



# Fredericksburg Academy

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### WHO WE ARE

Fredericksburg Academy is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory, nonsectarian day school dedicated to providing students with an excellent college-preparatory education. Founded in 1992, the school is committed to maintaining a learning environment where each student is guided toward his or her maximum intellectual, personal, extracurricular, and athletic development. It is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and the College Board.

- ◆ **100%** of our graduates attend some of the finest colleges and universities across the country.
- ◆ Our Class of 2009 average SAT scores were: **626** Critical Reading; **592** Math; **596** Writing. (The 2009 national averages were: 501 Critical Reading; 515 Math; 493 Writing. The 2009 Virginia averages were: 501 Critical Reading; 515 Math; 493 Writing.)
- ◆ In 2009, 42 candidates took 90 Advanced Placement exams; **87.1%** scored 3 or above. (College credit, tuition reduction or advanced placement is generally awarded to scores of 3, 4, or 5 on a 5-point scale.)
- ◆ **Twelve** Fredericksburg Academy students were recognized in 2009 as AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor and/or AP Scholars with Distinction for their performance on Advanced Placement exams.
- ◆ A full-time college counselor works with the **30** students in the graduating Class of 2010.
- ◆ Our graduates from the Class of 2009 were accepted at an average of **3** colleges and universities each.
- ◆ The Class of 2009's 30 students earned **\$280,000** in merit-based college scholarships.
- ◆ Our experienced faculty members have been teaching for an average of **12** years.
- ◆ The average class size in the Lower School is **14** students. The average class size in the Middle School is **12** students Upper School academic classes average **9** students.
- ◆ A full-time registered nurse on staff adds to the safety of our students.
- ◆ Students participating in our Global Explorers program have visited Costa Rica, the Arctic, and Baja, Mexico for biological field study and service projects as part of this immersion experience.
- ◆ An overnight trip to Port Isobel is the culmination of our seventh-graders' study of the Chesapeake Bay.
- ◆ Fredericksburg Academy students' annual service projects include food and clothing drives, blood drives, SPCA fundraisers, disaster relief efforts, and Falcon Fest, an annual carnival for disadvantaged students held on campus each spring.
  - ◇ Lower School (PK-5): **243** students
  - ◇ Middle School (6-8): **95** students
  - ◇ Upper School (9-12): **108** students
  - ◇ Student-faculty ratio: **7:1**
  - ◇ Modern, extensive facilities, valued at \$22 million
  - ◇ **50**-acre campus in Spotsylvania County
  - ◇ Two academic buildings that include the 413-seat Donald and Susan Reed Theater
  - ◇ Two libraries totaling more than **17,000** items, extensive Internet capabilities, and periodical collections
  - ◇ Five science and two computer labs
  - ◇ **280** networked computers for student, faculty, and administrator use
  - ◇ 25-meter indoor pool, gymnasium housing a regulation NCAA basketball court, fitness room, two outdoor play areas, a sports complex including a cross-country course, five playing fields, and four tennis courts

SCHOOL FEATURES	LOWER SCHOOL (PK-5)	MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)	UPPER SCHOOL (9-12)
<b>ACADEMICS</b>	Reading and math groups with instruction at student's current level; individualized Accelerated Reader program; activity-based science program	English, history, math, laboratory science with an emphasis on preparing students for Upper School; academic advisory program	Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered in English, history, government, sciences, mathematics, and foreign language; academic advisory program; individualized college counseling program
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGES</b>	French in Prekindergarten; French or Spanish beginning in Kindergarten	Rotation of French, Latin, and Spanish in sixth grade; choice of French, Latin or Spanish in seventh and eighth grades	French, Latin, or Spanish through Level V (AP)
<b>ELECTIVES/SPECIALS</b>	Weekly art, library, music and movement, and physical education classes	Art, music, study skills, health, drama rotation; optional band, chorus, string ensemble, digital filmmaking, jazz band, drama production	Studio art, chorus, band, journalism (newspaper/yearbook), drama, string ensemble
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Computer classes emphasizing keyboarding, PowerPoint, desktop publishing, and webpage design	Technology integrated throughout curriculum; Technology Literacy class in sixth grade; continued emphasis on prominent software packages	Students lease laptop computers and use them in their classes and at home; school equipped with a wireless Internet network
<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Physical education classes twice per week; swimming begins in third grade; lifelong fitness emphasis	Physical education classes with focus on sports and lifelong fitness; interscholastic athletics: Golf, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Swimming, Basketball, Lacrosse	Interscholastic athletics: Golf, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Swimming, Basketball, Lacrosse, Dance
<b>ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS</b>	Fall Carnival, Holiday Breakfast, author visits, musical performances, classroom theme celebrations, Field Day	Peer Mediators, Middle School Council, Global Explorers international service/immersion program	Student Government, Student Life Committee, Discipline Committee, Honor Council, Student Ambassadors, Service Organization of FA, clubs
<b>DRESS CODE</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL</b>	Before and After School Program beginning at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m.	Before and After School Program available; one extracurricular activity required per academic year	Two after-school sports required for ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades; one required for twelfth grade