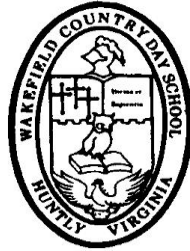


WCDS Academic Profile

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THE SCHOOL

Wakefield Country Day School (WCDS) is a pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade college preparatory school whose curriculum emphasizes scholarship in the classical tradition. Situated about ninety minutes outside Washington, D.C., on a twelve-acre rural campus in Rappahannock County, Virginia, the school draws students from and provides bus transportation to its surrounding eight counties. International students also attend WCDS at the high school level and live with host families or on campus at Trinity Manor with a faculty member's family.

WCDS prides itself on offering an education designed to produce students who write well, possess strong analytical skills, and demonstrate well-developed ethical responsibility. The school lives up to its motto of *Virtus et Sapientia* (Virtue and Wisdom) by fostering an ethic of individual worth, service, and personal responsibility to prepare its graduates for the moral and intellectual rigors of citizenship in the twenty-first century. ***Its mission is to develop each student's character and intellect through active involvement in a structured curriculum founded on classical principles and in an environment that encourages scholarship, diligence, self-discipline, and respect for and service to others.***

WCDS is accredited by the Virginia Independent School Association, whose accreditation process has been approved by the Virginia Council for Private Education Committee on Accreditation as authorized by the Virginia State Board of Education.

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 the diploma offered. The WCDS Classical Diploma requires students to complete 32 credits, which exceeds Virginia’s mandate of 23 credits for graduation. The courses of study requires completion of at least:

English	5 Credits	Science	4 Credits
Ancient Language	2 Credits	Mathematics	4 Credits
Modern Foreign Language	3 Credits	Fine Arts	1 Credit
History & US Government	4 Credits	General Elective	5 Credits
Finance and Senior Thesis	1 Credit	PE/ Athletic Teams	3 Credits

WCDS also offers an International Studies Diploma (23 credits) 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 45-minute class periods, Monday through Friday. Most students take seven or eight academic courses per day. Semester grades reflect two-quarter grades plus the semester exam. 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 OFFERINGS

Depending on the year, WCDS offers Advanced Placement Courses in Calculus AB and BC, English Language, English Literature, European History, Latin, Spanish, Statistics, Comparative Government, and U.S. Government. Two classes (US History and Environmental Science) are offered as Dual Enrollment for college credit through Laurel Ridge Community College. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, additional online AP courses will be available to students through One Schoolhouse. Consistently, WCDS seniors receive recognition as AP Scholars.

Standardized Test Score Averages for 2022, 2023, and 2024

	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
SAT Composite Average	1204	1293	1117
SAT ERW Average	640	692	597
SAT Math Average	564	602	520

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

100% of Wakefield Country Day School graduates apply to and are accepted by selective four-year colleges and universities, collectively receiving one to two million dollars in merit scholarships annually. **Colleges to which 2019-2025 graduates have been accepted include, but are not limited to:**

University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic University, Indiana University, University of Richmond, University of William and Mary, University of Connecticut, Pennsylvania State University, Rutgers University, University of Vermont, James Madison University, George Mason University, Hampton University, Howard University, The George Washington University, University of North Carolina, Perdue University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Shenandoah University, University of Illinois- Chicago, Radford University, Villanova University, University of Dayton, University of Mary Washington, Brigham Young University, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, New York University, Marquette University, Indiana University- Kelley School of Business, University of California at Davis

Faculty College Degrees

Some of the colleges and universities from which current WCDS faculty/staff have earned degrees include, but are not limited to: Grinnell College, Goucher College, Virginia Polytechnic University, Ohio State, Loyola University, Colorado State University, Yale University, Thomas Edison State University, George Mason University, University of Pennsylvania, St. Mary's College of Maryland, James Madison University, University of Maryland, Liberty University, Bryn Mawr College, Georgetown University, Oxford College, and Emory University.