



# ACADEMIC PROFILE 2023-2024

## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Founded in 1952, Norfolk Christian is a college-preparatory day school in Norfolk, Virginia. It is the oldest accredited PreK-12 Christian school in the Tidewater region and one of the premier Christian institutions in the country. The school serves students from all seven cities in the Hampton Roads area, as well as Virginia's Eastern Shore and northeastern North Carolina.

## OUR MISSION

It is the mission of Norfolk Christian Schools to equip students spiritually, intellectually and physically to love God and to serve Him as Christ's Ambassadors in the world.

## STUDENT BODY

Total Students: 756      Boys: 364/Girls: 392      Ethnic Diversity: 27%

## CLASS OF 2024

- \* Students: 56 Seniors
- \* Top 25% GPA: 4.07 - 4.46
- \* 3 new students joined the senior class
- \* 22% qualify for SAT fee waivers
- \* Mean GPA: 3.56
- \* Middle 50% GPA: 3.08 - 4.05
- \* 3 are international students
- \* Ethnic diversity of senior class: 38%

## CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE STATISTICS (46 GRADUATES)

- \* 54% attended VA four-year colleges
- \* 41% attended four-year private, Christian colleges
- \* 4 were international students
- \* 28% attended four-year, out-of-state colleges
- \* 17% attended two-year colleges
- \* 5 were recruited to play college athletics

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Norfolk Christian Schools operates on a semester system with four nine-week quarters over the course of a year. We utilize an A/B eight-block schedule where eight classes are taught over a two day (A/B Day) period, four blocks each day. **Mid-Year** grades are automatically sent to all colleges in January; **Final transcripts** will be sent to each student's final choice college in mid-June.

## ACT INFORMATION

Very few students in the Class of 2023 took the ACT, resulting in no reportable data.

## SAT HISTORY - MIDDLE 50% RANGE

Middle 50% and mean best-test results for classes of 2021-2023.

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
<b>EBRW</b>	550-640 (600)	510-620 (573)	490-640 (572)
<b>Math</b>	510-680 (590)	510-590 (559)	460-620 (551)
<b>% of class</b>	52%	91%	83%

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students must meet GPA prerequisites and be recommended by teachers in order to take Advanced Placement courses, and are encouraged to take AP exams unless they have extenuating circumstances.

	# Students	# Exams	3	4	5
<b>2021</b>	76	121	53 (44%)	21 (17%)	10 (8%)
<b>2022</b>	77	117	26 (22%)	21 (18%)	26 (22%)
<b>2023</b>	95	154	46 (30%)	38 (25%)	32 (21%)

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## CURRICULUM GUIDE

### AP Offerings

#### 1.0 GPA Weight

- AP Biology & Lab (offered every other year/cancelled for 22-23 due to sudden teacher illness)
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry & Lab (offered every other year)
- AP Computer Sci A
- AP Computer Sci Principles
- AP English Language & Comp
- AP English Literature & Comp
- AP Environmental Science (added 22-23)
- AP European History
- AP Precalculus (added 23-24)
- AP Psychology
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP US History

### On-Campus Dual Enrollment Offerings (11th & 12th grade)

#### 1.0 GPA Weight

- 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History\* (offered through John Brown University {JBU})
- College Algebra\* (added 22-23 and offered through Virginia Wesleyan)
- English Composition I\* & II\* (offered through JBU)
- Fundamentals of Physics I (offered through JBU)
- World History to AD 1600\* (offered through Virginia Wesleyan)

### Honors & Online DE Offerings

#### 0.5 GPA Weight

- Honors Anatomy and Physiology
- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors English 9, 10, 11
- Honors Latin IV & V
- Honors Physics
- Honors Spanish IV
- Honors World Studies I

Online DE courses can be taken with pre-approval and will be listed on the NCS transcript and included in the cumulative GPA.

\* .50 credits

\*\* .25 credits

### Bible

- Ancient Faith for Modern World\*
- Apologetics\*
- Bible Doctrine\*
- Creation to Christ\*
- Gospel of John\*
- Issues and Ethics\*
- Law and Prophets\*
- Life of Christ\*
- Prayer and Spiritual Formation\*
- Psalms\*
- Religions and Cultures\*
- Revelation and Letters of John\*

### English

- English 9, 10, 11, 12
- ESL I & II (formerly English for International Students)

### Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Forensic Science (added 23-24)
- Oceanography
- Physics

### Mathematics

- Advanced Geometry
- Algebra I
- Algebra, Functions, Data Analysis
- Algebra II
- Algebra II and Trigonometry
- Geometry
- Intro to Precalculus and Trig
- Intro to Statistics

### Social Studies

- Economics\*
- Foundations of Leadership\* (added 23-24)
- Personal Finance\*
- US History
- US Government and Politics
- World Studies I
- World Studies II

### Foreign Language

- American Sign Language I (added 23-24)
- Latin I, II & III
- Spanish I, II & III

### Fine Arts

- 3D Art
- Advanced Chorus\*
- Art I, II, III & IV
- Chorus\*
- Concert Band
- HS Drumline\*
- Music Theory\*
- Theater Arts\*
- Theater Performance\*\*
- Wind Ensemble

### Technology

- Computing Ideas (formerly Computer Technology)
- Digital Photography I\* & II\* (formerly Digital Photography and Adv. Digital Photography)
- Graphic Design I\* & II\*
- Intro to Computer Science I\* (formerly Intro to Computer Science)
- Intro to Computer Science II\* (formerly Computer Science AP Prep)
- Makerspace\*
- Publications (Yearbook)
- Robotics\*

### Health/Physical Education

- Functional Fitness\*
- Health I\* & II\*
- HS (High School) Fitness\*
- HS Intramural PE\*
- Sports Fitness - Fall, Winter, Spring\*\* (one season of a sport is given 0.25 credit of PE)

### Teacher's Assistant\*\*

Available to 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students with teacher permission, graded as Pass/Fail

### Independent Studies

Upon request

### Academic Support

Structured Study Hall\*\*

### NCSOnline Courses

- Economics\*
- Health I\* & II\*
- HS Fitness\*
- Personal Finance\*

### Previously Offered Courses

- Acts (Bible)\*
- Adv. Microsoft Office App.\*
- AP Spanish Language & Culture (offered 21-22 only)
- Band 8
- Chorus 8
- Earth Science
- Earth Science 8
- Environmental Science
- Entrepreneurship I\* & II\* (offered 22-23 only)
- Graphic Design III\*
- History of the Civil War\*
- History of World War II\*
- Honors Precalculus
- Romans (Bible)\*
- Symphonic Band

## GRADING SCALE AND CLASS RANK

Norfolk Christian utilizes a **weighted four-point grading scale**. The transcript will reflect the cumulative GPA of all high school courses taken while the student is enrolled at NCS; it does not include classes taken outside of NCS other than Dual Enrollment classes.

**Norfolk Christian does not report class rank as it is not an accurate reflection of placement in small classes with exceptional performers.**

A	94 - 100	4.0	C	78 - 81	2.0
A-	92 - 93	3.67	C-	76 - 77	1.67
B+	90 - 91	3.33	D+	74 - 75	1.33
B	86 - 89	3.0	D	72 - 73	1.0
B-	84 - 85	2.67	D-	70 - 71	.67
C+	82 - 83	2.33	F	Below 70	

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to earn at least 24 credits, which includes a **mandatory requirement of one Bible class per semester** each year they are at NCS. Listed below are the minimum subject requirements. Most students will choose to pursue a recommended college admission path, which includes three lab sciences and a math above Algebra II.

- English (4)
- Social Science (4)
- Health/PE (2)
- Fine Arts/Technology (2)
- Mathematics (3)
- Science (3)
- Finance/Econ (1)
- Foreign Language (2)
- Elective (3)