

Stuart Hall School

School Profile 2023-2024

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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.

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:

- Stuart Hall offered in-person, remote, and hybrid options using a mix of synchronous and asynchronous instruction. There were no boarding students in the fall.
- 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.

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.

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

Graduation Requirements

English: 4 credits

Math: 4 credits (one class above Algebra II)

History: 3 credits

Science: 3 credits

World Language: 3 credits

Arts: 1 credit

Philosophy: .5 credit

Electives: 3.5 credits

Total: 22 credits

A full course load is 6 classes per year (except 2020-2021)

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