



## Virginia Episcopal School

Academic Profile 2019-20  
CEEBS Code: 471305

### About Our School

VES is a college preparatory, coeducational, boarding (70%) and day (30%) school serving students in grades 9 - 12. Located in the foothills of Lynchburg, Virginia, we take advantage of our city and natural surroundings to expand our campus beyond our beautiful 160 acres. We are fully enrolled with 260 students—55% male, 45% female and 20% international. Each class typically is composed of 65 students, with a student-teacher ratio of 6:1. Among our 38 teaching faculty, 73% hold advanced degrees and 10% hold a doctoral degree. And 80% of our faculty live on campus, bringing added value to our student experience.

### Toward Full Stature

Inspired by the school's founding motto, Toward Full Stature is an intentional four-year journey to identify and realize their full potential academically, athletically, spiritually and ethically.

Our **Portrait of a VES Graduate** guides students to live into this ideal by developing the knowledge, skills, character and learning mindsets necessary to succeed in college and life beyond.

Our **Academic Philosophy** guides our classroom practice. At VES, our faculty are designers, and we are committed to an Academic Philosophy in which:

- **Dynamic questions** shape our content, experiences, perspectives, and outcomes.
- **Intellectual playfulness** drives our practice.
- **Creative thinkers and producers** are our goal—committed to making beautiful work and communicating effectively, with one another and throughout the world.

### Honor Code

The underlying principle that governs the life of any member of the VES community is the school's Honor Code, developed by the first class of VES students in 1916. "One shall not lie, steal, cheat, or tolerate that behavior in any other member of the community" is a simple code that instills the moral and ethical values by which all members of the VES family live.

### Financial Aid

On average, VES awards \$2.3 million in need-based financial aid yearly to approximately 35% of the student body.

### Accreditations and Memberships

Among its professional organization affiliations, VES is a member of:

- Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- The Association of American Boarding Schools (TABS)
- Virginia Council for Private Education
- National Association of College Admissions Counselors
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools

G. Thomas Battle, Jr. '83 - Headmaster  
Mimi Csatlós - Academic Dean & Director of College Counseling  
Amy Koudelka - Associate Director of College Counseling  
Elizabeth Blaum - College Counselor





“We are fortunate to learn in a school that offers great diversity of people, thought and opportunities. Within this community, we are challenged to be the best we can be so that we can thrive in today’s global society.” - Ismael Plet '20

## Leadership & Involvement

The Honor Committee and Counselor Body provides opportunities for seniors to lead the school. The Honor Committee is elected by students to promote and uphold the Honor Code. The Counselor Body is appointed by the Headmaster based on student and faculty votes. Counselors serve as Resident Advisors on dorm and help in every aspect of daily school life. In addition, each year a member of the senior class who has been elected to the Student Council is appointed to serve as Student Body President, acting as a liaison between the student body and the administration.

VES offers many avenues through which students in all grade levels can lead their peers, strengthen communities, and grow as individuals. Junior Resident Advisors, Service Learning Coordinators, Student Government Representatives, Team Captains, Club Leaders, and Chapel Speakers are just some of the many titles our students hold as they learn to lead on campus.

Participation in an afternoon activity each term is a requirement for graduation. Students may sign up to be part of a sports team, in a fine arts program, and/or a member of a wide variety of special interest clubs.

## International Students & Global Experiences

In our increasingly interconnected world, it's essential that our students become global citizens and leaders with cross-cultural understanding and respect.

VES brings the world to our campus, which is a meeting place for diverse perspectives and global cultures. Each year, we welcome students from many countries, including the Czech Republic, China, Germany, Mexico, Senegal, Spain, Turkey, Vietnam and other locales. Faculty also hail from around the globe. This integration of various cultures is an enriching experience for us all. And through a diverse range of speakers, the arts and cultural events, we explore why it is so important to seek out, empathize with and value varied perspectives.

## Distinctive Academic Programs

### ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAM

Students may be approved to pursue the Advanced Studies program in a specific discipline if they have completed the most advanced course in that discipline and if they wish to explore a related topic in greater depth. Advanced Studies students complete a rigorous application process, gain the support of a faculty mentor, and set their own deadlines and goals as they develop a project to present to the VES community. Grades are based on the final project, the presentation *and* on their process, especially their ability to work independently and display mature habits of mind as they pursue their goals.

### SCIENCE & MATH ADVANCED CONSORTIUM

This course is year-long, senior academic offering and is considered a core academic class (.5 credit Math, .5 credit Science). The course is team taught and provides rigorous interdisciplinary study in a collaborative and project-based setting. The course quickly moves toward a student-driven format with an emphasis on design thinking, culminating in a year-end group project presented to the school community. Rising seniors who have excelled in advanced math or science coursework may apply to take this class.

### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ARC COLLABORATIVE

The 9th Grade ARC Collaborative provides an interdisciplinary introduction to three different subject areas that students can apply to the rest of their VES experience and future studies. 'A' stands for the Arts, which students will engage with through a trimester-long Introduction to the Arts course; 'R' stands for Reasoning, which will be the focus of their trimester in the Critical Thinking course; 'C' is for Computer Science and their work in Computer Science I.

These three academic experiences and the skills our ninth graders will acquire from them will be applicable across academic disciplines. The ARC Collaborative will enrich students' learning in core subject areas while exposing them to other aspects of our curriculum that may spark a new interest, talent, or passion to pursue further over the course of their VES career.

## AP PROGRAM

VES offers 16 AP courses. While students must meet requirements to enroll in certain AP courses, others are open to any interested student. All students enrolled in AP classes are required to sit for the exam; the average score earned is 3. Over the past six years, VES students have been recognized by the AP Scholar Program as:

<b>Scholars</b>	135	<b>Scholars with Honor</b>	46
<b>Scholars with Distinction</b>	87	<b>National Scholars</b>	14

## AP COURSE CAP

The number of AP courses in which a student can enroll is capped as follows: 10<sup>th</sup> Graders - 1 AP (highly accelerated math or foreign language students may petition for 2 AP classes this year), 11<sup>th</sup> Graders - 3 APs (may petition for 4), 12<sup>th</sup> Graders - no limit. We believe the cap will encourage students to delve deeply into their academic interests and make balanced decisions about their schedules.

## Grade Structure

VES reports grades in percentages and uses a 10-point scale when determining letter grades (100 to 90 is an A, 89 to 80 is a B, etc.). If necessary, please use the traditional 4.0 scale to convert our unweighted percentage-based averages into the scale preferred by your institution. **VES does not weight grades or report class rank.**

## SAT Scores

These averages represent the scores earned by our 2018-2019 graduating seniors who took the SAT at any time over their careers at VES, including those who opted instead to submit ACT scores to colleges. These numbers also include the 20% of our class for whom English is not their native language.

### Mid-50%

ERWB: 570 – 670  
Math: 550 – 700

**Total: 1130 – 1370 | Mean: 1250**

## ACT Scores

These averages represent the scores earned by our 2018-2019 graduating seniors who took the ACT at any time over their careers at VES, including those who opted instead to submit SAT scores to colleges. These numbers also include the 20% of our class for whom English is not their native language.

### Mid-50%

Composite: 22 – 30  
Mean: 26

Over the past two years, 52% of VES seniors have submitted SAT scores to colleges, and 48% have submitted ACT scores.

## Graduation Requirements & Course Offerings

Each student must earn 19 credits to graduate. All VES students must carry a course load of at least five classes per term. Students must choose at least four core classes each year, (though five is expected) and they may choose from a variety of electives each term. **Advanced courses in each subject are noted in bold.**

## English (4 credits required)

English 9: Culture & Identity  
English 10: Communities & Power  
American Writers  
**AP Literature & Composition**

**AP Language & Composition**  
Book Design & Literature  
Poetry Across the Curriculum  
Classical Literature & Contemporary Adaptations

## History (3 credits required, including U.S. History; third credit can include 2 one-term courses)

Global Cultures  
Modern World History  
**AP World History**  
US History  
**AP United States History**

US Government  
**AP US Government & Politics**  
Contemporary American History: 1945-Present  
Economics  
Psychology

## Mathematics (3 credits required, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry)

Algebra I  
Geometry  
**Honors Geometry**  
Algebra II/Trigonometry  
**Honors Algebra II/Trig**  
Math Analysis  
**Honors Math Analysis**  
Statistics

**AP Statistics**  
Calculus  
**AP Calculus AB**  
**AP Calculus BC**  
**Multivariable Calculus**  
**Science & Math Advanced Consortium**

## Science (3 credits required, including Biology and either Chemistry or Physics)

Biology  
**Honors Biology**  
**AP Biology**  
Chemistry  
**Honors Chemistry**  
**AP Chemistry**  
Human Anatomy & Physiology

Physics  
**AP Physics**  
**AP Environmental Science**  
Intro to Sports Medicine  
**Science & Math Advanced Consortium**

## World Languages (2 credits required in the same language)

Chinese III-IV  
French I-V  
**AP French Language & Culture**

Spanish I-V  
**Honors Spanish III & IV**  
**AP Spanish Language & Culture**  
**Spanish VI: Advanced Seminar**

## Fine & Performing Arts (1 credit required)

Introduction to the Arts  
Ceramics I & II  
Advanced Ceramics  
Digital Photography  
Studio Art I & II  
**AP Studio Art**  
Portfolio Development  
Glee Club

Jazz Ensemble  
Vocal Ensemble  
**AP Music Theory**  
Video Production I & II  
Acting  
Technical Theater  
Advanced Performance  
Public Speaking

## Computer Science (.5 credit required)

Computer Science I - Collaboration & Design  
Computer Science II - Programming & Web Design  
Computer Science III - Body Recognition Programming  
**Computer Science IV - App Development**

## Religion (.5 credit required)

New Testament      World Religions I      World Religions II

## 2009-2019 College Matriculation

Students is the Virginia Episcopal School classes of 2009-2019 enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the United States and world, including:

American University	Loyola University of New Orleans	University of Chicago (2)
American University in Paris	M.I.T.	University of Colorado at Boulder
Appalachian State University (7)	Meredith College (2)	University of Connecticut
Auburn University	Miami University of Ohio	University of Delaware
Bard College	Michigan State University	University of Georgia (11)
Baylor University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Hawaii, Hilo
Belmont University	Montana State University, Bozeman	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (5)
Birmingham-Southern College	Mount Holyoke College	University of Kansas
Boston College	New York University (3)	University of Kentucky (3)
Boston University (3)	Norfolk State University	University of Lynchburg (4)
Bridgewater College (2)	North Carolina Central University	University of Maryland
Bryant University	North Carolina State University (14)	University of Mary Washington (11)
Bucknell University	Northeastern University	University of Michigan
Campbell University (2)	Occidental College (2)	University of Mississippi (13)
Carnegie Mellon University	Ohio State University	University of Montana
Centre College	Old Dominion University (2)	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Case Western Reserve University	Parsons: New School of Design (2)	University of Notre Dame (2)
Christopher Newport University (4)	Peace College	University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill (21)
Clemson University (4)	Pennsylvania State University (4)	UNC-Charlotte (3)
Coastal Carolina University	Pepperdine University	UNC-Wilmington (4)
College of Charleston (13)	Princeton University (3)	University of Pennsylvania (2)
College of St. Rose	Purdue University (2)	University of Pittsburgh
College of William and Mary (17)	Queens University of Charlotte (2)	University of Richmond (2)
Colorado State University (2)	Randolph-Macon College (4)	University of Rochester
Columbia University (2)	Rice University	University of St. Andrew's
Cornell University (4)	Roanoke College (2)	University of South Carolina (15)
Davidson College (4)	Rochester Institute of Technology (3)	University of South Carolina, Upstate
Dartmouth College (2)	Rollins College	University of Southern California (3)
Denison University (2)	Rutgers State University of New Jersey	University of Tampa
DePauw University	School of Visual Arts	University of Tennessee, Knoxville (3)
Duke University (2)	Sewanee: University of the South (17)	University of Virginia (44)
East Carolina University (10)	Simmons University	University of Washington (2)
Elon University (12)	Southern Methodist University (4)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Emory & Henry College (2)	Stanford University (2)	U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Emory University (4)	Syracuse University (2)	Vassar College (2)
Fairmont State University	Swarthmore College	Virginia Commonwealth University (5)
Flagler College (2)	Sweet Briar College (2)	Virginia Military Institute (3)
Franklin and Marshall College	Texas Christian University (2)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute (21)
Furman University	The King's College	Wake Forest University (11)
George Washington University (3)	Towson University	Washington College
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)	Tulane University	Washington and Lee University (6)
Gettysburg College	United States Naval Academy (3)	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Hampden-Sydney College (20)	University of Alabama (5)	Webb Institute
Harvey Mudd College	University of British Columbia	Webster University (Switzerland)
Haverford College	University at Buffalo, SUNY	Wellesley College (2)
High Point University	UC Berkeley (4)	Wesleyan University (2)
Howard University	UC Davis (2)	Western Carolina University (2)
James Madison University (11)	UCLA (5)	William Peace University
Johns Hopkins University (2)	UC Santa Barbara (2)	Wofford College (11)
KAIST	UC San Diego (5)	Yale University
Lafayette College	UC Santa Cruz	
Loyola University Maryland (2)	University of Alabama	