - Inorganic Chemistry II
  - Organic Chemistry
  - Physics
  - Physics 1B, 2B
- 95% of our students graduate having taken at least three lab sciences.

### FINE ARTS

- Advanced Topics in the Classics - Art and Literature I, II (Prerequisite: Latin V)
- 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
- Visual Art
- 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, VI

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 2023	Mean	High	Letter	A	B	C	D	F
Grade Point Average	3.46	4.0	Number	92-100	84-91	76-83	70-75	0-69
Numeric Average	91.08	98.29	Points	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:

*Advanced Leadership Lab • Along the Border • Exploring Health Inequities in West Virginia •  
Food Security and Food Justice • Forensics: A Lens on Criminal Justice • Go Big or Go Home •  
Hiking the Appalachian Trail • Lake Superior: The Spirit of Gitchigumi • NArt History Museum •  
Negotiation Boot Camp • Podcast Creation: Narrating Hampton Roads*

Some featured internship partners include:

*Colliers • Eastern Eye Associates • Ghent Chiropractic • WHRO*

## 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 offer input into the selection of 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 approximately 90% of our alumni graduate from the college or university at which they began. Members of Norfolk Academy's past five graduating classes have applied to 311 unique institutions and matriculated to 135 colleges and universities in 37 states as well as several international locations. The schools to which our 2018 - 2022 graduates have matriculated are listed below.

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