



COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE

2011-2012

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Southern Association of Colleges
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Virginia Association of Independent
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National Association of College
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Cum Laude Society

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

The Covenant School is a non-denominational Christian day school founded in 1985. It is coeducational and open to all qualified students in grades PK–12 without regard to race, creed, religion, or national origin. Minority students comprise 15% of the student body; 35% of our students receive financial assistance. Enrollment in grades 9-12 is 233 students of the total enrollment of 507 students for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mission and Philosophy: “The Covenant School seeks to promote the moral, intellectual, and physical development of young people. We foster the virtues of faith, wisdom, and love through the pursuit of academic excellence and the recognition of God’s sovereignty over His creation. We nurture our students, challenging them to follow the example of Jesus Christ, to achieve through self-discipline, to lead by service to others, and to grow in knowledge and virtue.”

The Covenant School provides a college preparatory education and seeks to inspire students to love God and to love learning. We believe that the mere acquisition of knowledge does not convey wisdom and, therefore, see studying the Bible as essential for learning how to live. We encourage students to seek truth, to develop character, and to serve others.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Covenant’s highly-skilled high school faculty of 40 full- and part-time instructors teach 78 traditional and elective courses during the three-trimester academic year. Fifty percent of the faculty hold one or more advanced degrees, including three with a Ph.D. in their disciplines.

In addition to 30 hours of community service per year, graduation demands successful completion of a minimum of 22 credits (excluding PE) in grades 9 through 12 as follows (courses are a year long and earn one credit):

English	4 credits	History	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	Lab Science	3 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Bible	4 credits*	Physical Education	4 credits ⁺

(*or one for each year enrolled) (⁺one credit for each sport season)

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are highly competitive (students must meet specific standards to place into AP), and all AP students sit for the AP examinations. In 2011, 87 students in grades 10 through 12 took 195 AP exams in 15 subject areas; 90% of the resulting scores were 3 or higher. Courses offered are:

AP European History	AP U.S. History	AP U.S. Government
AP Comparative Politics	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC
AP Biology	AP Environmental Science	AP Chemistry
AP French Language	AP Latin: Vergil	AP Spanish Language
AP English Literature	AP Studio Art	

Honors courses are available in English 9-12, Algebra I, Algebra II/Trig, Geometry, PreCalculus, Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, World History I, French IV, Spanish IV and Latin Seminar. Students can also take ILPs – Independent Learning Projects.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

The Covenant School reports all serious breaches of community standards or potentially harmful patterns of behavior resulting in suspension or dismissal from school. We notify appropriate colleges of a student’s change of status and, prior to mailing this letter for seniors in the college admission process, urge the senior to also inform the colleges to which he/she has applied.

STANDARDIZED TESTING RESULTS

It is the student’s responsibility to release test scores to colleges. 64 seniors in the Class of 2011 achieved the following mid-50% range of SAT scores:

	VERBAL	MATH	WRITING
COVENANT	510-690	510-680	500-700
VIRGINIA	430-590	430-580	420-570
NATIONAL	420-570	430-600	410-560

Students take the annual PSAT in grades 9 to 11. The October 2009 test resulted in recognition of TCS students as follows:

3 National Merit Semifinalists

GRADING POLICY

The Covenant School does not rank its students for college admission purposes. Transcript grades are grades earned, and the cumulative GPA is weighted for AP and Honors courses for grades of 73 and higher. For AP, 1.0 is added; for Honors, 0.5 is added; and A+ (97-100) is weighted with 0.3. Grades are scaled as follows:

A = 90 – 100 C = 70 – 79 F = 64 and below
 B = 80 – 89 D = 65 – 69

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE GPAs

(Classes of 2009, 2010, and 2011)

4.00 +	21%	2.75 – 2.99	11%
3.75 – 3.99	12%	2.50 – 2.74	7%
3.50 – 3.74	12%	2.25 – 2.49	8%
3.25 – 3.49	11%	2.00 – 2.24	3%
3.00 – 3.24	11%	<2.00	4%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2009, 2010, and 2011

(*indicates matriculation)

Abilene Christian University	Indiana University Bloomington*	The College of New Jersey
Allegany College of Maryland*	Ithaca College	The George Washington University*
American University*	James Madison University*	The Ohio State University
Appalachian State University	Johns Hopkins University*	The University of Alabama
Arizona State University*	Liberty University*	Union University*
Auburn University*	Longwood University*	United States Military Academy
Averett University	Louisburg College*	University of Arizona
Barry University	Louisiana State University	University of Arkansas
Baylor University	Loyola University Maryland	University of California at Berkeley
Belmont University	Lynchburg College*	University of California at Irvine
Binghamton University*	Macalester College*	University of California at Riverside
Blue Ridge Community College*	Mary Baldwin College	University of California at Santa Barbara
Boston College	Marymount University	University of California at Santa Cruz
Bridgewater College*	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	University of Central Florida*
Bucknell University	McDaniel College	University of Colorado at Boulder*
Campbell University	Meredith College*	University of Connecticut
Carnegie Mellon University*	Miami University Oxford	University of Delaware*
Case Western Reserve University	Michigan State University	University of Edinburgh*
Cedarville University	Middle Tennessee State University*	University of Georgia
College of Charleston*	Montana State University Bozeman*	University of Illinois/Urbana*
University of Chicago	New York University	University of Maryland Washington*
Christopher Newport University*	North Carolina State University	University of Maryland, College Park
Clemson University*	Northeastern University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Coastal Carolina University	Oberlin College*	University of Massachusetts, Boston
College of Charleston*	Oklahoma Baptist University	University of Miami
Colorado Christian University*	Old Dominion University*	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Colorado College*	Palm Beach Atlantic University*	University of Mississippi*
Columbia University*	Pennsylvania State University, UP*	UNC/Chapel Hill*
Davidson College	Philadelphia University	UNC/Charlotte
Dickinson College	Piedmont Virginia Community College*	UNC/Wilmington
Drexel University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of North Florida
Duke University	Pratt Institute	University of North Texas
Earlham College	Purdue University*	University of Notre Dame*
East Carolina University*	Radford University*	University of Oklahoma
Eastern University	Randolph College	University of Oregon*
Eckerd College*	Randolph-Macon College*	University of Pittsburgh
Elon University*	Regent University	University of Redlands
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Regis College	University of Rhode Island
Emory & Henry College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Richmond*
Emory University*	Rhode Island School of Design*	USC/Columbia*
Ferrum College	Rhodes College	University of Tennessee/Knoxville*
Florida Institute of Technology	Rice University*	University of Utah
Florida Southern College	Roanoke College*	University of Vermont
Fordham University	Saint Louis University	University of Virginia*
Franklin and Marshall College	Salisbury University	University of Wisconsin/Madison*
Furman University	Rutgers University	Vanderbilt University
George Mason University*	Savannah College of Art & Design*	Villanova University*
Georgetown University	School of the Visual Arts*	Virginia Commonwealth University*
Georgia Institute of Technology*	Sewanee: The University of the South	Virginia Military Institute
Gordon College	Skidmore College*	Virginia Polytechnic Institute*
Goucher College	SUNY at Albany	Virginia Wesleyan College
Grove City College*	Stevenson University	Wake Forest University*
Guilford College	Stony Brook University	Washington and Lee University*
Hampden-Sydney College*	Sweet Briar College	Washington University in St. Louis*
Hampton University	Syracuse University*	Wells College
Harvey Mudd College	Temple University	West Virginia University
High Point University*	Texas Christian University*	Western State College of Colorado
Hillsdale College*	Trinity College	Whittier College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Tulane University	College of William and Mary*
College of the Holy Cross	The Catholic University of America	Wofford College*