

# NANSEMOND-SUFFOLK ACADEMY

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2020 - 2021

### THE SCHOOL AND ACCREDITATION

Located on two campuses in Suffolk, VA within the heart of the Hampton Roads region, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy (NSA) serves approximately 800 students from southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. NSA is a co-educational, independent, college preparatory day school for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. Admission is selective and students reflect a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. At NSA, we inspire a passion for learning in a supportive, innovative and student-centered community that develops each individual for lifelong success. Nansemond-Suffolk Academy is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools.

### HONOR CODE

As a responsible member of the student body of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, I realize that everything I do must be above reproach. I will be honest with myself and with others. I will refrain from all acts of cheating, lying and stealing, and I will not tolerate those acts from others. I will actively encourage my fellow students to follow the highest standards of integrity.

### ACADEMIC YEAR

Each trimester is approximately 56 days. Due to Covid-19, we have changed our academic schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. Students will be enrolled in six courses, which will meet three at a time for three weeks. The schedule will alternate every three weeks throughout the year. Five of these credits must be in academic courses.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 22 credits in grades 9-12 is required for graduation. Successful completion of a course earns one credit. Minimum subject requirements are listed below; however, most students elect to pursue additional coursework in areas of interest.

Mathematics	English	History/Social Sciences	Lab Sciences	World Language	Fine Arts
3 years	4 years	4 years	3 years	3 years	1 year

### GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE WEIGHTING POLICY

Only academic courses are computed in the student's GPA. Students may not earn a grade greater than 100, therefore the unweighted 100 point GPA cannot be greater than 100. GPA is also reported on an unweighted and weighted 4-point scale. Courses labeled as AP or Honors are weighted. Advanced Placement courses carry the weight of .5 and Honors courses, .25 on a 4-point scale.

Numerical Grade	97-100	93-96	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	0-59
Letter Equivalent	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
GPA	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.0

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICY

AP courses are offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Taking more than three AP courses per year requires special permission. Although NSA offers 18 AP courses, the typical maximum load of AP courses throughout a student's Upper School career is as follows: 1 sophomore year, 3 junior year, and 3 senior year, for a total of 7 AP courses.

### STANDARDIZED TESTING PROFILE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROFILE

ACT		SAT		104 students sat for 203 exams in 2020
English	23-33	EBRW	570-680	79% of students scored a 3 or higher
Math	22-27	Math	540-670	47% of students scored a 4 or higher
Reading	23-33			23% of students scored a 5
Science	23-32			
Composite	22-31	Score ranges represent the middle 50% of the Class of 2020.		

*Nansemond-Suffolk Academy does not rank students for the purpose of college admission.*

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### ENROLLMENT

- Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12: 805
- Grades 9-12: 270
- 60 seniors, 83 juniors
- % diversity in grades Pre-K-12: 24%
- % international in grades 9-12: 1%

### FACULTY

The NSA faculty totals: 90  
Upper School faculty totals: 37

- 62% hold advanced degrees
- 7:1 student-faculty ratio

### MISSION STATEMENT

*At Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, students are engaged in personal growth, inspired to discover their passion and empowered to make a difference in the world.*

### DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

NSA's policy is to report any major honor or disciplinary violations, including, but not limited to, suspensions and dismissals. This policy applies throughout the student's time in the Upper School.

### VIRTUAL LEARNING AND COVID-19

In Spring 2020, NSA transitioned to virtual learning; our online curriculum maintained the rigor and scholarship long associated with NSA, and our grading system and scale remained the same.

## CURRICULUM

All courses are college preparatory. Honors and AP courses are selective. Selection for these courses is based upon past academic performance and teacher recommendation. Courses are taught based on enrollment.

### KEY

CP = College Preparatory  
H = Honors  
AP = Advanced Placement  
+ Not offered in 2020-2021  
\* Graded Pass/Fail

## ENGLISH

English 9	CP		
English 10	CP	H	
English 11	CP	H	
English 12	CP	H	
English Language and Composition			AP
English Literature and Composition			AP
Survey of Literature*	CP		
Yearbook Production	CP		

## HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ancient World History	CP		
European History			AP
History of American Film	CP*		
Holocaust and Genocide Studies	CP		
Modern World History	CP		
Principles of Economics	CP		
U.S. History	CP	H	AP
U.S. Government and Politics	CP	H	AP

*History of American Film and Holocaust and Genocide Studies are taught on an alternating schedule. For 2020-2021, Holocaust and Genocide Studies is offered.*

## INTERNSHIPS

Business and Marketing* (12)
Early Childhood Education* (12)
Innovation Lab (11, 12)*
Philanthropic Studies and Business* (12)
Technology* (11, 12)

*Internships are credit-bearing pass/fail courses that provide the opportunity for upperclassmen to engage in experiential learning in a specific area of interest.*

## LAB SCIENCES

Anatomy & Physiology	CP		
Modern Biology	CP		
Biology		H	AP*
Chemistry	CP	H	AP
Computer Science A			AP
Environmental Science			AP
Design Thinking and Innovation	CP		
Physics	CP	H*	
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism			AP*
Sports Medicine	CP		

*AP Biology, AP Physics, AP Computer Science, and AP Chemistry are offered in alternating years. For the 2020-2021 school year, AP Chemistry and AP Computer Science are offered. AP Environmental Science will continue to be offered each year.*

## PROJECT LEAD THE WAY SCIENCE (PLTW)

Computer Science Principles\*

Principles of Biomedical Science

Human Body Systems

*Project Lead the Way's science courses allow students to engage in compelling, hands-on activities to tackle real-world problems.*

## MATHEMATICS

Algebra I	CP		
Geometry	CP	H	
Algebra II	CP		
Algebra II/Trig	CP	H	
Algebra III/Trig	CP		
Precalculus	CP	H	
Calculus		H	
Calculus AB			AP
Calculus BC			AP
Statistics with College Math Prep	CP		
Statistics			AP

## SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES

Introduction to American Education\*

Strength Training

Study Skills\*

*These classes are non-academic and are not included in a student's GPA.*

## WORLD LANGUAGE

French I-III	CP		
French IV		H	
French Language and Culture			AP
Latin I-III	CP		
Latin IV-V		H	
Latin: Vergil			AP
Spanish I-III	CP		
Spanish III-V		H	
Spanish Language and Culture			AP*
Spanish Literature and Culture			AP

## FINE ARTS

Art I-II	CP		
Advanced Art	CP		
Advanced Art II	CP		
Digital Art	CP		
Studio Art			AP
Band	CP		
Intermediate Choral Music	CP		
Advanced Choral Music	CP		
Fundamentals of Band	CP		
Fundamentals of Music Theory*	CP		
Photography	CP		
Stage Crafts and Technical Production	CP		
Theatre Arts	CP		

## HYBRID LEARNING CONSORTIUM (HLC)

*The Hybrid Learning Consortium (HLC) was a collective of independent schools around the world that offered 80+ online courses taught by independent school faculty. Courses provided comparable rigor to on-campus classes while broadening the breadth of available courses. Additional tuition is required for students who enrolled in an HLC course. Any course listed on a student's transcript that does not appear on this page has been taken via HLC.*



## COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASSES OF 2017-2020

Agnes Scott College	Hampton University	Randolph-Macon College	County)
American University	Hawaii Pacific University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maryland (College Park)
Appalachian State University	High Point University	Rice University	University of Massachusetts
Arcadia University	Hillsdale College	Richard Bland College	University of Massachusetts (Boston)
Arizona Christian University	Hofstra University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Miami
Auburn University	Hollins University	Roanoke College	University of Mississippi
Averett University	Hood College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Nebraska
Baylor University	Indiana University, Bloomington	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of North Carolina
Belmont University	Indiana University-Purdue	Salisbury University	at Wilmington
Bethany College	University Indianapolis	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of North Carolina
Bluefield College	J Sargeant Reynolds	Seton Hall University	at Chapel Hill
Boston College	Community College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of North Carolina
Boston University	Jacksonville University	Shenandoah University	at Charlotte
Bridgewater College	James Madison University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Carolina
Brigham Young University (Idaho)	Johns Hopkins University	Spelman College	at Greensboro
Brigham Young University	Johnson & Wales University	St Mary's College of Maryland	University of Northern Colorado
Butler University	Kent State University	St. Bonaventure University	University of Richmond
California College of the Arts	Kenyon College	Stetson University	University of San Diego
Campbell University	Liberty University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of San Francisco
Carson-Newman University	Longwood University	Stony Brook University	University of South Carolina
Case Western Reserve University	Louisburg College	Sweet Briar College	University of South Florida
Central Connecticut State University	Louisiana State University	Syracuse University	University of St. Andrews
Christopher Newport University	Loyola University New Orleans	Temple University	University of Toronto
The Citadel	Lynn University	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	University of Virginia
Claflin University	Maine College of Art	The College of New Jersey	University of Washington
Clark University	Maine Maritime Academy	The College of William and Mary	University of Waterloo
Clemson University	Manhattan College	The College of Wooster	University of Wisconsin
Coastal Carolina University	Marist College	The Ohio State University	Utah State University
College of Charleston	Mars Hill University	The University of Alabama	UVA Wise
Colorado State University	Mary Baldwin University	The University of Tampa	Valley Forge Military College
Columbia University	Marymount Manhattan College	The University of Tennessee	Vanderbilt University
Concord University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	The University of Texas at Austin	Villanova University
Cornell University	MIT	Thomas Nelson Community College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Davidson College	McGill University	Tidewater Community College	Virginia Military Institute
Davis & Elkins College	Meredith College	Towson University	Virginia Tech
DePaul University	Methodist University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Virginia Wesleyan University
Delaware State University	Miami University (Oxford)	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Wagner College
Denison University	Michigan State University	University of British Columbia	Wake Forest University
Dickinson College	New York University	University of California (Davis)	Washington College
Drew University	North Carolina State University	University of California (Irvine)	Washington and Lee University
Drexel University	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	University of California (San Diego)	West Virginia University
East Carolina University	Northeastern University	University of California (Santa Barbara)	Western Carolina University
Eastern Mennonite University	Norwich University	University of California (Santa Cruz)	Wilfrid Laurier University
Elon University	Old Dominion University	University of Central Florida	Wingate University
Emory & Henry College	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Colorado Boulder	Wofford College
Emory University	Pace University (New York City)	University of Colorado Denver	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Ferrum College	Patrick Henry Community College	University of Connecticut	Yale University
Flagler College	Paul D Camp Community College	University of Delaware	York College of Pennsylvania
Florida Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Florida	
Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University (Berks)	University of Georgia	
Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	
Franklin & Marshall College	Pepperdine University	University of Illinois at Chicago	
Furman University	Pfeiffer University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	
Gardner-Webb University	Point Park University	University of Kansas	
George Mason University	Pratt Institute	University of Kentucky	
George Washington University	Purdue University	University of Louisville	
Georgetown University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Lynchburg	
Georgia Institute of Technology	Quinnipiac University	University of Mary Washington	
Goucher College	Radford University	University of Maryland (Baltimore	
Guilford College	Randolph College		
Hampden-Sydney College			