

NANSEMOND-SUFFOLK ACADEMY

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2022 - 2023

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 900 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. The class schedule is on a seven-day rotation with each class meeting five times during the seven-day rotation. A maximum of seven credits may be earned in a regular school year. Five of these credits must be in academic courses. In the 2020-2021 school year, students took only six courses due to COVID-19 protocols.

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 or as a freshman 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		111 students sat for 222 exams in 2022	
English	28-33	EBRW	510-670	70%	of students scored a 3 or higher
Math	22-28	Math	510-620	46%	of students scored a 4 or higher
Reading	21-35	Score ranges represent the middle 50% of the Class of 2022. Not all students chose to take tests due to the increase in test optional policies.			
Science	24-34				
Composite	24-32				
				20%	of students scored a 5

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

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ENROLLMENT

- Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12: 924
- Grades 9-12: 273
- 82 seniors, 60 juniors
- % diversity in grades Pre-K-12: 25%
- % on financial aid Pre-K-12: 51%
- % international in grades 9-12: 4%

FACULTY

The NSA faculty totals: 97
Upper School faculty totals: 38
• 50% 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 will, when asked to disclose such information on an admissions application, report to colleges and universities any major honor or disciplinary infractions that took place during grades 9-12, including, but not limited to, those that result in suspensions and dismissals.

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 2022-2023
* 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		
Creative Writing	CP		

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ancient World History	CP		
European History			AP
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

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 I and II	CP		
Physics	CP	H	
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism			AP
Sports Medicine	CP		

AP Biology, AP Physics C and AP Chemistry are offered in alternating years. For the 2022-2023 school year, AP Chemistry and AP Physics C are offered. AP Environmental Science will continue to be offered each year.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY SCIENCE (PLTW)

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
Multivariable Calculus		H	

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES

Introduction to American Education* +
Strength Training*
Study Skills*
Supplementary 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

FINE ARTS

Art I-II	CP		
Advanced Art	CP		
Advanced Art II	CP		
Digital Art	CP		
Art and Design			AP
Band	CP		
Intermediate Choral Music	CP		
Advanced Choral Music	CP		
Music Theory	CP+		
Photography	CP		
Stage Crafts and Theatre Arts	CP		
Yearbook Production	CP		

Stage Crafts and Theatre Arts was formerly two distinct classes: Stage Crafts/Technical Production and Theatre Arts. While they are now a single course, they may still appear on some transcripts separately in previous years.



COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSION TO THE CLASSES OF 2019-2022

American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Georgetown University	Regent University	University of Maryland College Park
American University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Massachusetts
Appalachian State University	Georgia Southern University	Rice University	University of Massachusetts (Boston)
Arcadia University	Grand Canyon University	Richard Bland College of William and Mary	University of Memphis
Arizona Christian University	Grove City College	Rider University	University of Miami
Auburn University	Guilford College	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Mississippi
Austin Peay State University	Hamilton College	Roanoke College	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Averett University	Hampden-Sydney College	Roger Williams University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Ball State University	Hampton University	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Barton College	Hawai'i Pacific University	Saint Francis University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Baylor University	High Point University	Salisbury University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Belmont University	Hillsdale College	Santa Clara University	University of Northern Colorado
Bluffton University	Hollins University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Oregon
Boston University	Hood College	Seton Hall University	University of Oregon
Bridgewater College	Howard University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Pittsburgh
Butler University	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Shenandoah University	University of Richmond
CUNY Brooklyn College	James Madison University	St. Bonaventure University	University of San Diego
CUNY City College	Johns Hopkins University	Stetson University	University of San Francisco
CUNY Hunter College	Johnson & Wales University	Stony Brook University	University of South Carolina
CUNY Queens College	Kent State University	Sweet Briar College	University of South Florida
California College of the Arts	LIM College	Syracuse University	University of Virginia
Campbell University	Lafayette College	Temple University	University of Washington (Seattle)
Carroll University	Liberty University	Texas A&M University at Galveston	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Carson-Newman University	Longwood University	Texas State University	Valparaiso University
Case Western Reserve University	Louisiana State University	The College of New Jersey	Vanderbilt University
Central College	Maine College of Art & Design	The College of William and Mary	Virginia Commonwealth University
Central Connecticut State University	Maine Maritime Academy	The Ohio State University	Virginia Military Institute
Champlain College	Marist College	The University of Alabama	Virginia Tech
Charleston Southern University	Mars Hill University	The University of Tampa	Virginia Wesleyan University
Chatham University	Mary Baldwin University	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	Wagner College
Chowan University	Maryland Institute College of Art	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wake Forest University
Christopher Newport University	Marymount Manhattan College	Tidewater Community College	Washington College
Clark University	Marymount University	Towson University	Washington State University
Clemson University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	United States Air Force Academy	Washington and Lee University
Coastal Carolina University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States Military Academy	West Virginia University
College of Charleston	McDaniel College	United States Naval Academy	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Methodist University	University of Aberdeen	Western Carolina University
Columbus College of Art and Design	Miami University (Oxford)	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Wilkes University
Commonwealth University at Lock Haven	Michigan State University	University of Arizona	Wingate University
Coventry University	Missouri State University (Springfield)	University of California (Berkeley)	Winston-Salem State University
Davis & Elkins College	Montana State University	University of California (Davis)	Wofford College
DePauw University	Montclair State University	University of California (Los Angeles)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Dickinson College	Norfolk State University	University of California (San Diego)	York College of Pennsylvania
Drew University	North Carolina State University	University of California (Santa Barbara)	
Drexel University	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	University of California (Santa Cruz)	
Duquesne University	Northeastern University	University of Colorado Boulder	
East Carolina University	Norwich University	University of Connecticut	
Eckerd College	Old Dominion University	University of Delaware	
Elizabeth City State University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Florida	
Elon University	Pace University (New York City)	University of Georgia	
Emory & Henry College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	
Ferrum College	Patrick & Henry Community College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	
Flagler College	Penn State University (Berks)	University of Iowa	
Florida Atlantic University	Penn State University	University of Kansas	
Florida Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University	University of Kentucky	
Florida State University	Point Park University	University of Louisville	
Fordham University	Pratt Institute	University of Lynchburg	
Franklin & Marshall College	Purdue University	University of Maine	
Furman University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Mary Washington	
Gardner-Webb University	Quinnipiac University	University of Maryland Baltimore County	
George Mason University	Radford University		
George Washington University	Randolph College		
	Randolph-Macon College		