



North Cross School

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2023–24 School Profile

School Mission

North Cross School is an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory day school that serves children from early childhood through twelfth grade. In all of its programs, North Cross School strives to promote in its students scholarship and a love of learning; character and a sense of personal integrity and responsibility; and a commitment to the good of the community and all within it. Although we prepare our students to enter the finest colleges and universities in the country, we understand that such preparation is of greatest use when it provides for our students the personal and intellectual skills to lead full and meaningful lives. In all respects, North Cross School endeavors to be true to its motto: *Veritas Vincit* — Truth Triumphs.

Student Body

North Cross School is committed to attracting and retaining students who show intellectual curiosity and who reflect varied social, economic, religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. Our student body reflects the diversity of the greater Roanoke metropolitan region. In the 2023–2024 academic year, the North Cross School student body is comprised of 590 students, with 207 students in the upper school and a senior class of 54.

Accreditation and Associations

North Cross School is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, National Association for College Admission Counseling, and Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling.

Honor Code

The Code — I Will Not Lie; I Will Not Cheat; I Will Not Steal — was crafted by students and is administered by a student/faculty honor council. North Cross School does not report honor or disciplinary violations that occur prior to the senior year. Students, if asked on college applications, are expected to self-report honor or disciplinary violations that have occurred at any time during their high school career.

Advanced Placement

In 2023–24, the following 22 Advanced Placement courses are available at North Cross School: Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government and Politics, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, French Language and Culture, Human Geography, Latin, Physics 1, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Statistics, United States History, World History: Modern, 3-D Art and Design, and 2-D Art and Design. Enrollment in AP courses is subject to departmental recommendation. Students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam, and in May, 2023, 121 students sat for 314 AP exams, resulting in 38 students earning AP Scholar status.

Community Service

Upper school students are required to participate in a minimum of 12.5 hours of community service per year enrolled as a requirement of graduation. Students coordinate their service independently with the community organization and must provide documentation in order to receive credit.

DeHart Project

For over four decades, students have been required to complete a senior project that includes a research paper of at least ten pages and a fifteen-minute presentation to the entire upper school community. All elements of this project, including the paper, presentation, and audio-visual component, are graded by a faculty committee.

Global Studies, STEM, and Fine Arts Distinctions

North Cross School offers students the option of earning certificates in Global Studies, STEM, and the Fine Arts. Additional information will be sent to colleges with the transcripts of seniors who are on track to earn one or more of these designations. In each case, students must complete advanced course work, meet additional requirements outside of class time, and produce a DeHart Project related to Global Studies, STEM, or the Fine Arts.

North Cross School's COVID-19 Response

In March of 2020, after schools were closed by the State of Virginia, North Cross School moved seamlessly into online learning. Classes were held on Zoom, students were graded and expected to attend class daily, turn in homework, and take tests and quizzes. We finished the 2019-20 school year with full year final grades. We completed the 2020-21 school year socially distanced, masked and in-person, with the option of distance learning for students who were unable to attend in-person. Courses were fully graded. The 2021-22 academic year started in-person with masks and very limited distance learning options, and finished without masks. Courses were fully graded. In the 2022-23 academic year, we returned to normal academic programming and operations. Those policies will remain in place for 2023-24.

Course of Study

North Cross School is on a trimester calendar. Full-year courses are worth three credits and one-term courses are worth one credit. Students must earn 70 credits to graduate. In 2021-22, we added an additional class period, making the school day eight periods long and the normal course load seven courses per year. Honors classes are available in chemistry and biology.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from North Cross School, students must take the following courses: four consecutive years of English; three years of math through at least Algebra 2; three years of science including Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, and Biology; four years of social studies including Introduction to Global Studies in Grade 9. In Grade 10, students

College and University Matriculations for the Classes of 2019-23

American University	George Mason University	School	University of Kentucky
Anderson University	Gettysburg College	Purdue University	University of La Verne
Appalachian State University	Guilford College	Quinnipiac University	University of Mary Washington
Art Academy of Cincinnati	Hampden-Sydney College	Radford University	University of Massachusetts Boston
Averett University	Hampton University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Miami
Boston University	Haverford College	Rhodes College	University of North Carolina Greensboro
Bridgewater College	High Point University	Roanoke College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Bryn Mawr College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Rutgers University New Brunswick	University of Northern Colorado
California Lutheran University	Indian Hills Community College	Saint Louis University	University of Pennsylvania
Catawba College	James Madison University	Saint Vincent University	University of Richmond
Centre College	Johns Hopkins University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of South Florida
Christopher Newport University	Kent State University	Saxion University (The Netherlands)	University of Tennessee
Clemson University	King University	Sewanee, University of the South	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Coastal Carolina University	Lewis and Clark Community College	Skidmore College	University of Vermont
College of Charleston	Liberty University	Stanford University	University of Virginia
College of Wooster	Marshall University	Swinburne University of Technology (Australia)	University of Wisconsin
Cornell University	Methodist University	Temple University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Davidson College	Michigan State University	The College of William and Mary	Virginia State University
Dawson College (Canada)	Monmouth University	Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)	Virginia Tech
Denison University	Mount St. Mary's University	Trinity University	Virginia Western Community College
Dickinson College	Naval Academy Preparatory School	University of Alabama	Wake Forest University
Duke University	Nazareth College	University of Arizona	Washington and Lee University
East Tennessee State University	New York University	University of California San Diego	West Virginia University
Eckerd College	North Carolina State University	University of Georgia	Wofford College
Elon University	Oberlin College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Wytheville Community College
Ferrum College	Old Dominion University	University of Illinois Chicago	
Flagler College	Oxford College at Emory University		
Furman University	Parsons School of Design The New		

choose between AP Human Geography, AP World History: Modern, or Sophomore Humanities. In the junior year, students take either AP United States History or United States History, and seniors choose between United States Government and AP Comparative Government and Politics; three years of the same world language through at least the third level of French, Latin or Spanish; and one year of fine arts. Students fulfill the PE requirement by participating in at least three seasons as a member of an athletic team, either as a player or team manager. Additional graduation requirements include 12.5 hours per year enrolled of community service and successful completion of the DeHart Project.

Grading Scale

North Cross School does not rank, weight, or calculate grade point averages. The grading scale is:

A+ 97-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F 0-59
A 93-96	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

SAT and ACT Distribution for the Class of 2023

- SAT CR & M (middle 50%) 1080-1280 (51 of 60 seniors took the SAT)
- ACT (middle 50%) 21-31 (14 of 60 seniors took the ACT)
- 7 of 60 seniors did not take the ACT or the SAT