



HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026–2027

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

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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."

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

A Holton-Arms graduate integrates intellect, character, and purpose. She embodies what we value most and through our "open door" is prepared not only for what comes next, but for a life of meaning, contribution, and leadership.

STUDENTS

665 Total enrollment

356 Upper School (Grades 9–12)

88 Class of 2027

48% Students of color

3% Foreign nationals

6:1 Student/faculty ratio

15 Average class size

21% Students receiving financial aid

100% of the Class of 2026 plans to attend four-year institutions

Student geographic distribution:

65% Maryland 21% D.C. 14% Virginia

FACULTY

117 Full- and part-time Faculty

83% Advanced degrees

17 Doctorates 99 Masters

TESTING INFORMATION FROM THE CLASS OF 2026

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Evidence-Based		
Reading & Writing	712	680–750
Mathematics	701	650–750
Total	1413	1350–1510

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Composite	32	32–34
English	34	34–36
Mathematics	31	29–34
Reading	34	33–36
Science	32	31–35

TESTING INFORMATION FROM 2023-2025

SAT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2025	1386	1320–1500
Class of 2024	1396	1404–1490
Class of 2023	1424	1300–1500

ACT Testing	Mean	Mid 50%
Class of 2025	31	29–34
Class of 2024	32	30–34
Class of 2023	31	29–33

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.

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.

Club Leadership Policy:

In the interest of equity and student well-being, Holton-Arms limits the number of leadership positions a student can hold in an academic year to two clubs/organizations.

A+ 97–100%	B 83–86%	C- 70–72%	F below 60
A 93–96%	B- 80–82%	D+ 67–69%	
A- 90–92%	C+ 77–79%	D 63–66%	
B+ 87–89%	C 73–76%	D- 60–62%	

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.

Additional Requirements: Students have additional graduation requirements in visual and performing arts, physical education, computer science, community service (50 hours), and Seminar.

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.

ADVANCED AND HONORS CURRICULUM

Students must gain department approval for both enrollment in Honors/Advanced Courses and permission to enroll in three or more of these courses. Typically, students do not take Advanced courses until their Senior year. As of 2019–2020, AP courses have been replaced by Advanced-level courses of equal rigor.

History

Honors Global History Since 1900
Advanced US/European Honors II
Advanced Principles of Economics
Advanced Topics in Global Art History
Advanced Topics in Psychology
Advanced Topics in U.S. Government

Math

Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra 2/ Trigonometry with Data Analysis
Honors Pre-Calculus
Integrated Math I
Integrated Math II
Statistics
Calculus I
Calculus I and II
Multivariable Calculus

Science

Honors Physics
Honors Chemistry
Honors Biology
Advanced Global Applications in Environmental Science
Advanced Analytical Chemistry
Advanced Topics in Biology
Advanced Analytical Physics

Computer Science

Advanced Python: Programming & Data Structures
Advanced Front and Back End Web Development

World Languages

Honors Spanish 3 and 4
Advanced Spanish 5
Advanced Spanish Seminar: Voces
Honors Chinese 3 and 4
Advanced Chinese 5
Honors French 3 and 4
Advanced French 5
Honors Latin III and IV
Advanced Latin V

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2023–2026

Albright College	Emerson College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Miami	6
American University	Emory University	Rice University	University of Michigan	17
Babson College	Fairfield University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
Barnard College	Fordham University	Santa Clara University	University of Notre Dame	2
Bates College	George Washington University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Pennsylvania	7
Boston College	Georgetown University	Skidmore College	University of Pittsburgh	
Boston University	Grinnell College	Smith College	University of Richmond	2
Bowdoin College	Hamilton College	Southern Methodist University	University of Southern California	9
Brown University	Hampton University	Spelman College	University of St. Andrews	3
Bucknell University	Harvard University	Stanford University	University of Texas at Austin	3
Butler University	Indiana University	Syracuse University	University of Toronto	2
Carleton College	Ithaca College	Texas Christian University	University of Vermont	
Carnegie Mellon University	James Madison University	The Ohio State University	University of Virginia	9
Case Western Reserve University	Johns Hopkins University	Trinity College	University of Wisconsin Madison	6
Champlain College	Lafayette College	Trinity College Dublin	Vanderbilt University	10
Claremont McKenna College	Lehigh University	Towson University	Vassar College	2
Clemson University	Macalaster College	Tufts University	Villanova University	
Colby College	Marist University	Tulane University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	
Colgate University	McGill University	United States Naval Academy	Wake Forest University	10
College of Charleston	Mount St. Mary's University	University of British Columbia	Washington University in St. Louis	8
College of William and Mary	New York University	University of California Berkeley	Wellesley College	
Columbia University	Northeastern University	University of California Davis	Wesleyan University	
Connecticut College	Northwestern University	University of California Irvine	Xavier University	
Cornell University	Oberlin College	University of California Los Angeles	Xavier University of Louisiana	2
Dartmouth College	Occidental College	University of California San Diego	Yale University	3
Davidson College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Chicago		12
Denison University	Pepperdine University	University of Colorado Boulder		
Dickinson College	Princeton University	University of Delaware		2
Duke University	Pomona College	University of Georgia		3
Elon University	Purdue University	University of Maryland College Park		4
		University of Maryland Baltimore County		