



# HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL

## School Profile 2022–2023

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.

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### 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 students 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.”

### Approach and Philosophy

Learn Well, Live Well, Lead Well (LW3) is a comprehensive, multi-dimensional philosophy of education.

To cultivate the unique potential of students to become change agents, we believe their education needs to be one in which they are given the tools to learn well, live well, and lead well.

Programmatically, LW3 is the framework for building Holton’s curriculum. It allows us to stretch the work we do with students beyond traditional academics and builds essential competencies needed for future leaders.

### STUDENTS

**665** Total enrollment  
**359** Upper School (Grades 9–12)  
**88** Class of 2023  
**42%** Students of color  
**2%** Foreign nationals  
**5:1** Student/faculty ratio  
**15** Average class size  
**24%** Students receiving financial aid

### Student geographic distribution:

**67%** Maryland **17%** D.C. **16%** Virginia  
**100%** of the Class of 2022 plan to attend four-year institutions

### FACULTY

**125** Full- and part-time Faculty  
**82%** Advanced degrees  
**15** Doctorates **103** Masters



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

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.

### TESTING INFORMATION FROM THE CLASS OF 2022

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Evidence Based		
Reading & Writing	717	680–760
Mathematics	707	660–760
Total	1424	1340–1510

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Composite	31.3	29–34
English	33	31–35
Mathematics	29.4	27–32
Reading	32.5	32–36
Science	30.5	26–35

### TESTING INFORMATION FROM 2019-2021

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2021	1400	1305–1505
Class of 2020	1402	1340–1480
Class of 2019	1358	1260–1470

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2021	31	29–34
Class of 2020	31.6	31–33
Class of 2019	33.6	28–33

## TRANSCRIPT & SCHOOL REPORT

## GPA & GRADING SCALE

### Trimester System:

Terms end in November, February, and May; grade reports for first trimester are automatically submitted to colleges for all seniors; grade reports for second trimester are submitted upon request.

### Typical Course Load:

The recommended course load for most students is five majors. Students may take six majors with permission of the Director of Upper School.

### Additional Requirements:

Students have additional graduation requirements in visual and performing arts, physical education, computer science, community service (50 Hours), and LW3 Seminar.

### Discipline Policy:

In most cases, Holton-Arms does not share disciplinary records with colleges and universities. It is incumbent upon students to answer all application questions honestly and counselors support students in submitting required statements.

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%		

Holton does not rank. Only final grades from academic courses taken at Holton in grades 9–12 are 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.

**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.

### Senior projects are graded on the following scale:

Outstanding (O)	Excellent (E)	Good (G)
Satisfactory (S)	Unsatisfactory (U)	Fail (F)

## ADVANCED AND HONORS CURRICULUM

Typically students do not take advanced courses until Junior year. Students must gain approval to take more than three Advanced/Honors Courses. 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.

### History

Advanced US/European Honors II  
Advanced Principles in Economics  
Advanced Topics in Global Art History  
Advanced Topics in Psychology  
Advanced Topics in U.S. Government

### Mathematics

Honors Geometry  
Honors Algebra 2/  
Trigonometry with Data Analysis  
Honors Pre-Calculus  
Statistics  
Calculus I  
Calculus I and II  
Multivariable Calculus

### Science

Honors Physics  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Biology  
Advanced Analytical Physics  
Advanced Analytical Chemistry  
Advanced Global Applications in  
Environmental Science  
Advanced Topics in Biology

### World Language

Honors Spanish 3, 4, and 5  
Spanish Seminar: Voices  
Honors Chinese 3, 4, and 5  
Honors French 3, 4, and 5  
Honors Latin III, IV, and V

## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2019-2022

Agnes Scott College	1	Emerson College	1	Pepperdine University	1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2
American University	4	Emory University	8	Pitzer College	2	University of Kentucky	1
Barnard College	3	George Mason University	1	Princeton University	2	University of Maryland Baltimore County	1
Bates College	4	George Washington University	1	Purdue University	1	University of Maryland College Park	5
Boston College	3	Georgetown University	7	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	University of Miami	5
Boston University	5	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Rice University	1	University of Michigan	9
Bowdoin College	1	Hamilton College	3	Savannah College of Art and Design	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
Brandeis University	2	Harvard University	3	Scripps College	1	University of Notre Dame	3
Brigham Young University	1	Harvey Mudd College	1	Smith College	1	University of Pennsylvania	11
Brown University	1	Haverford College	1	Southern Methodist University	5	University of Pittsburgh	1
Bryn Mawr College	1	Howard University	1	Spelman College	2	University of Richmond	1
Bucknell University	2	Indiana University Bloomington	3	Stanford University	2	University of Rochester	1
Carleton College	1	Johns Hopkins University	4	Swarthmore College	2	University of South Carolina	2
Carnegie Mellon University	4	Kenyon College	1	Syracuse University	7	University of Southern California	2
Case Western Reserve University	1	Lafayette College	2	Texas Christian University	2	University of Vermont	2
Claremont McKenna College	3	Lawrence University	1	The College of William and Mary	5	University of Virginia	15
Clemson University	4	Lehigh University	2	The University of Texas at Austin	2	Vanderbilt University	7
Colby College	4	Louisiana State University	2	Trinity College	2	Vassar College	1
Colgate University	5	Loyola Marymount University	1	Tufts University	2	Villanova University	3
College of Charleston	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	Tulane University	10	Virginia Commonwealth University	1
Colorado College	4	McGill University	1	United States Air Force Academy	1	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	2
Columbia University	3	Middlebury College	5	University of British Columbia	1	Wake Forest University	3
Connecticut College	1	Muhlenberg College	1	University of California Davis	1	Washington and Lee University	1
Cornell University	4	New York University	8	University of California Los Angeles	2	Washington University in St. Louis	10
Dartmouth College	3	Northeastern University	7	University of California Santa Barbara	1	Williams College	1
Davidson College	7	Northwestern University	5	University of Chicago	5	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Dickinson College	1	Oberlin College	3	University of Colorado Boulder	1	Yale University	1
Duke University	5	Occidental College	2	University of Denver	1		
East Carolina University	1	Oxford College of Emory University	1	University of Georgia	2		
Elon University	4	Pennsylvania State University	2				