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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 2023, students took 265 Advanced Placement exams. 87% of scores were a 3 or above.

## COVID-19 AND DISTANCE LEARNING

Norfolk Academy returned to in-person learning in August 2020 while simultaneously offering distance learning options to all students for the duration of that year. During the 2021-2022 school year, Norfolk Academy returned to in-person instruction only and returned fully to all pre-pandemic operating procedures in the fall of 2022.

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## THE STUDENT BODY

Boys: 598 / Girls: 609

Seniors: 113

Racial/Ethnic Diversity: 25%

Receive Financial Aid: 17%

Average College Applications

Filed per Senior: 6.2

## SAT AND ACT TESTS

The following data reflect middle 50% and mean best test results for the Classes of 2023, 2022, and 2021.

	2023	2022	2021
<b>Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing</b>	610-730 <b>664</b>	590-690 <b>641</b>	610-700 <b>656</b>
<b>Math</b>	610-750 <b>680</b>	580-680 <b>634</b>	600-710 <b>656</b>
<b>SAT Total</b>	1230-1480 <b>1344</b>	1200-1350 <b>1275</b>	1200-1390 <b>1312</b>
<b>ACT</b>	25-32 <b>28.0</b>	23-29 <b>26.0</b>	25-31 <b>28.0</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.

## 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 in Literature  
Literary Childhoods  
Shakespeare  
Short Fiction  
Speculative Fiction  
Advanced (11/12):  
Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Literature  
Contemporary American Poetry  
Creative Writing: African American and Native American Literature  
Creative Writing: Irish Tenor  
Creative Writing: Narrative Journalism  
Enlightenment vs. Romanticism  
Faith and Reason  
Literature of the American West  
Literature from the Margins  
Philosophical Literature  
Psychological Literature  
Reflections of War  
Rhetoric  
The Tragic Tradition

### MATHEMATICS

*Geometry, Fundamental Geometry, or Integrated Mathematics*  
*Algebra II or Algebra II BC*

*Precalculus, Precalculus AB, or Precalculus BC*  
Advanced Computer Science  
Advanced Statistics  
Advanced Topics in Mathematics  
Calculus, Calculus AB, or Calculus 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 Inorganic 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

Art I: Visual Expressions  
Art II: Art Exploration  
Art III: Art Lab  
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  
Visual Art  
Yearbook

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

*American Government*  
*United States History*  
*World Cultures*  
African American History  
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  
Latin Seminar I/II  
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.

## 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)

## 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 2024	Mean	High	Letter	A	B	C	D	F
Grade Point Average	3.54	4.0	Number	92-100	84-91	76-83	70-75	0-69
Numeric Average	91.48	98.79	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*

### 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 include substantive academic content, provide immersive learning experiences, enrich understanding of the world's diverse peoples, cultures, and languages, 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 • Food Security and Food Justice •  
Forensics: A Lens on Criminal Justice • Go Big or Go Home: Architecture •  
Hiking the Appalachian Trail • Lake Superior: The Spirit of Gitchigumi • Materials Science •  
NArt History Museum • Negotiation Boot Camp • Podcast Creation: Narrating Hampton Roads*

Some featured internship partners include:

*Acredale Animal Hospital • Brown Advisory • CHKD Philanthropy • Colliers •  
Eastern Eye Associates • Frontline Gig • Ghent Chiropractic • WHRO*

Some featured International Programs include:

*Ancient World Odyssey in Italy • The Archaeology of Greece & The Making of the Modern European State •  
Copernicus-Gymnasium in Germany • World Leadership School in Santa Maria de Dota, Costa Rica •  
St. Dominique in France • School Year Abroad in France, Italy, Spain*

### 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 325 unique institutions and matriculated to 136 colleges and universities in 35 states as well as several international locations. The schools to which our 2019 - 2023 graduates have matriculated are listed below.

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