



# HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024–2025

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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

- 679** Total enrollment
- 375** Upper School (Grades 9–12)
- 89** Class of 2024
- 47%** Students of color
- 3%** Foreign nationals
- 6:1** Student/faculty ratio
- 15** Average class size
- 23%** 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

- 119** Full- and part-time Faculty
- 83%** Advanced degrees
- 17** Doctorates **99** Masters



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

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.

### TESTING INFORMATION FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Evidence-Based		
Reading & Writing	701	670–740
Mathematics	703	680–740
Total	1404	1350–1490

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Composite	32	30–34
English	33	32–35
Mathematics	30	27–34
Reading	33	33–35
Science	31	29–34

### TESTING INFORMATION FROM 2021–2023

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2023	1396	1300–1500
Class of 2022	1424	1340–1510
Class of 2021	1402	1330–1550

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2023	31	29–33
Class of 2022	31	29–34
Class of 2021	31	29–34

## 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 Head 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+ 4.33	B 3.0	C- 1.67	F 0
A 4.0	B- 2.67	D+ 1.33	
A- 3.67	C+ 2.33	D 1.0	
B+ 3.33	C 2.0	D- .67	

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 0.5 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:

Pass with Honors (PH)      Pass (P)      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 and 4  
 Advanced Spanish 5  
 Honors Chinese 3, 4, and 5  
 Honors French 3, 4, and 5  
 Honors Latin III, IV, and V

## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2020-2023

Agnes Scott College	Duke University	6	Pepperdine University	2	University of Miami	3
American University	East Carolina University		Pitzer College		University of Michigan	12
Babson College	Elon University		Princeton University	2	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	4
Barnard College	Emerson College	2	Purdue University	2	University of Notre Dame	2
Bates College	Emory University	9	Rhode Island School of Design		University of Pennsylvania	10
Boston College	Fairfield University		Rice University	3	University of Pittsburgh	
Boston University	Fordham University	4	Rochester Institute of Technology		University of Richmond	
Bowdoin College	George Mason University		Sarah Lawrence College		University of Southern California	6
Brandeis University	George Washington University		Scripps College		University of St. Andrews	
Brigham Young University	Georgetown University	8	Southern Methodist University	3	University of Texas at Austin	
Brown University	Grinnell College		Spelman College	5	University of Toronto	2
Bucknell University	Hamilton College	4	Stanford University	2	University of Vermont	2
Butler University	Harvard University	4	Swarthmore College		University of Virginia	15
Carleton College	Harvey Mudd College	5	Syracuse University	5	University of Wisconsin Madison	
Carnegie Mellon University	Haverford College	2	Texas Christian University	4	Vanderbilt University	4
Case Western Reserve University	Indiana University	3	Trinity College	3	Villanova University	
Champlain College	James Madison University		Trinity College Dublin	2	Virginia Commonwealth University	
Claremont McKenna College	Johns Hopkins University	6	Tulane University	14	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	2
Clemson University	Kenyon College	3	United States Naval Academy		Wake Forest University	7
Colby College	Lafayette College	2	University of British Columbia		Washington University in St. Louis	11
Colgate University	Lehigh University	6	University of California Davis		Wellesley College	
College of Charleston	Louisiana State University		University of California Irvine		Williams College	
College of William and Mary	McGill University	3	University of California Los Angeles		Xavier University of Louisiana	
Colorado College	Middlebury College	2	University of California San Diego		Yale University	4
Columbia University	New York University	6	University of California Santa Barbara			
Connecticut College	Northeastern University	6	University of Chicago	10		
Cornell University	Northwestern University	5	University of Delaware			
Dartmouth College	Oberlin College	3	University of Denver			
Davidson College	Occidental College	6	University of Georgia	2		
Dickinson College	Pennsylvania State University		University of Maryland College Park	6		