## ABOUT US

**Founded 1844** and now a coeducational 6-12 boarding and day independent school in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

**Our mission:** To prepare students of all faiths for success in universities worldwide and for engaged lives of intellectual curiosity, creativity, and contribution.

**Enrollment:** Grades 6-12: approximately 122 students. In grades 8-12, 32 students board. Boarding students come from 5 US states and 10 countries outside the United States.

**Accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools and a member of**
- Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC)
- National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- Potomac & Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling (PCACAC)

**Discipline reporting:** Stuart Hall School will disclose a change in a student’s enrollment status.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**STU Graduate Goals:** The key proficiencies we strive to instill in our graduates are Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, Citizenship, Collaboration, and Well-Being.

**Staunton is our Campus (SIOC):** Access to real-world experiences through connection with our community in Staunton and Augusta County permits students to practice skills and apply content knowledge in authentic settings and engage in service learning. SIOC experiences range from single projects and field trips to year-long courses.

**Co-Curriculars:** After-school programs in athletics, service, arts, academic competition, and more. Participation is required unless the student requests an exemption owing to a long-standing commitment to another after-school activity off campus. Students choose from a wide array of teacher-led activities including woodworking, a championship-winning moot court team, service opportunities, esports, paper crafts, and more. Co-curriculars also encompass the theater program as well as varsity, club, and intramural athletics. Co-curriculars have defined performance goals and offer written feedback on student progress toward the Graduate Goals.

**Honor Code:** The Honor Code Pledge of Stuart Hall School reads as follows: “As a member of the Stuart Hall School community, I will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate the behavior of those who do.” The Honor Code is enforced by a student-run Honor Council composed of students selected through an application process. Service on the Council is among the highest honors at Stuart Hall.
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Physical education, world language, music, and theater classes were not offered 2020-2021, and visual arts offerings were very limited.

There were 6 class periods meeting 3 times per week, and most students took 4 or 5 classes instead of the full load of 6 classes required in other years.

Some students pursued fine arts and PE for transcript credit through verified independent study.

Non-AP courses were offered only for Honors credit and are weighted accordingly on the transcript.

Covid-19 Response

Spring 2020 grading policy:
Stuart Hall transitioned to remote learning at the beginning of the 4th marking period in March 2020. Classes continued to meet via video conferencing on an adjusted schedule. Letter and number grades were recorded and calculated into the semester and year grade unless the 4th quarter grade was lower than the 3rd quarter grade, in which case the 3rd quarter grade stood for the entire second semester. No final exams were given.

2020-2021 academic year:
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Academic Policies

Beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year:
Stuart Hall adopted a Standards Mastery grade book. Every assignment in every course is graded on a 4-point scale defining achievement at the exemplary, proficient, developing, and emerging levels. Report card grades represent a weighted average of individual assignment grades. Standards Mastery grades are converted to letter grades for semester report cards and final transcripts.

The only world language offered is Spanish. It is available through level IV.

Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year:
No courses are designated Honors at the start of the year (except Spanish IV, Anatomy, and Physics). Students may earn Honors credit through a project or other in-depth work in the core subjects in the spring semester. Fall course lists for seniors will not show Honors designations, but the students may pursue Honors credit in the spring.

GPA weighting: Honors: .5 AP: 1.0

Other Transcript Notes:
- Select online course (i.e., Virtual Virginia) are given transcript credit and may be taken if Stuart Hall does not offer the course.
- AP enrollment is conditioned on teacher recommendations, prerequisites, and overall course load in consultation with the academic advisor, subject to approval by the Director of Studies. Most AP classes are only available in the 11th and 12th grades. Students enrolled in an AP course are required to sit for the AP exam (suspended in 2020 and 2021).
- International students are exempt from the World Language requirement.
- Repeated courses are included in the GPA in both years they were taken, unless the first attempt was in Middle School.
- Stuart Hall does not rank students.

Graduation Requirements

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Total: 22 credits
A full course load is 6 classes per year (except 2020-2021)

Upper School credits that may be earned in the 7th & 8th grades:
These courses are listed on the transcript and included in the GPA, unless repeated in the Upper School.
- World Language credits
- Algebra I and above in math
SAT and GPA Distributions

**SAT Middle 50%, classes of 2019-2022:** 1110-1380

**GPA Middle 50%, class of 2023 (18 students):** Weighted 2.83-3.98, Unweighted 2.76-3.64

### Highest-Level Courses by Department

#### Arts
- AP Music Theory
- AP Art and Design

#### English
- World Literature Honors
- British Literature Honors
- AP Literature (not offered 2021-2023)
- AP English Language
- AP Seminar

#### World Languages
- Spanish IV Honors

#### Math
- Algebra I Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- Precalculus Honors
- Calculus Honors
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Statistics

#### Science
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Physics Honors
- Anatomy Honors
- AP Chemistry (rotating)
- AP Biology (rotating)
- AP Physics (rotating)
- AP Environmental Science (rotating)

#### History
- Ancient World History (now History I) Honors
- History II Honors
- History III: Historical Research Honors
- AP World History: Modern
- AP US History (rotating)
- AP US Government (rotating)

#### Elective Highlights
- AP Computer Science Principles (rotating)
- Data Science Honors (rotating)
- Astronomy
- Film and Music

### College Acceptances, Class of 2022

* indicates matriculation

- Adelphi University
- American University
- University of Arizona
- Bard College
- Bennington College
- Berklee College of Music*
- Blue Ridge Community Coll.
- Bob Jones University
- Boston University*
- Bradley University
- Bridgewater College
- U. of British Columbia*
- U. of California (Davis)*
- U. of California (Merced)
- U. of California (Riverside)
- U. of California (Santa Cruz)
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Christopher Newport University*
- University of Cincinnati
- Clark University*
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- College of Charleston
- Columbus Coll. of Art and Design*
- Dickinson College*
- Drexel University*
- Elon University
- Emory & Henry College
- Flagler College*
- Fordham University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Tech
- Goucher College
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hofstra University
- Hollins University
- U. of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)*
- Illinois Institute of Technology*
- James Madison University*
- Johnson & Wales University
- Knox College
- La Salle University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Longwood University
- Los Angeles College of Music*
- University of Maine*
- University of Mary Washington
- U. of Maryland (Baltimore County)
- U. of Maryland (College Park)
- Marymount University
- U. of Massachusetts (Amherst)**
- University of Massachusetts (Boston)
- University of Minnesota
- Mount Holyoke College
- Mount St Mary’s University
- North Carolina State University*
- U. of North Carolina at Asheville
- Oberlin College*
- The Ohio State University
- Old Dominion University
- University of Ottawa
- Pace University
- Penn State University**
- University of Pittsburgh
- Purdue University
- Randolph-Macon College*
- Reed College*
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology*
- SUNY University at Buffalo
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Seattle University*
- Smith College*
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland*
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University*
- University of Tennessee*
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Commonwealth University*
- Virginia Tech
- Washington and Lee University*
- West Chester U. of Pennsylvania
- William and Mary
- College of Wooster
- Xavier University
- Yale University*