

FREDERICKSBURG ACADEMY 2023-2024 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 110 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 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 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.

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 |
| 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 |
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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

MEAN GPA

| 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 | |

| Class of | Class of | Class of |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
| 3.48 | 3.46 | 3.47 |

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 |
|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 2023 | 645 | 597 |
| 2022 | 601 | 586 |
| 2021 | 650 | 610 |

| YEAR | ACT COMPOSITE |
|------|---------------|
| 2023 | 26 |
| 2022 | 27 |
| 2021 | 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 BikingSoccerSwimming

ACTIVITIES

Student Government Student Life Committee (SLC) FIRST® Robotics Challenge Pride, Accountability, Respect Committee Student Ambassadors Theater

Honor Council 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 2020-2023. 100% of FA graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities.

*Indicates college enrolled.

Adelphi University Allegheny College

American International University

American University*

Appalachian State University

Auburn University
Baylor University
Boston College*
Boston University
Bowie State University
Brandeis University*

Brigham Young University: Idaho

Bryn Mawr College Bucknell University Campbell University Catholic University Cedarville University

Bridgewater College*

Central Michigan State University Christopher Newport University*

Clark Atlanta University Clark University Clemson University* Colgate University* College of Charleston* College of Idaho

College of William & Mary*
Denison University

DePauw University
Dickinson College*
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University*
Duquesne University

Eckerd University
Elon University*

Embrey-Riddle Aeronautical University

Endicott College Ferrum College

Fitchburg State 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 Guilford College

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

Idaho State University*

Indiana University: Bloomington

Ithaca College

Hope College*

James Madison University*
Kalamazoo College*
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University
Longwood University*

Louisiana State University: Baton Rouge

Mary Baldwin University Maryland Institute College of Art Marymount Manhattan College

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Merrimack College
Miami University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Morehouse College*
Newberry College*

New England Institute of Technology 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* Ripon College Roanoke College*

Roger Williams University*

Rutgers University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design

Carina Callaga *

Scripps College *

Sewanee: University of the South

Shenandoah University*

Siena College

Skidmore College* Smith College St. Norbert College* Stetson University

Stevens Institute of Technology*

Susquehanna University Syracuse University

The Citadel

Trinity Washington University

Tulane University*
University of Alabama*
University of California

University of California: Davis*
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Dayton*
University of Delaware*
University of Denver*
University of Hartford
University of Iowa
University of Louisville
University of Lynchburg*

University of Maryland: College Park University of Mary Washington* University of Massachusetts: Amherst* University of Massachusetts: Boston*

University of Miami*

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 Wesleyan University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis*

Wellesley College Wesleyan University

West Virginia State University

Wheaton College Widener University Wingate University*

Worcester Polytechnic Institute*