

# WEST NOTTINGHAM ACADEMY

## 2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

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**College Board Code:** 210410, **ETS Code:** 1855

**Accreditation:** Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, and Association of Independent Maryland Schools

**WNA is a member of the following:**

National Association of Independent Schools  
Association of Independent Maryland Schools  
Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools  
National Association for College Admission Counseling  
Potomac and Chesapeake Assoc for College Admission Counseling

Founded in 1744, West Nottingham Academy (WNA) is the oldest boarding school in the nation. It is located midway between Baltimore and Philadelphia near the northern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. WNA is a co-ed, independent, boarding and day, college preparatory school dedicated to the intellectual, ethical, and social growth of each student. The school currently enrolls approximately 105 students in grades nine through post-graduate representing twenty-six countries and eight states. Approximately seventy-eight percent of the students are boarders.

WNA is a global community providing students many opportunities to thrive in a rapidly changing world while learning in small classes with an impressive 6:1 teacher to student ratio. The academic program and extracurricular offerings include our unique Signature Programs in Environmental Sustainability, STEM and Technology Innovation, Creative Writing, and the Visual and Performing Arts. Moreover, students may choose to earn a Certificate of Distinction within one of the programs by developing collaborative projects beyond the classroom or with our Artists in Residence, who come to us from the New York Academy of Art through the generous support of alumnus Eric Fischl (1966). All students are challenged by a curriculum that includes project-based learning, Harkness discussion groups, reading seminars, and rigorous lab work.

WNA supports students with learning differences through the Chesapeake Learning Center (CLC), which provides individual and small-group settings to provide an ideal environment to improve executive functioning, time management, and organizational skills. The English as a Second Language (ESL) Center provides support to our international student body with two levels of English and History classes as needed.

WNA ceased in-person instruction on March 6, 2020 for spring break. On April 6th we transitioned to distance learning, during which, the school day was 7:00 AM to 12:45 PM with 75-minute classes. The school uses a semester grading system and all grades remained numerical throughout the school year, making final grades an average of the two semesters. For the 2020-2021 academic school year, instruction was hybrid with students attending 60-minute classes both at home and on campus. The afternoons supplemented course material with additional academic time that could be used by any class as needed. For the 2021-2022 academic year, we resumed full in-person instruction. Our schedule is a rotating schedule that allows for 4 sixty-minute classes and one 120-minute class in a two-week period.

**Class of 2021 Enrollment: 24 Test Score Mean: SAT (1600) 1176 -- EBRW: 576; Math: 600 ACT: 26**

**Grading System:**

A+ 97-100 4.33	B+ 87-89 3.33	C+ 77-79 2.33	D 63-66 1.00
A 93-96 4.00	B 83-86 3.00	C 73-76 2.00	D- 60-62 0.67
A- 90-92 3.67	B- 80-82 2.67	C- 70-72 1.67	F-Below 60 0.00
Advanced Placement receives 0.4 weight		Honors receives 0.25 weight	

**WNA does not report class rank.** Grades earned at a prior institution(s) do not factor into West Nottingham GPA.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

WNA's academic requirements for graduation are based on a quarter and semester system with a four-year course of study. One credit is given for a year-long course, 0.5 for semester courses, and 0.25 for our quarter-length senior seminar courses. Students must earn a minimum of 21.5 credits over four years to graduate with a WNA diploma. Students must complete a minimum number of service-learning hours, culture credits, and nature credits each year. Please note that the following required core curriculum represents WNA's minimum course of study.

- 4 credits in English
- 3 credits in History, including US History
- 3 credits in Mathematics, through Algebra II
- 3 credits in Science with labs, specifically Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
- 3 credits in one World Language
- 2 credits in Art
- 1 credit in Senior Seminar which includes a quarter each of college seminar, ethics, religion, senior composition
- 2.5 additional credits, including health, and athletic courses

WNA requires students to earn two credits by participating in one team sport each season through at least two years (6 seasons). Students are graded on a pass/fail system, and grades are recorded on their transcripts as their state-mandated PE credit.

Advanced Placement (AP) designation is granted in the following subjects (although not all are offered every year): Calculus AB & BC, Statistics, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics C, Biology, and Studio Art. All students enrolled in AP classes are required to sit for the May AP exams. English Literature and Composition, European History, United States History, Spanish Language and Literature, and French Language and Literature are all taught at the advanced level with the option for these students to take the AP exam.

## FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION LIST

Albright College	La Salle University	Swarthmore College
Art Center College of Design	Lafayette College	Syracuse University
Beloit College	Lindenwood University	Temple University
Boston University	Loyola Marymount University	The Chinese Univ. of Hong Kong, China
Bowie State University	Loyola University Maryland	The College of New Jersey
Brandeis University	Lynn University	The University of Arizona
Bucknell University	Marist College	The University of Edinburgh, UK
Cabrini University	Marshall University	The University of Tampa
Carleton University, Canada	Maryland Institute College of Art	Towson University
Cecil College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Universidad CEU San Pablo, Spain
Christopher Newport University	Miami University-Hamilton	Universitas Tarumanagara, Indonesia
Clarkson University	Millikin University	University of California-Berkeley
Clayton State University	Montgomery College	University of California-Davis
College of William and Mary	Morgan State University	University of Chicago
Dickinson College	Mount Saint Mary College	University of Delaware
Drexel University	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Denver
Duquesne University	New York University	University of Florida
Eastern Nazarene College	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bellecour école of Digital Medias, France	Northern Virginia Comm College	University of Maryland-College Park
Elizabethtown College	Ohio State University-Main Campus	University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Emerson College	Oral Roberts University	University of Rhode Island
Florida Institute of Technology	Oregon State University	University of Southern Mississippi
Gettysburg College	Pace University	University of Washington-Seattle Campus
High Point University	Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	University of Waterloo, Canada
Hood College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Wuhan, China
Howard University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	UNSW Sydney - Australia
Indiana State University	Saint Michael's College	Utica College
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Salisbury University	Villanova University
Iowa State University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Irvine Valley College	St. John's College	Washington State University
Ithaca College	St. John's University-New York	Wesleyan University
Jefferson University	Stony Brook University	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Johnson & Wales University-North Miami	Suffolk University	Xavier University
Juniata College	SUNY at Purchase College	York College of Pennsylvania