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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.

SAT AND ACT TESTS

The following data reflect middle 50% and mean best test results for the Classes of 2024, 2023, and 2022.

	2024	2023	2022
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	590-720 655	610-730 664	590-690 641
Math	590-720 654	610-750 680	580-680 634
SAT Total	1200-1440 1308	1230-1480 1344	1200-1350 1275
ACT	23-30 26.0	25-32 28.0	23-29 26.0

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THE STUDENT BODY

Boys: 592/**Girls:** 609

Seniors: 133

Racial/Ethnic Diversity: 26%

Receive Financial Aid: 18%

Average College Applications Filed per Senior: 6.62

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 2024, 170 students took 384 Advanced Placement exams. 86% of scores were a 3 or above.

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.

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.

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	<i>English 9 (Literature/Writing), English 10</i> <i>English 11/12</i> American Drama, American Gothic: From Poe to King, Biography in Its Many Forms, Black Literature, The Comedic Tradition, Gender and Its Discontents, Great Adventures in Literature, Literary Childhoods, Shakespeare, Short Fiction, Speculative Fiction <i>Advanced English 11/12:</i> Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Literature, Contemporary American Poetry, Creative Writing: African American and Native American Literature, Creative Writing: In an Irish Tenor, Creative Writing: Narrative Journalism, Enlightenment vs. Romanticism, Literature from the Margins, Literature of the American West, Literature of Victorian England, Philosophical Literature, Psychological Literature, Reflections of War, Rhetoric, The Tragic Tradition
MATHEMATICS	<i>Geometry, Fundamental Geometry, or Integrated Mathematics, Algebra II, Algebra II AB, or Algebra II BC, Precalculus, Precalculus AB, or Precalculus BC, Advanced Statistics, Calculus, Calculus AB, or Calculus BC, Computer Science: Java, Introduction to Computer Science, Multivariable Calculus, Statistics</i>
SCIENCE	<i>Biology, Chemistry or Inorganic Chemistry I, Advanced Anatomy & Physiology, Advanced Biology, Advanced Physics C, Ecosystem Dynamics, Engineering: Process and Practice, Inorganic Chemistry II, Organic Chemistry, Physics, Physics: Principles of Engineering, Physics: Mechanics and Electromagnetism</i>
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, Drama: Winter Musical, Film Studies I, II, III, Orchestra/Band, Studio Art I, Visual Art, Yearbook
HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	<i>American Government, United States History, World Cultures, African American History, American Political Foundations, Alternate History, Contemporary Political Issues, Geopolitics, Introduction to World Religions, Latin American History, Political Philosophy & Ethics, Principles of Economics, Psychology, 20th Century U.S.: Politics, Society, & Culture, U.S. Foreign Policy, U.S. & The Middle East, Western Civilization</i>
WORLD LANGUAGES	French I, II, III, IV, V, VI; German I, II, III, IV, V; Latin III, IV, V, VI; Latin Seminar I/II; Spanish I, II, III, IV, V, VI

CURRICULAR GUIDANCE

- All core curricular offerings are designed to be of Honors quality or higher in content and rigor and may be considered as such in the evaluation of a student's transcript.
- Colleges employing a process that recalculates an applicant's GPA based on an institutionally defined scale are strongly encouraged to extend appropriate additional weight to Norfolk Academy's core academic courses.
- Students have been advised to make use of only the "Advanced" and "N/A" course level labels on the Common Application and the "Honors" and "Advanced" course level labels on the Self-Reported Academic Record. College counselors will further characterize the strength of a student's academic program in our letters of recommendation.
- Norfolk Academy defines a "Most Demanding" program of study as the successful pursuit and completion of math through Calculus, foreign language through level four, and a science progression which includes biology, chemistry, and physics. Many of our students will choose to take advantage of additional advanced and/or elective coursework that exists in academic departments, and college counselors will highlight additional curricular strength in our letters of recommendation.
- 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.
- 95% of our students graduate having taken at least three lab sciences.
- All students complete at least three levels of a modern foreign language or five levels of Latin. All students take two years of Latin in middle school.

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. 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 2025	Mean	High	Letter	A	B	C	D	F
Grade Point Average	3.48	4.0	Number	92-100	84-91	76-83	70-75	0-69
Numeric Average	91.05	98.47	Points	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

THE BATTEN LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

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, fosters courage and confidence in students using academic and experiential laboratories. Activities 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.

MAYMESTER

Each May, sophomores and juniors embark on experiential learning opportunities domestically and abroad. Maymester includes global programs, cross-curricular courses designed by Upper School faculty, and professional internships. 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 past courses included:

- *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*

Some past internship partners included:

- *Acredale Animal Hospital*
- *Brown Advisory*
- *CHKD Philanthropy*
- *Colliers*
- *Commonwealth Attorney's Office*
- *Eastern Eye Associates*
- *Frontline Gig*
- *Ortho Virginia*
- *WTKR News Channel 3*

Some past global programs included:

- *The Archaeology of Greece & The Making of the Modern European State*
- *The Stories and Structures of Great Britain*
- *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 have been admitted to 4-year colleges and universities, and approximately 90% of our alumni graduate from the college or university at which they began. Members of the past five graduating classes have applied to 342 unique institutions and matriculated to 152 colleges and universities in 38 states as well as several international locations. The schools to which our 2020 - 2024 graduates have matriculated are listed below.

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