

NANSEMOND-SUFFOLK ACADEMY

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2023 - 2024

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 17 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.

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 that result in suspensions and dismissals.

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

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ENROLLMENT

Pre-K-Grade 12: 880

- % diversity: 25%
- % on financial aid: 46%

Grades 9-12: 261

- 61 seniors, 71 juniors
- % international: 2%

FACULTY

The NSA faculty totals: 127
Upper School faculty totals: 30

- 14% 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.

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 2023-2024
* 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		
Creative Writing	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

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: Mechanics			AP
Sports Medicine	CP		

AP Biology and AP Chemistry are offered in alternating years. For the 2023-2024 school year, AP Chemistry is offered. AP Environmental Science and AP Physics C will 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

Strength Training

Study Skills*

Supplementary 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

FINE ARTS

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



COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASSES OF 2020-2023

Allegheny College	Frostburg State University	Patrick Henry Community College	University of Colorado Boulder
American University	Furman University	Paul Smith's College	University of Connecticut
Appalachian State University	Gardner-Webb University	Penn State University (Berks)	University of Delaware
Arcadia University	George Mason University	Penn State University	University of Florida
Auburn University	George Washington University	Point Park University	University of Georgia
Austin Peay State University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Pratt Institute	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Averett University	Georgia Southern University	Presbyterian College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ball State University	Grand Canyon University	Purdue University	University of Iowa
Barry University	Grove City College	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Kentucky
Barton College	Hamilton College	Quinnipiac University	University of Louisville
Baylor University	Hampden-Sydney College	Radford University	University of Lynchburg
Belmont University	Hampton University	Randolph College	University of Maine
Bluffton University	Hawai'i Pacific University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Mary Washington
Boston University	High Point University	Regent University	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
Bridgewater College	Hillsdale College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maryland (College Park)
California College of the Arts	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Richard Bland College	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Campbell University	Hollins University	Rider University	University of Massachusetts (Boston)
Carroll University	Hood College	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Memphis
Carson-Newman University	Howard University	Roanoke College	University of Miami
Case Western Reserve University	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Robert Morris University	University of Michigan
Central College	James Madison University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
Central Connecticut State University	Johns Hopkins University	Roger Williams University	University of Mississippi
Champlain College	Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)	Rollins College	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Charleston Southern University	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Rutgers University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chatham University	Kent State University	Saint Francis University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Chowan University	Lafayette College	Salisbury University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Christopher Newport University	Liberty University	Santa Clara University	University of Oregon
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	LIM College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Pittsburgh
Clark University	Longwood University	Seton Hall University	University of Richmond
Clemson University	Louisiana State University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of San Diego
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola University New Orleans	Shenandoah University	University of San Francisco
College of Charleston	Maine College of Art & Design	St. Bonaventure University	University of South Carolina
College of Southern Maryland	Maine Maritime Academy	St. Olaf College	University of South Carolina (Aiken)
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Marist College	Stetson University	University of South Florida
Columbus College of Art and Design	Mars Hill University	Stony Brook University	University of Utah
Commonwealth University (Lock Haven)	Mary Baldwin University	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of Virginia
Coventry University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Sweet Briar College	University of Washington (Seattle)
Culinary Institute of America	Marymount Manhattan College	Syracuse University	Valparaiso University
CUNY Brooklyn College	Marymount University	Temple University	Virginia Commonwealth University
CUNY City College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Temple University, Japan Campus	Virginia Military Institute
CUNY Hunter College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Texas A&M University at Galveston	Virginia Tech
CUNY Queens College	McDaniel College	Texas Christian University	Virginia Wesleyan University
Davis & Elkins College	Meredith College	Texas State University	Wake Forest University
DePauw University	Methodist University	The Ohio State University	Washington and Lee University
Dickinson College	Miami University (Oxford)	The University of Alabama	Washington College
Drew University	Michigan State University	The University of Tampa	Washington State University
Drexel University	Midwestern State University	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	Waynesburg University
Duquesne University	Missouri State University (Springfield)	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	West Virginia University
East Carolina University	Montana State University	Tidewater Community College	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Eckerd College	Montclair State University	Towson University	Western Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University	Mount Allison University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Wilkes University
Elon University	Murray State University	United States Air Force Academy	William & Mary
Emory & Henry College	Norfolk State University	United States Military Academy at West Point	Wingate University
Ferrum College	North Carolina A & T State University	United States Naval Academy	Winston-Salem State University
Flagler College	North Carolina State University	University of Aberdeen	Wofford College
Florida Atlantic University	Northeastern University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Gulf Coast University	Norwich University	University of Arizona	
Florida Institute of Technology	Oklahoma City University	University of California (Berkeley)	
Florida Southern College	Old Dominion University	University of California (Davis)	
Florida State University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California (Los Angeles)	
Fordham University	Pace University (New York City)	University of California (San Diego)	
Franklin & Marshall College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of California (Santa Barbara)	