

MISSION

To provide a demanding academic and co-curricular program that develops the skills and character essential for students to meet the challenges of college and leadership in the twenty-first century.

HISTORY

Founded in 1928, Dorothy Rust and Lavinia Hamilton establish the school as the Warrenton Branch of the Calvert School. In 1957, the school was renamed Highland School and moved to the current location. Since 1993, Highland has added the Pre-Kindergarten program and Grades 9-12. The school currently serves 469 students, including 17 international students from China, Czech Republic, Germany, Korea, Mexico, and Spain.

LOCATION

A 42-acre campus with a modern school complex of approximately 183,300 square feet in Warrenton, Virginia. Highland is less than one hour from Shenandoah National Park and Washington, D.C.

TRANSPORTATION

Highland serves students from 10 counties. Bus service is available to/from Boyce, Culpeper/Orlean, Gainesville/Brookside, Haymarket, Manassas, Middleburg/Purcellville, and Sperryville. An activity bus is available to students participating in after school athletics and extracurricular programs.

ENROLLMENT

PK2-Grade 4: 118	Total Enrollment: 469
Grades 5-8: 102	Ethnically diverse: 18%
Grades 9-12: 249	

FACULTY/STAFF

99- 31 male and 68 female
44 Masters
4 Ph.D.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND AWARDS

- AP courses offered: 19; Honors courses offered: 13
- Average class size: 11; Student/teacher ratio: 7 to 1 (Gr. 9-12)
- Saturday Enrichment Program (SEP), fall and winter sessions
- 100% of graduates attend college; 72% to first choice
- AP: 13 Scholars, 7 Scholars with Honor, 10 Scholars with Distinction (2016)
- National Merit: 4 Commended (2017), 2 Commended (2016), 1 National Merit Finalist (2015) 1 National Merit Finalist (2014), 1 Commended (2014), 1 National Achievement Outstanding Participant (2014)
- Six Students attended Summer Governor's School in Agriculture, Humanities, Medicine, Latin, Spanish and Voice (2016)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Latin offered in Grades 6-12; Spanish offered in PK-Grade12; French offered in Grades 8-12.

- Two Gold medals, 4 Silver medals, 2 Magna Cum Laude, 7 Cum Laude, National Latin Exam (2016)
- Two Gold medals, 8 Silver medals, 7 Bronze medals, 22 Honors, National Spanish Exam (2016)
- Three Bronze medals and 7 Honorable Mentions for National French Exam (2016)

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION/SERVICE LEARNING

Experiential education encourages students to learn about themselves, their school and global communities through multi-day field studies and direct service opportunities. Existing programs include Field Studies, Junior Internships, Senior Projects and Service/Community Projects.

CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP

Highland provides students a variety of leadership opportunities in order to foster the values of service, community, respect for others, inclusiveness, and generosity of spirit. Opportunities to grow personally, as well as intellectually, are purposefully facilitated throughout all divisions of the school.

FINE ARTS

Highland provides opportunities for students to participate in theater, music, and visual arts. Our facilities include the 355-seat Rice Theater, the 60-seat Lise Hicklin Black Box Theater, an Art Gallery, 2-D and 3-D art rooms, a music/film tech lab, music rooms and a theater shop. The Center for the Arts is home to the Piedmont Symphony Orchestra.

LEARNING CENTER

Highland's Learning Center supports the needs of students with diverse learning styles and learning differences. The Learning Center is available to provide academic assistance with the expectation that with proper assistance and guidance, students can succeed academically. The Learning Center is an active resource at each division working with students, teachers and parents to provide programs that enhance both individual and class performance in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

ATHLETICS

Highland is a Division I member of the Delaney Athletic Conference. There are 20 Varsity, 4 Junior Varsity and 19 Middle School teams. Our facilities include a synthetic turf field, two bermuda game fields, baseball and softball fields, two gymnasiums, weight and training rooms and four tennis courts.

From Fall 2015 to Spring 2016:

- Over 80% of Upper School students participated in the Athletic Program
- Boys soccer, girls soccer & girls lacrosse teams won State Championships
- 15 Varsity teams participated in the State Tournament
- Seven varsity teams won Conference Championships
- Two student athletes were named "All American"
- All coaches are members of the "Positive Coaching Alliance" and seven coaches were selected as conference Coach of the Year.

FINANCIAL AID

Highland awarded over \$2.6 million in need-based financial aid to 48% of the student body (K- Grade 12). The average grant was \$12,500.

MERIT SCHOLARS

Founder's Scholarship program awards merit-based scholarships to rising Grade 9 students. Twenty-seven scholars received approximately \$200,000. Piedmont Scholarship program awards merit-based scholarships to new Upper School students. Eleven scholars received \$75,000.

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Independent Schools, Virginia Association of Independent Schools, National Association of College Admission Counselors, The Secondary School Admission Test Board, Piedmont Admission Group, Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, and Emerging Scholars Program.