



OVERVIEW

- Founded in 1997
- 147 Students in Grades 5-12
- Total Upper School Pop: 89
- Student-Faculty Ratio: 6:1
- Core classes have 10 or fewer students per class
- Every student in the Class of 2025 was accepted to a 4-year college/university



AFFILIATIONS

- Accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS)
- Member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling
- Member of the Potomac/Chesapeake Association of College Admission Counseling
- Member of the National Association of Independent Schools

ABOUT CA

Commonwealth Academy is an independent, college-preparatory day school where students are seen, heard, and understood for exactly who they are.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Commonwealth Academy's college preparation program has a rigorous but achievable set of academic standards. Our unique approach enhances the way we teach partnered with specific accommodations/compensatory strategies our students learn to use to master their assignments. Our curriculum is periodically enhanced to reflect the special talents of each student. If a student needs an advanced challenge, we will develop coursework or a new class to promote enhanced engagement. Honors components are available for most academic classes. We offer AP Computer Programming, AP Physics, AP Calculus AB, and AP Calculus BC. A two-week "J" term between semesters allows students to participate in cross-curricular experiential learning. Weekly clubs provide opportunities to pursue extracurricular activities.

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING

It is our policy that we do not report any disciplinary actions to colleges and universities while a student is still currently enrolled. If a student leaves for any reason, they will be given a two-week period to inform all colleges/universities with which the admissions process has been initiated. After that time period, the college counseling office will inform all schools that the student is no longer enrolled.

If additional questions are received, the inquirer will be directed to speak directly to the student and/ or family member. If the specific situation warrants any further reporting, the administration will make a decision.

CLASS RANKING

Commonwealth Academy does not rank.

GRADING SYSTEM/GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Transcripts reflect yearly averages for each subject, composed of four quarterly grades and two semester exams. GPA numbers are computed on a four-point scale. Electives and studio arts classes are included. Commonwealth does weight grades an extra 0.33 for each Honors or AP class. The grading scale is located on each transcript. Quarter grades can be made available within the senior year upon request.

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DIPLOMA CERTIFICATES

Students in the Certificate program pursue a passion or potential college major in greater depth than typically required to earn a Diploma or Advanced Diploma. Students work at a rigorous level in Honors-level courses and enrich their classroom lessons through internships, clubs, organizations, and outside coursework.

REQUIREMENTS

All Certificates require an individual plan agreed to by the Head of Upper School related to outside extracurricular activities/experiences, such as summer internships, coursework outside of CA, and/or participation in academic workshops/events. Additional requirements include:

STEM—ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE

- Four years of Science (including Physics)
- Four years of Math (including Calculus)
- One year of Computer Programming (will count towards club/elective)

STEM—BIOMEDICAL CERTIFICATE

- Four years of Science, including Anatomy and Physiology, and Biochemistry
- Four years of Math, including Pre-Calculus or Honors Statistics

GLOBAL LEARNING & HUMANITIES CERTIFICATE

- Two years of Honors History or Honors English
- Three years of one Modern or Classical Language or two years each of two languages

VISUAL & DIGITAL ARTS

- Three years of Art and/or Design classes with one being Honors
- Production of portfolio for review by Art and/or Design teacher

OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Every year seniors participate in an internship/work experience opportunity. This two-week work experience period allows seniors the opportunity to obtain exposure to the professional world that awaits post-Upper School and college. It can allow them to pinpoint a passion, create a network of contacts, establish a possible mentor, and put the knowledge, skills and abilities they have gained into practice. Through this program they build confidence as they master exploring a new environment, meeting new people, and expanding their understanding of a specific career field.

Examples of completed internships, classes, and programs:

- Animal Welfare League of Arlington
- Fairfax County Business Association
- Del Ray Artisans Association
- Georgetown University: Forensics Program
- George Washington University: Biology Laboratory Internship
- Johns Hopkins University: Engineering Innovation
- Minneapolis College of Art & Design Courses
- Minkoff Development
- Pratt Institute: Introduction to Painting and Drawing
- Seoul National University: Laboratory of Neuroscience Intern
- University of Connecticut: Project Oceanology
- University of North Carolina School for the Arts
- University of Maryland: Young Scholars Program, Discover Engineering
- University of North Carolina-Wilmington: Marine Biology
- U.S. Naval Research Laboratories: Internship
- Washington Capitals - Youth Development Division
- Yale Young Global Scholars

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- Four years each:
 - English, History, and Writing
- Three years each:
 - Math and Science (including two lab courses)
- Two years each:
 - Modern or Classical Language and PE/ Health
- Two electives

ADVANCED DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- Four years each:
 - English, Math (including Algebra II and one course beyond), Science (including three lab courses), History, and Writing
- Three years of one Modern or Classical Language, or two years each of two languages
- Two years of PE/Health
- Two electives

WRITING PROGRAM

Students take four years of Writing to develop skill sets vital to college-level coursework. Writing and English courses are separate daily classes.



To learn more information, please contact our

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COMMONWEALTH ACADEMY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2022-2025

Alabama A & M University
American University
Appalachian State University
Arcadia University
Belmont University
Bowie State University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater College
Calvin University
Champlain College
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
Clemson University
Cleveland State University
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
Creighton University
Culinary Institute of America
Dean College
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Eastern University
Elon University
Fairfield University
Fayetteville State University
Flagler College
Florida Southern College
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hollins University
Hood College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Longwood University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Marist University
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount University
McDaniel College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary's University
Muhlenberg College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina Central University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Virginia Community College
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Michael's College
Salisbury University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Savannah State University
Shenandoah University
Skidmore College
St. John's College
St. John's University-New York
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stevenson University
Temple University
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University
Towson University
Trinity Washington University
Tuskegee University
University of Arizona
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Kentucky
University of Lynchburg
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Mississippi
University of New Hampshire
University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of South Florida
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ursinus College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan University
Washington College
Wellesley College
West Virginia State University
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Winston-Salem State University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
York College of Pennsylvania