



Fredericksburg Academy

2009–2010 Profile

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MISSION STATEMENT

Fredericksburg Academy's mission is to provide an excellent college-preparatory liberal arts education to able, motivated students. Our educational programs are designed to serve students whose intellectual abilities and academic skills are in the average to above average range for college-bound students in independent schools nationally.

THE SCHOOL, LOCATION, AND SELECTED FEATURES

Fredericksburg Academy is an independent, nonsectarian, college-preparatory day school. Founded in 1992, Fredericksburg Academy places a high priority on developing the qualities of integrity, leadership, responsibility, self-discipline, and respect for others, including an honor code that underpins the entire community. Students of diversity make up 21% of the student body. Fredericksburg Academy is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools. In addition, it is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the College Board, the Educational Records Bureau, and the School and Student Service for Financial Aid.

FREDERICKSBURG

Located midway between Richmond, VA, and Washington, D.C., Fredericksburg is a fast-growing city with a deep-rooted past. Acres of National Park Service Civil War sites sit next to new industry and housing. FA offers the only independent educational opportunity within a 45-mile radius.

ENROLLMENT

PK-12: 446
9-12: 108

FACULTY

Student-faculty ratio: 7 to 1
40% of the 68 faculty members hold advanced degrees.

CAMPUS

Modern, extensive plant on 50 acres, including 2 libraries, 5 science labs, 2 computer labs, 4 art and 3 music studios, the 413-seat Donald and Susan Reed Theater, and athletic facilities including a gymnasium, an 8-lane indoor pool, 2 game fields, 2 practice fields, and 4 tennis courts.

TECHNOLOGY

All Upper School courses are fully integrated with technology, and all Upper School students lease laptop computers.

FINANCIAL AID

FA students receive more than \$733,000 in financial aid.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students take a minimum of 5 credit courses each year. All non-AP courses are college-preparatory.

CONTENT AREA	MIN. REQ. CREDITS*	HIGHEST LEVEL
ENGLISH	4 credits	AP English Literature
FINE ARTS	1 credit	
FOREIGN LANGUAGES	3 credits	AP French, Latin, Spanish
HISTORY	3 credits	AP U.S. History or AP Government
LABORATORY SCIENCE	3 credits	AP Biology or AP Chemistry or AP Physics B
MATHEMATICS	3 credits	Differential Equations
SENIOR EXHIBIT	1 credit	See explanation on reverse
ATHLETICS	4 credits	
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES	3 credits	

*MUST BE MET IN UPPER SCHOOL

Access all courses offered at www.fredericksburgacademy.org.

GRADES

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

GPA

Fredericksburg Academy operates on a semester calendar with GPAs calculated on a 4-point system based on all FA Upper School credit courses. Weight (0.33) is given only for AP courses. Courses taken at other schools or online are not included on the FA transcript or in the GPA.

RANK IN CLASS

Because of its relatively small size and selective admission standards, Fredericksburg Academy does not rank its students. The following charts reflect the mid-50% GPAs for the last three graduating classes and the Class of 2009's GPA range as of the end of the junior year.

CLASS OF 2007	CLASS OF 2008	CLASS OF 2009
2.86–3.35	2.88–3.43	3.25–3.79

CLASS OF 2010 GPA RANGES (# of Students/% of Class)			
Highest GPA	3.98	B to B+ (3.0–3.29)	(3/10%)
A to A+ (4.0)	(0/0%)	B- to B (2.7–2.99)	(9/30%)
A- to A (3.7–3.99)	(8/27%)	C+ to B- (2.3–2.69)	(2/7%)
B+ to A- (3.3–3.69)	(6/20%)	C to C+ (2.0–2.29)	(2/7%)

CLASS OF 2009 SAT RESULTS

All Fredericksburg Academy students take college entrance exams (SAT and/or ACT). The Class of 2009 had 30 students.

AVERAGE SCORES

	CRITICAL READING	MATH	WRITING	TOTAL
FA	626	592	596	1814
VIRGINIA	511	512	498	1521
NATIONAL	501	515	493	1509

THE SENIOR EXHIBIT

In the spring of their junior year, students begin work on the Senior Exhibit. The Exhibit requires students to take the initiative in their intellectual development through three steps: choosing a topic, actively learning (in an internship, volunteer work, lessons, etc.), and applying their knowledge (teaching, performing, developing, etc.). In the winter of their senior year, students present their work before a panel of faculty and community mentors. This capstone requirement places emphasis on independent and experiential learning and on honing organizational and communication skills necessary for a life of learning.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology	Government and Politics: U.S.	Physics B
Calculus AB	Latin: Literature	U.S. History
Chemistry	Latin: Vergil	World History
English Literature and Composition		

All students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP exam. In 2009, 42 candidates took 90 exams. The 2009 Graduating Class Summary (% of class who scored a 3 or higher on an exam during their high school career) is 87.1%.

ATHLETICS

Basketball (B/G)	Field hockey (G)	Soccer (B/G)
Cross-country (B/G)	Golf (B/G)	Swimming (B/G)
Dance (G)	Lacrosse (B/G)	Tennis (B/G)

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Student Government	Service Organization of FA (SOFA)	<i>Elegos</i> (literary magazine)
Discipline Committee	Student Life Committee (SLC)	<i>Falcon Flier</i> (newspaper)
Honor Council	Student Ambassadors	<i>Talon</i> (yearbook)

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Listed below are the college acceptances for the Classes of 2005–2009. 100% of FA graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities. (*Indicates college attending)

American University	Emory and Henry College	New York University*	University of Delaware
Appalachian State University*	Emory University	Norfolk State University	University of Denver*
Arizona State University	Ferrum College*	North Carolina State University*	University of Georgia
Baylor University	Florida College*	Northeastern University	University of Maryland: College Park
Bellarmine University*	Florida Institute of Technology	Old Dominion University*	University of Massachusetts: Amherst
Beloit College	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami
Bentley University	Franklin and Marshall College*	Pepperdine University*	UNC: Chapel Hill*
Boston University*	Furman University	Radford University	UNC: Charlotte*
Bridgewater College*	George Mason University*	Randolph College	UNC: Wilmington
BYU: Idaho and Provo*	George Washington University	Randolph-Macon College*	University of Pittsburgh*
Bucknell University	Georgia Institute of Technology*	Roanoke College*	University of Rhode Island
Carnegie Mellon University	Gettysburg College	Roger Williams University	University of Richmond*
Catholic University*	Hampden-Sydney College*	Rollins College	University of Scranton
Central Connecticut State Univ.*	Hampton University*	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of South Carolina
Christopher Newport University*	Hofstra University	Seton Hall University	University of Southern California*
Clemson University*	Hollins University	Shenandoah University	University of Tennessee: Knoxville*
College of Charleston*	Indiana University	Simmons College*	University of the South: Sewanee*
College of William and Mary*	James Madison University*	Spelman College	University of the Virgin Islands
Colorado College	Kent State University	Smith College*	University of Virginia*
Colorado State University	Kenyon College	St. John's College*	University of Wisconsin: Madison
Columbia College Chicago*	Lawrence University	St. Mary's College of Maryland*	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Longwood University*	Sweet Briar College*	Virginia Commonwealth University*
Dartmouth College*	Louis State University	Tulane University	Virginia Polytechnic University*
Davidson College	Loyola University	University of Alabama	Virginia Wesleyan University
DePauw University	Lycoming College	University of Alaska	Wake Forest University*
Dickinson College*	Lynchburg College*	University of British Columbia	Warren Wilson College
Drexel University*	Marshall University	University of California: Berkeley	Washington and Lee University
Duke University*	Marymount University	University of California: Irvine	Washington College
East Carolina University*	Meredith College	Univ. of California: Santa Barbara	West Virginia University*
Elon University	Morehouse College*	University of Cincinnati	Wheaton College*