



STATISTICAL PROFILE

Faculty with postgraduate degrees: **75%**
 Demographic draw: **60-mile radius**
 Full time students: **63**
 Senior class size: **18**
 Approximate full time student-teacher ratio: **6:1**
 Male/female student ratio: **24: 39**
 Students from underserved ethnicities: **10%**
 Mean ERW SAT (2024) compared to Virginia: **623/564**
 Mean Math SAT (2024) compared to Virginia: **570/537**

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COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS

School Profile 2024-2025

Founded in 2002, Community High School of Arts and Academics is a secular, independent preparatory high school located in Roanoke, Virginia. Our student body is capped at 65, and our curriculum is rich in arts and seminar-based instruction. Though CHS is not a free school, that remains our long-term goal; our tuition is only \$6,500 and free for families making under \$60,000.

NOTE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

CHS does not use a grading scale, either numeric or letter-based, to evaluate our students. All classes are offered Credit/No Credit and each student's acquired knowledge and skills are described narratively and in detail for each class, each semester on our transcripts.

We hope the additional nuance inherent in our evaluation is more helpful to you than a letter or number, though we understand the relative difficulty this may present those whose institutions require comparative quantitative data such as grade point averages. If such information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact our Registrar, Erin Coogan.

SENIOR COUNSELING

Our senior counseling offers comprehensive and sustained advice, starting the spring of junior year, whether students plan to attend higher education or not. This assistance consists of regularly scheduled and unscheduled meetings with students and their parents, support with college tours, communication with admissions personnel, and helping students to plan for life after high school.

Academic Rigor

Unless specifically noted, *all* Humanities, Science and Arts courses should be assumed to be college preparatory in design and rigor. Please see students' secondary school reports for evaluation of their individual schedule's rigor compared to other seniors.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The CHS standard diploma is equivalent to the Virginia Standard Diploma.

Science: 8 required (6 lab), 10 recommended
Math: 6 required, 8 recommended
Humanities: 14 required, 16 recommended
Foreign Language: 6 in 1 language or 8 in 2 languages, 8 recommended
Fine Arts: 6 required
Elective: 6 required, 2 of which must be Physical Education
With the exception of lab sciences, 1 credit reflects 1 semester's work.

Department	Required	Recommended for college bound students
Science	8 total (6 lab)	10
Math	6	8
Humanities	14	16
Foreign Language	6 in 1 or 8 in 2	8
Fine Art	6	8
Elective	6	6
Total	46 (48)	56

MISSION & CURRICULUM



MISSION

Community High School is a small, secular, independent, college preparatory high school grounded in the liberal arts, founded with a commitment to seminar-based classes, and located in Roanoke's city center. **Our Mission** is to develop creative and independent problem solvers with diverse backgrounds and abilities who will be scientifically and culturally literate, globally conscious, locally engaged citizens.

CURRICULUM

Community High School was founded by university faculty trained in the liberal arts tradition. At CHS, we hire teachers whom we presume to be wise, humble, and curious, and we trust them to develop and pilot their own courses as professors in liberal arts colleges do. And just as most liberal arts colleges allow students to exceed minimal requirements in areas where they have special interest or talent. For more information on our full curriculum, see [here](#).

HUMANITIES

Our Humanities courses are generally offered by semester and conducted in small, multi-age seminars. The predominate model is that of a college. Instead of English 9, 10, 11, and 12, for example, this year a student may take classes on World War II: Asia and the Pacific, the Spanish Civil War, and Colonial America. Every student is also required to complete 3 one-semester US History courses, ranging in topics that cover Early America, the Civil War Era, and the 20th Century.

MATH AND SCIENCE

Our Math and Science courses are yearlong and more closely aligned with those offered in peer institutions. In addition to those, we also offer special topic classes on subjects as diverse as Paleoanthropology, Introduction to Video Game Design, Roanoke Field Studies, Botany, and Personal Finance.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

At CHS, we offer 3 languages - French, Latin, and Spanish. Each year's levels are based on student need, and we routinely offer classes from the introductory level through advanced literature courses. Additionally, we have had students pursue languages such as Thai, Hebrew, American Sign Language, and Japanese through individual, online, or college instruction.

FINE ARTS

Courses in the Arts are considered core classes, and are required and weighted like all others. Evaluation is based not on "talent," but in progress in creative thinking, in risk-taking, in sustained work ethic, in the full execution of ideas, in discipline and precision in that execution, in collaboration and openness to critique, and in the acquisition of skills.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community High School strives to create meaningful exchanges with regional partners that champion diversity, inclusion, and civic agency. Through outreach programming, volunteer opportunities, curricular choice, professional development, recruitment initiatives, arts programming, and community service, we hope to provide the context and tools for CHS students and faculty to work for the changes they want to see. For more information on our Community Outreach, visit our [website](#).

Below is a range of colleges that have accepted our students in the past 4 years; institutions where students currently attend are highlighted.

Agnes Scott College
American University
Appalachian State University
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bennington College
Berea College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Catawba College
Champlain College
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
College of the Atlantic
College of Wooster
College of William and Mary
Columbus College of Art & Design
Davidson College
Dickinson College
Drexel University

Drew University
Earlham College
Elon University
Emory & Henry College
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Tech
Goucher College
Hawai'i Pacific University
Hendrix College
Hollins University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Kalamazoo College
Longwood University
Marymount Manhattan
Marymount University
Missouri S&T

Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
Occidental College
Oglethorpe University
Ohio University
Old Dominion University
Parsons School of Design
Purdue University
Radford University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Roanoke College
Ringling College of Art and Design
Savannah College of Art & Design
Skidmore College
Smith College
St. John's College
St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Olaf College

Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
University of Cincinnati
University of Mary Washington
UNC Asheville
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Richmond
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
University of Wyoming
Ursinus College
VCU
VCU School of the Arts
Virginia Tech
Virginia Western
Warren Wilson College
Whitman College
Willamette University