



North Cross School

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2024–25 School Profile

School Mission

North Cross School is an independent, nonsectarian school serving students in early childhood through 12th grade from across the Roanoke Valley, the region, and the world.

Our mission is to inspire a community of intellectually curious learners to think critically, act with integrity, and lead with courage.

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 2024-2025 academic year, the North Cross School student body is comprised of 581 students, with 194 students in the upper school and a senior class of 42.

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, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, 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 2024-25, 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, French Language and Culture, Human Geography, Latin, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, Spanish Language 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 2024, 110 students sat for 268 AP exams, resulting in 35 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.

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.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from North Cross School, students must complete the following courses: four consecutive years of English; three years of math through at least Algebra 2; three years of science including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics; three years of the same world language through at least the third level of French, Latin, or Spanish; one year of fine arts; and four years of social studies including Introduction to Global Studies in 9th grade, Modern World History, AP World History: Modern, or AP Human Geography in 10th grade, United States History or AP US History in 11th grade, and United States Government or AP Comparative Government in 12th grade. Students also take at least one elective course each year and fulfill our PE requirement by participating in at least three seasons of an athletic team, either as a player or team manager. Additional requirements include performing 12.5 hours of community service per year enrolled, 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	

College and University Matriculations for the Classes of 2020-24

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

SAT and ACT Distribution for the Class of 2024

- SAT CR & M (middle 50%) 1080-1350 (37 of 52 seniors took the SAT)
- ACT (middle 50%) 25-31 (9 of 52 seniors took the ACT, and also the SAT)
- 15 of 52 seniors did not take the ACT or the SAT