



SCHOOL PROFILE 2023–2024

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

669 Total enrollment

371 Upper School (Grades 9–12)

81 Class of 2024

44% Students of color

3% Foreign nationals

5:1 Student/faculty ratio

15 Average class size

24% Students receiving financial aid

Student geographic distribution:

68% Maryland **18%** D.C. **14%** Virginia

100% of the Class of 2023 plans to attend four-year institutions

FACULTY

121 Full- and part-time Faculty

83% Advanced degrees

16 Doctorates **100** Masters



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

TESTING INFORMATION FROM THE CLASS OF 2023

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Evidence-Based		
Reading & Writing	706	660–760
Mathematics	690	640–770
Total	1396	1300–1500

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Composite	31	29–33
English	33	32–35
Mathematics	29	26–33
Reading	32	31–35
Science	30	27–33

TESTING INFORMATION FROM 2020-2022

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2022	1424	1340–1510
Class of 2021	1402	1330–1550
Class of 2020	1358	1340–1480

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2022	31	29–34
Class of 2021	31	29–34
Class of 2020	32	31–32

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.

TRANSCRIPT & SCHOOL

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.

GPA & GRADING

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

Honors Global History Since 1900
 Honors Trimester Elective in Junior Year:
 International Relations
 Revolutions in Science
 The Modern Middle East
 Black Women's Voices
 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 (est. 2022-23), IV, and V

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2020-2023

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