



# ACADEMIC PROFILE 2026-2027

## 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: 760      Boys: 367/Girls: 393      Ethnic Diversity: 27%

## CLASS OF 2027

- \* Students: 62 Seniors
- \* Top 25% GPA: 4.23 - 4.45
- \* 5 new students joined the senior class
- \* 5% qualify for SAT fee waivers
- \* Mean GPA: 3.67
- \* Middle 50% GPA: 3.31 - 4.23
- \* 6 are international students
- \* Ethnic diversity of senior class: 29%

## CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE STATISTICS (57 GRADUATES)

- \* 63% attended VA four-year colleges
- \* 21% attended four-year private, Christian colleges
- \* 6 were international students
- \* 26% attended four-year, out-of-state colleges
- \* 5% attended two-year colleges
- \* 1 was 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; on Mondays all eight classes meet for an abbreviated block. **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

Of the 57 students in the Class of 2026, 28 students (49%) took the ACT. The middle-50% range was 19-24 and the average was 22 for the best-test composite score.

## SAT HISTORY - MIDDLE 50% RANGE

Middle 50% and mean best-test results  
for classes of 2024-2026.

|                   | Class of<br>2024 | Class of<br>2025 | Class of<br>2026 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>EBRW</b>       | 530-680<br>(604) | 580-680<br>(618) | 530-630<br>(573) |
| <b>Math</b>       | 500-620<br>(564) | 500-610<br>(557) | 490-590<br>(538) |
| <b>% of class</b> | 86%              | 87%              | 75%              |

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

|             | # Students | # Exams | 3        | 4        | 5        |
|-------------|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>2024</b> | 101        | 181     | 52 (29%) | 57 (31%) | 55 (30%) |
| <b>2025</b> | 124        | 219     | 56 (26%) | 89 (41%) | 33 (15%) |
| <b>2026</b> | 121        | 237     | 61 (26%) | 91 (38%) | 48 (20%) |

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## CURRICULUM GUIDE

### AP Offerings

#### 1.0 GPA Weight

AP Biology  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Chemistry  
AP Computer Sci Principles  
AP English Language & Comp  
AP English Literature & Comp  
AP Environmental Science  
AP European History  
AP Human Geography  
AP Physics 1  
AP Precalculus  
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 Composition I\* & II\*  
(offered through JBU)  
World History to AD 1600\*  
(offered through Batten University)

### Honors & Online DE Offerings

#### 0.5 GPA Weight

Honors Algebra II and Trig  
Honors Anatomy and Physiology  
Honors Biology  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors Chorus (formerly Advanced Chorus)  
Honors English 9, 10, 11  
Honors Latin IV & V  
Honors Physics  
Honors Spanish IV  
Honors Wind Ensemble (formerly Wind Ensemble)  
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.

### 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  
Earth and Environmental Science  
(previously Earth Science)  
Forensic Science  
Oceanography  
Physics

### Mathematics

Advanced Geometry  
Algebra I  
Algebra, Functions, Data Analysis  
Algebra II  
Data Science (added 26-27)  
Geometry  
Intro to Statistics  
Precalculus and Trigonometry  
(formerly Intro to Precalculus and Trig)

### Social Studies

Economics\*  
History of the Civil War\*  
History of World War II\*  
Mock Trial (added 26-27)  
Personal Finance\*  
US History  
US Government and Politics  
World Studies I  
World Studies II

### Fine Arts

3D Art  
Art I, II, III  
Chorus  
Concert Band  
HS (High School) Drumline  
Theater Arts\*  
Theater Performance\*\*

### Technology

Digital Photography I\* & II\*  
Film Making I\* & II\*  
Graphic Design I\* & II\*  
Intro to Computer Science I\*  
Intro to Computer Science II\*  
Makerspace\*  
Publications (Yearbook)  
Robotics\*

### Health/Physical Education

Functional Fitness\*  
Health I\* & II\*  
Sport Fitness\*\* (one season of a sport earns 0.25 credit of PE)

### Foreign Language

American Sign Language I, II & III  
Latin I, II & III  
Spanish I, II & III

### Experiential Learning

Internship & Professional Skills\*  
Internship & Leadership Skills\*  
Spanish Immersion Trip\*\* (offered alternating years)

### 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

### NCSOnline Courses

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

### Previously Offered Courses

AP Computer Sci A  
Computing Ideas  
(formerly Computer Technology)  
HS Intramural PE\*  
Sports Management  
Structured Study Hall\*\*

\* .50 credits

\*\* .25 credits

## 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.

There is also a **community service** requirement of 20 hours each year.

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