



COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE 2008-2009

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National Association of College
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Potomac and Chesapeake Association
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STANDARDIZED TESTING RESULTS

It is the student's responsibility to release test scores to colleges. 72 seniors in the Class of 2008 achieved the following mid-50% range of SAT scores:

	<u>VERBAL</u>	<u>MATH</u>	<u>WRITING</u>
COVENANT	510-640	490-640	530-640
VIRGINIA	440-580	430-590	420-570
NATIONAL	420-580	430-590	420-570

All students in grades 9-11 take the annual PSAT. The October 2006 test resulted in recognition of TCS students as follows:

1 National Semi-finalist
7 National Merit Commendations

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 13% of the student body; 24% of our students receive financial assistance. Enrollment in grades 9-12 is 265 students of the total enrollment of 668 students for the 2008-2009 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 38 full- and part-time instructors teach 73 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.

Graduation demands successful completion of a minimum of 22 credits (excluding PE) in grades 9 through 12 as follows (courses are yearlong 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 2008, 97 students in grades 10 through 12 took 182 AP exams in 12 subject areas; 81% of the resulting scores were 3 or higher. Courses offered are:

AP European History	AP U.S. History	AP U.S. Government
AP Biology	AP Environmental Science	AP Chemistry
AP English	AP French	AP Spanish
AP Latin (Literature)	AP Latin (Vergil)	AP Studio Art
AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC	

Additionally, 15 Honors courses are available in all core areas of study.

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.

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 2006, 2007, and 2008)

4.00	17%	2.75 – 2.99	5%
3.75 – 3.99	16%	2.50 – 2.74	5%
3.50 – 3.74	13%	2.25 – 2.49	7%
3.25 – 3.49	16%	2.00 – 2.24	4%
3.00 – 3.24	14%	<2.00	3%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2006, 2007, and 2008

(*indicates matriculation)

Agnes Scott College	Hollins University	Toccoa Falls College*
American University	Hope College*	Union University*
Appalachian State University	Indiana University*	University of Alabama*
Arizona State University	Ithaca College	University of Arizona*
Auburn University	James Madison University*	U of Colorado/Boulder
Augustana College	King College*	U of Colorado/Colorado Springs
Barton College	Lehigh University	University of Connecticut
Baylor University*	Liberty University*	University of Edinburgh*
Birmingham-Southern College	Longwood University*	University of Findlay
Boston College	Louisiana State University*	University of Georgia*
Boston University*	Lynchburg College*	University of Hawaii/Manoa
Bridgewater College*	Marshall University	University of Illinois/Urbana*
Calvin College*	Marymount University	University of Louisville*
Campbell University	Mesa State College	University of Mary Washington*
Carnegie Mellon University*	Methodist University*	University of Mississippi
Catholic University of America	Messiah College*	UNC/Chapel Hill
Centre College*	Michigan State University*	UNC/Charlotte
Christopher Newport University*	Milligan College*	UNC/Greensboro*
Chowan University	New York University*	UNC/Wilmington*
Clemson University*	North Carolina State University	University of Northern Colorado*
Coastal Carolina University	Northeastern University	University of Notre Dame*
College of Charleston*	Northern Arizona University*	University of Pittsburgh*
College of William and Mary*	Ohio Wesleyan University*	University of Richmond*
Colorado School of Mines	Oklahoma Christian University*	USC/Columbia*
Covenant College*	Old Dominion University*	University of Tennessee/Knoxville*
Dartmouth College	Oregon State University	University of the South*
DePauw University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Vermont
Drexel University	Presbyterian College	University of Virginia*
Duke University*	Purdue University	University of Virginia/Wise*
East Carolina University	Queens University	University of Washington*
Eastern Mennonite University	Radford University*	University of Wisconsin/Madison
Elon University*	Randolph-Macon College*	Vanderbilt University*
Emory & Henry College*	Rhodes College*	Villanova University
Emory University*	Rice University	Virginia Commonwealth University*
Ferris State University	Roanoke College*	Virginia Intermont College*
Ferrum College*	San Francisco State University	Virginia Military Institute*
Florida State University	Savannah College of Art & Design	Virginia Polytechnic Institute*
George Mason University*	Shenandoah University	Virginia Wesleyan College*
Georgetown University	Southern Methodist University	Wake Forest University
Georgia Institute of Technology*	Southern Wesleyan University	Washington College
Gordon College*	St. Andrews Presbyterian College*	Washington and Jefferson College
Goucher College*	St. Joseph's University	Washington and Lee University*
Greensboro College	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Western State College of Colorado
Grove City College*	Sweet Briar College*	West Virginia University*
Guilford College	Syracuse University	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Hampden-Sydney College*	Texas A&M University	Winthrop University
High Point University*	Texas Christian University*	Wofford College*