

Academic Profile: WCDS Class of 2018

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

All Upper School students take a demanding, honors level course load, and student electives can be tailored to fulfill the requirements of each of the diplomas offered. The Classical Diploma requires completion of 28 credits; the Advanced Classical Diploma, 32 credits. Possible areas of concentration include mathematics, history, language, and science. All exceed Virginia's mandate of 23 credits for graduation. Each of these courses of study requires completion of at least:

English	8 Credits	Science	3 Credits
Ancient Language	2 Credits	Mathematics	4 Credits
Modern Foreign Language	2 Credits	Fine Arts	1 Credit
History	3 Credits	General Elective	1 Credit
Government	1 Credit	PE/ Competitive Teams	3 Credits

WCDS also offers an International Studies Diploma (23 credits) which is designed to meet the needs of those in the international boarding community who enter WCDS after the tenth grade.

The school day at WCDS consists of eight, 48 minute class periods held Monday through Friday. Most students take seven or eight academic courses per day. Central to the success of the academic program are the two daily class periods devoted to the teaching of literature, vocabulary, grammar, and composition. Semester grades reflect two-quarter grades, plus the semester exam, each worth 33%. Because of its size, WCDS does not rank its students but does compute cumulative academic grade point averages at the end of each year for grades 9 -12.

WCDS Grading Scale/**Unweighted** GPA

97%-100%	A+	4.0	78%-79%	C+	2.3
90%-96%	A	4.0	73%-77%	C	2.0
88%-89%	A-	3.7	70%-72%	C-	1.7
87%	B+	3.3	69%	D+	1.3
83%-86%	B	3.0	66%-68%	D	1.0
80%-82%	B-	2.7	65%	D-	0.7
			64% and below	F	

Advanced Placement Courses

Depending on the year, WCDS offers Advanced Placement Courses in Calculus AB and BC, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, US History, Modern European History, Latin, Spanish, Statistics, Comparative Government, and U.S. Government. Two classes (US Government and Environmental Science) are offered as Dual Enrollment for college credit through Lord Fairfax Community College. Additional online AP courses are an option for students as well. Currently six out of the 2018 class of 26 seniors have taken three or more AP exams and are AP Scholars; of those students, two are AP Scholars with Honors; two are AP Scholars with Distinction.

Standardized Test Score Averages* and Ranges for Class of 2018

SAT COMPOSITE AVERAGE: 1280; Range 1000-1490

SAT ERW AVERAGE: 680; Range 510 -780

SAT MATH AVERAGE: 640; Range: 440-710

*ERW Scores from two non-native English speakers not included in data

College Acceptances

100% of Wakefield Country Day School graduates apply to and are accepted by four year colleges and universities. Schools to which recent graduates have been accepted include but are not restricted to:

American University, Arizona State University, Bard College, Boston University, Brown University, College of William & Mary, Catholic University, Colorado State University, Corcoran School of Art and Design, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Davidson College, Duke University, Florida Institute of Technology, Fordham University, Franklin and Marshall, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Hampton Sydney College, Hollins College, Indiana University, James Madison University, Manhattan College, Mary Baldwin College, Miami University, Michigan State University, Johns Hopkins University, New York University, NYU-Abu Dhabi, Oberlin College, Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, Princeton University, Purdue University, Randolph Macon College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Pratt Institute of Art, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Smith College, Sweet Briar College, Tulane University, Universities of California-Davis and San Diego, University of Charleston, University of Chicago, University of Georgia, University of Iowa, University of Mary Washington, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of New Castle Australia, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of San Francisco, University of Virginia, University of Tampa, University of Toronto, University of Vermont, University of Wisconsin, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest University, West Virginia University, and Yale University.

Faculty College Degrees

The colleges and universities from which current WCDS faculty/staff have earned degrees include, but are not limited to, American University; Austin College, Texas; Bryn Mawr College; Corcoran School of Art and Design, Indiana University; James Madison University; Johannes Gutenberg University, Germany; Kent State University; Lewis and Clark Law School; Marymount University; McGill University, National University of La Plata, Argentina; New York University; Peabody School of Education-Vanderbilt University; Pennsylvania State; San Francisco Academy of Art; Shenandoah University; Smith College; Sweet Briar College; Trinity University, Tulane University; University of Mary Washington; University of Toronto, University of Virginia; University of Georgia; Virginia Commonwealth University; Virginia Tech; and Washington College.

100% academic faculty have AB, BA, and/or BS degrees; 39% have Master's degrees; 7% have earned their doctorates. Three teachers are current candidates for MA degrees.