

Overview

Commonwealth Academy offers a college preparatory curriculum. Our goal is to prepare students to successfully complete high school and enter a four-year college or suitable post high school training program, having learned the skills they need to succeed.

The faculty and staff minimize the lecture format and instead offer hands-on, interactive learning opportunities to actively engage students in learning. There is daily writing across the curriculum, with frequent teacher feedback. Teachers employ multiple means of assessment including projects, presentations, reports, videos and web pages.

College Acceptances

Alfred University	Florida State College	Montgomery College	University of Delaware
American University	Florida Institute of Technology	Muskingum College	University of Hertfordshire
American Institute University	Franklin and Marshall	New York Institute of Technology	University of Hawaii
Art Institute of Washington	Frostburg State University	Old Dominion University	University of Mary Washington
Beloit College	George Mason University	Oxford-Brookes	University of Maryland
Castleton State College	Hampton University	Pennsylvania Culinary Institute	University of San Francisco
Catholic University	James Madison University	Potomac State College of WVU	University of Texas at Austin
Christopher Newport University	John Carroll	Radford University	Virginia Commonwealth
College Living Experience	Kent State University	Randolph Macon	Virginia Tech
College of Wooster	Landmark College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Virginia Wesleyan
Coventry University, England	Longwood University	Saint Joseph's University	Washington College
Delaware College of Art & Design	Lynchburg College	San Francisco State University	Washington and Jefferson
Delaware State University	Lynn University	Savannah College of Art & Design	West Virginia University
Drexel University	Manhattanville	St. Mary's College of Maryland	West Virginia Wesleyan
Elizabeth Town University	Mary Baldwin College	Texas A & M, Corpus Christi	Wheaton College
Elmira College	Marymount University	Towson University	Xavier
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	McDaniel College	University of Arizona	
Ferrum College	Mitchell College		

Commonwealth Academy Curriculum, Grades 6 - 12

MIDDLE SCHOOL	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
ENGLISH	Thematic approach to reading; comprehension and critical thinking skills; themes correlated with World Cultures; oral and written communication emphasized.	Thematic approach with emphasis on distinguishing genre; young adult novels; themes correlated with American History; comprehension and critical thinking skills; creative and expository writing and oral communication emphasized.	Thematic approach to literature; comprehension skills included but emphasis on analysis; young adult novels; students encouraged to examine own experiences and beliefs; written and oral communication emphasized.
HISTORY	World Cultures/Geography or American History*		Civics
MATHEMATICS	Problem solving; computation with decimals, whole numbers, fractions; geometry; graphing; percents; integers.	Problem solving; computation with decimals, whole numbers, fractions; geometry; graphing; percents; integers. Pre-Algebra	Pre-Algebra, Algebra I
SCIENCE	Life Science or Earth Science*		Physical Science
WRITING	Students learn writing as a process including pre-writing, drafting, revision, editing, and publishing. Genres include descriptive, expressive, narrative, expository, persuasive, and creative writing.		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Fitness, team, and individual games.		
ELECTIVES ROTATION	Art, Music, Drama, Computers		

*These offerings alternate from year to year; students will take each in either 6th or 7th grade.

HIGH SCHOOL	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
ENGLISH	Literary Genres	Universal Themes	American Literature	World Literature, British Literature Honors
HISTORY	World History I	World History II	US/VA History	US/VA Government
MATHEMATICS	Algebra I, Geometry	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus	Geometry, Algebra II, Practical Math, Pre-Calculus, Statistics	Practical Math, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, Calculus, Linear-Algebra
SCIENCE	Biology, Physics I, Environmental Science	Biology, Physics I, Chemistry, Environmental Science	Chemistry, Conceptual Physics Honors Chemistry, Biology, and Physics are offered on a rotational basis.	
MODERN LANGUAGE	Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Native Speakers			
WRITING & SAT PREPARATION	Emphasizes writing as a process including prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. Includes personal and creative writing; expository writing with particular emphasis on five paragraph essay.		One sem. expository writing; assignments are geared to help students prepare for essay on SAT. One sem. SAT Preparation.	One sem. SAT Preparation; one sem. expository writing; students complete a full research paper of college caliber.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	Fitness, team, and individual games. Health unit covers topics relating to making healthy life choices.		Elective if first two credits have been met.	
ELECTIVES	Fine and Performing Arts: Beginning and Advanced Art, Music, Drama Computers: Beginning & Advanced Computer Graphics, Web Design, Flash Animation, Computer Programming Social Sciences: Sociology/Psychology			
PUBLICATIONS	Yearbook, Newsletter, Art, and Poetry Magazine			

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