



Fredericksburg Academy

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MISSION STATEMENT

Fredericksburg Academy provides a rigorous, college-preparatory education in a nurturing environment that challenges each student to achieve academic excellence, to think critically and independently, to communicate effectively, and to act honorably.

THE SCHOOL

Fredericksburg Academy is a prekindergarten through twelfth grade, independent, nonsectarian, college-preparatory day school, with 95 students in the Upper School. FA is a progressive school that 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, student leadership groups define and oversee the daily life of the Upper School, and 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. 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.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM

Fredericksburg Academy genuinely embraces the concept and value of a liberal arts, college-preparatory education, but is not complacent in its execution. FA 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 evaluation, compilation, and synthesis of information, as well as collaboration and communication. Students are continually challenged, as all core academic courses in the Upper School are taught on the Honors level. Since 2001, Upper School students have participated in a 1:1 laptop program designed to expand their learning beyond the classroom. Through a learning philosophy that stresses the acquisition and implementation of a wide range of enduring skills, FA provides a time-tested but relevant education, positioning its students for success in college and in life.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students take a minimum of five one-credit courses each year. The minimum number of credits required for graduation is 21.

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HIGHEST-LEVEL COURSES

All students enrolled in an AP class are required to take the AP exam.

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP English Literature and Composition
AP European History
AP Government and Politics: U.S.
AP Latin
AP Physics 1
AP Psychology
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP U.S. History
AP World History
French V
Spanish V

GPA

GPA's are based on a 4-point scale and calculated using semester grading periods for all Upper School credit-earning courses. Weight (0.50) is given for AP courses. Courses taken at other schools are not included on the FA transcript or in the GPA.

GRADING SCALE

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

MID-50% GPAs		
CLASS OF 2015	CLASS OF 2014	CLASS OF 2013
3.18-3.60	3.08-3.70	3.06-3.53

Fredericksburg Academy does not rank its students. The school does not give annual, individual academic awards, except for those given to seniors at graduation 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

All Fredericksburg Academy students take college entrance exams (SAT and/or ACT).

YEAR	SAT: CRITICAL READING	SAT: MATH	SAT: WRITING
2015	600	590	560
2014	602	569	562
2013	612	585	595

YEAR	ACT MEAN COMPOSITE
2015	26
2014	27
2013	26

EXHIBIT

In designing and bringing to fruition their Exhibit projects over their four years in the Upper School, our students ask themselves who they are and who they want to be. Although a faculty mentor guides them through the process, our students must continuously make and revise decisions and then live with the results of those decisions, both good and bad. They first **explore**, choosing a topic of interest to investigate for a minimum of fifteen hours the summer after freshman year. As sophomores, they then **immerse** themselves, delving deeper and building their skillset by studying their topic for 40+ hours. During their junior year, our students **execute**, putting their knowledge and skillset to the test by creating a personal and hands-on experience. Last, they **share**, giving a 45-minute presentation to their peers and teachers as seniors. This capstone program is a graduation requirement that places emphasis on independent and experiential learning while honing the organizational and communication skills necessary for a life of learning.

ATHLETICS

Basketball (B/G)

Cross-country (B/G)

Field hockey (G)

Lacrosse (B/G)

Swimming (B/G)

Soccer (B/G)

Tennis (B/G)

ACTIVITIES

Student Government
Discipline Committee

Honor Council

Service Organization of FA (SOFA)

Student Life Committee (SLC)

Student Ambassadors

Falcon Flier (online newspaper)

Talon (yearbook)

FIRST® Robotics

Drama

Theater Tech Interns

Band

Chorus

String Ensemble



FREDERICKSBURG ACADEMY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Listed below are the college acceptances for the Classes of 2012-2015.
100% of FA graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities.
(*Indicates college enrolled.)

Allegheny College	Ferrum College	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Mississippi
American University*	Flagler College*	Penn State University-Altoona	University of New Hampshire*
Amherst College	Florida College*	Plymouth State University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Appalachian State University	Florida Institute of Technology	Purdue University*	University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill*
Auburn University	Florida Southern College	Radford University*	University of North Carolina: Charlotte
Ball State University	Franklin and Marshall College	Randolph-Macon College*	University of North Carolina: Wilmington
Bard College*	George Mason University*	Rhodes College*	University of North Texas
Barry University	George Washington University	Rider University	University of Oregon
Barton College	Georgetown University*	Roanoke College*	University of Pittsburgh
Baylor University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Puget Sound
Belmont Abbey College*	Georgia Southern University	Roger Williams University	University of Rhode Island
Beloit College	Gettysburg College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Richmond*
Berklee College of Music*	Guilford College*	Salisbury University*	University of Rochester
Berry College	Hampden-Sydney College*	San Diego State University*	University of San Diego
Boston University*	Haverford College	Savannah College of Art and Design*	University of San Francisco
Bowdoin College	Hawaii Pacific University	School of Visual Arts	University of South Carolina*
Bowling Green State University*	High Point University*	Sewanee: University of the South*	University of Southern California
Brandeis University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Shenandoah University*	University of Tennessee: Knoxville
Bridgewater College	Hollins University*	Simmons College	University of Utah
Bryn Mawr College	Hope College	Skidmore College	University of Vermont
Case Western Reserve University	Indiana University Bloomington*	Smith College	University of Virginia*
Catholic University	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Southern Methodist University	University of Washington
Centre College	James Madison University*	St. Joseph's University	Ursinus College
Chapman University	Johns Hopkins University*	St. Paul's College	Virginia Commonwealth University*
Christopher Newport University	Juniata College	Stetson University	Virginia Military Institute*
Cincinnati College - Conservatory of Music*	Kansas University	Suffolk University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Clark University*	Kenyon College	Sweet Briar College	Virginia State University*
Clarkson University	Lawrence University*	Syracuse University*	Virginia Wesleyan College*
Clemson University*	Lehigh University	Temple University	Wake Forest University
Coastal Carolina University*	Lewis & Clark College	Tulane University*	Warren Wilson College
Colgate University	Liberty University	University of Alabama	Washington and Lee University*
College of Charleston*	Longwood University	University of California: Santa Barbara	Washington College
College of William & Mary*	Loyola University Maryland*	University of California: Santa Cruz	Wellesley College
College of Wooster*	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Chicago*	Wesleyan University
Columbia University*	Lynchburg College*	University of Cincinnati	West Virginia University*
Dartmouth College*	Marist College	University of Colorado*	Westminster College
Denison University*	Marshall University*	University of Dallas*	Wofford College
DePaul University	Mary Baldwin College	University of Delaware	Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
DePauw University	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of Denver	
Dickinson College	Marymount University	University of Georgia*	
Drexel University*	McDaniel College*	University of Hawaii at Manoa	
Duke University*	Meredith College*	University of Kentucky*	
Duquesne University	Miami University	University of Maryland: Baltimore	
East Carolina University*	Middlebury College	University of Maryland: College Park	
Elizabethtown College	Mount Holyoke College	University of Miami	
Elon University	Northeastern University	University of Michigan	
Emerson College*	Oberlin College*		
Emory and Henry College	Ohio Northern University		
Emory University	Old Dominion University*		
Evergreen State College*	Pace University		
Fashion Institute of Technology*			