



North Cross School

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2020–21 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 2020-21 academic year, the North Cross School student body is comprised of 513 students, with 191 students in the upper school and a senior class of 60.

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 2020-21, the following 16 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, English Literature and Composition, French Language and Culture, Human Geography, Physics 1, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, Studio Art 2-D Design, United States History, and World History. Enrollment in AP courses is limited to three per year and subject to departmental recommendation. Students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam, and in May, 2020, 103 students sat for 261 AP exams. 33 students from North Cross School were named AP Scholars in 2020.

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 Arts Certificates

North Cross School offers students the option of earning certificates in Global Studies, STEM, and the 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 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 have started the 2020-21 school year all on campus and in-person, with the option of distance learning for our international students and others who are unable to attend in-person. Many COVID mitigation procedures are being happily followed by our students and faculty, who are glad to be at school. Classes are fully graded, and if we are forced to go back to an all online format, we will continue with full-time courses and grades.

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 have 66 credits to graduate. The school day is seven periods long, and the normal course load is six courses per year. Honors courses are available in Chemistry and Spanish 4.

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 either Introduction to Global Studies or AP Human Geography in Grade 9. In Grade 10, students choose between History of the Twentieth Century, AP Human Geography, or AP World History. 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 2020

- SAT CR & M (middle 50%) 1030-1270 (47 of 47 seniors took the SAT)
- ACT (middle 50%) 17-29 (22 of 47 seniors took the ACT)

College and University Matriculations for the Classes of 2016-20

American University
Boston College
Boston University
Bridgewater College
Catawba College
Christopher Newport University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of Wooster
Colorado State University
Concord University
Cornell University
Davidson College
Dawson College (Canada)
Drexel University
Duke University
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
Ferrum College
Flagler College
George Mason University
Guilford College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hollins University
Indiana University

James Madison University
Jefferson College of Health Sciences
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Liberty University
Longwood University
Macalester College
Mannes School of Music - The New School
Marshall University
Methodist University
Miami University (OH)
Middlebury College
Milligan College
Mount St. Mary's University
Nazareth College
New York University
Oberlin College
Old Dominion University
Purdue University
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic University
Roanoke College
Rutgers University New Brunswick
Saint Vincent University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Saxion University (The Netherlands)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Sewanee, University of the South
Sierra Nevada College

Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Temple University
The College of William and Mary
University of California San Diego
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Mary Washington
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of Northern Colorado
University of Queensland (Australia)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of Sydney (Australia)
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Virginia Western Community College
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
West Virginia University
Wofford College
Yale-NUS College (Singapore)