



# North Cross School

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## 2022–23 School Profile

### School Mission

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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

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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 2022–2023 academic year, the North Cross School student body is comprised of 588 students, with 204 students in the upper school and a senior class of 60.

### Accreditation and Associations

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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

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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

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In 2022–23, the following 21 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, 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, 2022, 113 students sat for 259 AP exams, resulting in 23 students earning AP Scholar status.

### Community Service

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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

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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

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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. 2022-23 is beginning with masks optional, full grades, and no distance learning options.

## 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. One honors class is available in chemistry.

## 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 2018-22

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

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 2022

- SAT CR & M (middle 50%) 980 - 1220 (43 of 46 seniors took the SAT)
- ACT Composite range is 20-27 with 3 total students taking it. All also took the SAT.
- 3 of 46 did not take the ACT or the SAT