

# FREDERICKSBURG ACADEMY 2024-2025 PROFILE

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### MISSION STATEMENT

We inspire and empower our students to discover, to engage, and to imagine the limitless nature of themselves and the world.

## THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Fredericksburg Academy is a prekindergarten through twelfth grade, independent, nonsectarian, college-preparatory day school, with 126 students in the Upper School. FA embraces the idea of continuous improvement. With its Honor Code as the foundation of the entire community, FA places a high priority on developing the qualities of integrity, leadership, responsibility, self-discipline, and respect for others. The Student Government has meaningful input in administrative decisions, defining and overseeing the daily life of the Upper School; the vast majority of activities are genuinely student-run. Fredericksburg Academy is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS) and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

Located midway between Richmond, Virginia and Washington, D.C., and surrounded by a network of highly-respected public and private colleges and universities, Fredericksburg is a fast-growing city with a deep-rooted past. FA offers the only independent educational opportunity within a 45-mile radius.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM

Fredericksburg Academy is a school where students develop mastery of not only the foundational academic skills of analysis, argumentation, and calculation but also of the increasingly important technology-driven skills such as compilation, evaluation, and synthesis of information, as well as collaboration and communication. Through a learning philosophy that stresses the acquisition and implementation of a wide range of enduring skills, FA provides a time-tested and relevant education, positioning its students for success in college and in life. **Note: The Integrated Science I and II sequence combines full-year courses in physics, chemistry, and biology.** 

## MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students take a minimum of five one-credit courses each year. Graduation requires a minimum of 21 credits.

CONTENT AREA	MINIMUM REQUIRED CREDITS
ENGLISH	4 credits
FINE ARTS	1 credit
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3 credits
HISTORY	3 credits
LABORATORY SCIENCE	3 credits
MATHEMATICS	3 credits
EXHIBIT	1 credit
ELECTIVES	3 credits

## AP AND HIGHEST-LEVEL COURSES

Students enrolled in Honors and AP courses are counseled whether to sit for AP exams.

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science A
AP Economics—Macro and Micro
AP English Literature and Composition
AP US Government
AP Physics 1
AP Psychology
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art
AP U.S. History
AP World History
French, Latin, and Spanish V

## **GPA**

The GPA is based on a 4-point scale and calculated for all Upper School credit-earning courses. Weight (0.25) is earned for Advanced courses. Weight (0.50) is earned for Honors and AP courses. Courses taken at other schools are not included on the FA transcript or in the GPA. For Exhibit, students earn Pass with Honors (PH), Pass (PS), or Fail (F). Pass with Honors is reserved for work at the highest level and is awarded sparingly.

## **GRADING SCALE**

# A+ = 100-98, A = 97-93, A- = 92-90 B+ = 89-88, B = 87-83, B- = 82-80 C+ = 79-78, C = 77-73, C- = 72-70 D+ = 69-68, D = 67-63, D- = 62-60 F = 59 and below

# **MEAN GPA**

Class of	Class of	Class of
2024	2023	2022
3.52	3.48	3.46

Fredericksburg Academy does not rank its students. The school does not give annual, individual academic awards, except for those given to seniors at Commencement and Junior Honors awarded to the two students in the junior class with the highest cumulative GPAs. Also, the school does not participate in any national honor societies.

# MEAN SAT AND ACT SCORES

For the Fredericksburg Academy students who took college entrance exams (SAT and/or ACT).

YEAR	SAT: CRITICAL READING	SAT: MATH
2024	606	571
2023	645	597
2022	601	586

YEAR	ACT COMPOSITE
2024	24
2023	26
2022	27

## **EXHIBIT**

Exhibit provides an opportunity for guided, personalized, comprehensive, and independent learning. A full two-year program, Exhibit begins in the fall of tenth grade and is completed in the spring of eleventh grade. To begin, students assess their interests, strengths, and weaknesses to identify a topic to explore for their Learning Activity. The Learning Activity is 30 hours of guided investigation after which, students begin their Application and apply what they learned in a comprehensive project that requires a minimum of 30 hours to complete. Once students finish their Application they give a thirty-minute presentation and question and answer session to faculty members, peers, and family members explaining their journey. Students have a faculty mentor who guides them as they refine their project based on their experiences and interests, but otherwise they are responsible for completing Exhibit independently.

# **ATHLETICS**

BasketballCross CountryField HockeyGolfLacrosseMountain BikingSoccerSwimmingTennis

### **ACTIVITIES**

Student Government

Student Life Committee (SLC)

FIRST® Robotics Challenge

Firede, Accountability, Respect Committee

Student Ambassadors

Theater

Clubs

Talon (yearbook)

Service Organization of FA (SOFA)

Elegos (art and literary magazine)

# FREDERICKSBURG ACADEMY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Listed below are the college acceptances for the Classes of 2021-2024. 100% of FA graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities.

\*Indicates college enrolled.

Adelphi University

American University\*

Appalachian State University

Auburn University
Barnard College\*
Boston College\*
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater College\*
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Catholic University

Christopher Newport University\*

Clark University
Clemson University\*
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary\*

Denison University
DePauw University
Dickinson College\*
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University\*
Duquesne University
East Carolina University

Eckerd College Elon University\*

Embrey-Riddle Aeronautical University

Endicott College Fisk University

Florida Institute of Technology

Fordham University\*

Franklin and Marshall University

Furman University George Mason University\*

Georgetown University\*

George Washington University\* Georgia Institute of Technology\*

Gettysburg College\* Goucher College \* Grove City College

Hampden-Sydney College Haverford College High Point University Hofstra University\* Hood College\* Hope College\*

Ithaca College

James Madison University\*

Johnson and Wales University

Kalamazoo College\* Kenyon College Lehigh University Longwood University\*

Louisiana State University: Baton Rouge

Mary Baldwin University Maryland Institute College of Art Marymount Manhattan College Marymount University\*

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Merrimack College
Miami University
Michigan State University
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke\*
Muhlenberg College\*

McGill University

New England Institute of Technology

Norfolk State University North Carolina State University Northeastern University Northwestern University\* Norwich University Old Dominion University\* Pennsylvania State University\*

Pratt Institute\*

Queen's University of Charlotte

Quinnipiac University
Radford University\*
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Rice University Roanoke College

Roger Williams University Rutgers University Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art and Design

Scripps College\*

Sewanee: University of the South

Shenandoah University\*

Siena College Skidmore College\* Smith College

St. Bonaventure University

St. Norbert College\* Stetson University

Stevens Institute of Technology\*

Susquehanna University Syracuse University Temple University

The Citadel

**Trinity Washington University** 

Tulane University\* University of Alabama\* University of Arizona

University of California: Davis
University of Colorado: Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Dayton\*
University of Delaware\*
University of Denver\*
University of Hartford
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Louisville

University of Maryland: College Park University of Mary Washington\*

University of Massachusetts: Amherst\* University of Massachusetts: Boston\*

University of Miami\*

University of Lynchburg

University of North Carolina: Asheville University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill\*

University of Rhode Island University of Richmond\* University of San Diego University of St. Andrews (UK)

University of Tampa

University of Tennessee: Knoxville

University of Vermont University of Virginia\* University of Washington

Vassar College

Virginia Commonwealth University\*

Virginia Tech\*

Virginia State University
Virginia Wesleyan University
Washington and Lee University\*
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis\*

Wellesley College Wesleyan University

Western Kentucky University
West Virginia State University\*

Wheaton College Widener University Wingate University\*

Worcester Polytechnic Institute\*