



HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL

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School Profile • 2009-2010

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School and Community

Founded in 1901 by Jessie Moon Holton and Carolyn Hough Arms, the Holton-Arms School is an independent college preparatory day school for girls, grades 3 through 12, located in a close-in suburb of Washington, D.C. A total of 639 students includes 317 in the Upper School, grades 9-12. There are 76 seniors in the Class of 2010. Holton-Arms is a laptop school for grades 7 through 12 and has wireless capacity throughout the school buildings.

The School admits girls with strong academic interests and abilities who wish to enjoy and contribute to the life of the school community. Our student body reflects a diversity that includes academic, economic (24% receive financial aid), geographic (72% Maryland, 13% D.C., 14% Virginia), cultural, racial and ethnic (40.7% students of color and 4.2% foreign nationals), and religious differences.

The School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools, the Association of Independent Maryland Schools, and the State of Maryland. The School is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the Association of Independent Maryland Schools, the Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington, the National Coalition of Girls' Schools, the College Board, and the National Association of College Admission Counseling.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Holton-Arms School is to cultivate the unique potential of young women through the "education not only of the mind, but of the soul and spirit."

Faculty

There are 97 full and part-time faculty at Holton-Arms, 81% of whom have advanced degrees (9 doctorates, 70 masters, and 18 bachelors). The student/faculty ratio is 7:1.

Inveniam viam aut faciam • I will find a way or make one

The Holton-Arms School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, or sexual orientation in the administration of its hiring, educational policy, admissions, financial aid practices, or of its athletic and other school-administered programs.

COURSE OFFERINGS & Co-Curricular Highlights

English

English 9, 10, 11
English 12/War and Literature
English 12/Books Under Attack
English 12/Representations of Women
English 12/Shakespeare
English 12/Sixties Protest Literature

Note: Although AP English Literature is not offered, students are encouraged to sit for the exam.

Student Publications:

Scribbler, School Newspaper
Scribe, School Yearbook
Scroll, School Literary Magazine

Dance & Drama

Acting Workshop*
Advanced Acting Workshop*
Performance Production & Technology*
Advanced Performance Production & Technology*
Dance Technique*
Dance Composition & Choreography*
Dance Technique/Orchestrus Ensemble

Drama Productions:

Fall Play/Musical, Winter Play,
Spring Play/Musical (Landon School),
One-Act Plays, Director's Challenge

Music

Music Technology*
Music Major: Chorus & Music Theory/Music History
Music Major: String Orchestra & Music Theory/Music History
Music Major: Wind Ensemble & Music Theory/Music History
Performance Ensembles:
Chorus, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers,
Chamber Orchestra, String Orchestra,
Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band,
Handbell Choir

History & the Social Sciences

AP Art History
AP Economics - Micro* & Macro*
Existentialism*#
The Ancient & Medieval World
History of Philosophy*#
Introduction to Psychology*
Latin American History I* & II* #
U.S./European History I (**Honors**)
U.S./European History II
AP U.S./AP European History
AP U.S. Government
What is Religion?*
Global Studies through Sustainability

Foreign Language

Chinese I, 2, 3, 4, & 5
French I, 2, & 3
French 4: Conversation and Composition
French 5: Cinéma et Francophonie
AP French: Language
Latin I & II
Latin III: Roman Prose and Poetry
Advanced Reading in Latin Literature §
AP Latin: Vergil
Spanish I, 2, & 3
Spanish 4: Conversation and Composition
Spanish 5: Hispanic Culture through Media
Spanish 5: Honors Spanish through Film and Theater
AP Spanish: Language

Visual Arts

Art Major: Ceramics
Art Minor: Ceramics*
Art Major: Drawing and Painting
Art Minor: Drawing and Painting*
Art Minor: Life Drawing/Painting*
Art Major: Photography*
Art Minor: Photography*

Mathematics

Algebra 1 (**Honors**)
Algebra 2 (**Honors**)
Algebra 3 and Trigonometry
Geometry and Trigonometry (**Honors**)
Pre-Calculus (**Honors**)
Introduction to Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Calculus: AB & BC

Pure & Applied Sciences

Biology (**Honors**)
AP Biology
Chemistry (**Honors**)
Conceptual Physics
Physics Honors
AP Physics, B & C
Environmental Science
AP Environmental Science
Applied Sciences: Forensics & Medical Laboratory Technology
Introduction to Engineering
Computer Programming & Robotics §
Science Research

Physical Education & Athletics

Instructional Courses:

Fundamentals of Physical Education,
Personal Fitness Training, Swimming,
Lifeguarding

For Dance offerings, see Dance & Drama

Interscholastic Teams (ISL):

Basketball, Cross Country, Crew,
Field Hockey, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer,
Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis - Fall
& Spring, Track & Field, Volleyball

Health

Health Skills*

Other Offerings

Courses offered by a consortium of local independent schools and the new Online School for Girls (OSG). Consortium course topics vary year to year, and admission is competitive. The following courses are offered for 2009-2010.

AP Art History
AP Economics - Micro* & Macro*
AP Psychology
Genetics (OSG)
Mandarin Chinese
Middle Eastern Studies
Multivariable Calculus & Differential Equations Honors

Courses in bold type are Honors or AP level and are given additional weight in GPA calculations. • (**Honors**) denotes that honors section is offered. • Enrollment in all Honors and AP courses requires departmental approval. • The small size of the Upper School limits the number of Advanced Placement courses that can be offered. • Class schedules may not permit students to enroll in all courses for which they are eligible. • AP courses follow the College Board curriculum. • All students in AP courses are required to sit for the exams. • § denotes a course offered as of 9/09 • # denotes a course not offered in 2009-10 school year. • * denotes one semester course.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

A minimum of 21 credits including:

English • 4 credits

Fine or Performing Arts • 1 credit in Art, Dance, Drama, or Music

Foreign Language • 3 credits in one language

History and the Social Sciences • 3 credits, including one year of history in grade 9; U.S./European History I & II

Mathematics • 3 credits in Upper School, one of which is Geometry & Trigonometry

Pure & Applied Sciences • 3 credits, including Biology and two additional credits in Upper School

Physical Education • 2 credits - ½ credit for each semester of physical education classes or participation on interscholastic teams in Upper School.

Community Service • 50 hours in Upper School - to be completed by the beginning of the senior year

Swimming Competency • Students must pass a swimming competency test by the completion of the first semester of the senior year.

Course Schedule: The minimum course load in grade nine is five major courses and one minor. In grades ten through twelve, the minimum load is four major courses in each semester. The recommended course load for most students is five majors. Students may take six majors with permission of the Upper School Director.

Senior Project: During the month of May, each senior undertakes a senior project which she designs and carries out, subject to Senior Project Committee approval. Some explore possible future careers; others select social service work or creative pursuits.

Class Rank

Because of the relatively small size and strong quality of our graduating classes, we do not rank our students.

Mid-year Grades

Mid-year grades for seniors will be sent to colleges by February 1.

Academic Honors

Academic honors are awarded to seniors at Commencement. The Cum Laude Society also inducts outstanding Juniors.

Final Transcripts

Final transcripts for seniors will be sent to colleges in mid-June.

Grade Scale

A+ 97 - 100	C+ 77 - 79
A 93 - 96	C 73 - 76
A- 90 - 92	C- 70 - 72
B+ 87 - 89	D+ 67 - 69
B 83 - 86	D 63 - 66
B- 80 - 82	D- 60 - 62
F Below 60	

Grades on transcripts are not weighted. Honors and AP courses are weighted an additional 5 points when factored into the GPA. Major courses taken in grades 9-12 are used in calculation of GPA unless otherwise indicated. The School follows a semester calendar.

CLASS PROFILE & AWARDS

The Class of 2009

88 graduates
100% of Holton-Arms graduates will attend 4-year institutions.

National Merit Scholarship Program:

3 National Merit Scholars
7 National Merit Finalists
18 National Merit Commended

National Achievement Scholarship Program:

2 National Achievement Referred to Colleges

National Hispanic Scholarship Program:

3 National Hispanic Finalists

State of Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program:

	Academic	Talent
Finalists	5	1
Honorable Mention	4	2

Advanced Placement Scholars:

3 National AP Scholars
22 Scholars with Distinction
13 Scholars with Honors
16 Scholars

SAT Testing

	Mean	mid 50%	# testers
Critical Reading	673	620-730	76
Math	673	640-730	76
Writing	696	640-750	76

SAT Subject Tests

	Mean	# testers
Biology-M	642	44
Chemistry	664	9
English Literature	667	45
French	685	6
Mathematics I C	640	32
Mathematics II C	707	26
Spanish	682	13
U.S. History	688	23

ACT Testing

	Mean	# testers
Composite	29.0	48
English	30.4	48
Math	29.3	48
Reading	30.1	48
Science	27.2	48

Advancement Placement Testing

[All test takers in 2009. All students taking an AP course must sit for the exam. All scores are reported.]

Test	Number taking test	Percent scoring 3 or higher
Art History	17	100
Biology	35	86
Calculus AB	21	76
Calculus BC	9	100
Chemistry	1	100
Economics: Macro	19	58
Economics: Micro	19	74
English Language	16	100
English Literature	43	91
Environmental Science	34	65
European History	16	100
French Language	3	100
Latin	12	83
Physics [all levels]	35	57
Psychology	1	100
Spanish Language	20	95
Spanish Literature	6	100
Statistics	12	50
U.S. Government & Politics	41	83
U.S. History	16	100
Total tests	376	82

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES • CLASSES OF 2006-2009

Colleges listed in **bold type** indicate at least one matriculated student

Academy of Art University (CA)
Acadia University (Canada)
 American University (DC)
 Amherst College (MA)
 Appalachian State University (NC)
 Arcadia University (PA)
 Arizona State University (AZ)
 Auburn University (AL)
 Babson College (MA)
 Bard College (NY)
Barnard College (NY)
 Bates College (ME)
 Beloit College (WI)
 Birmingham-Southern College (AL)
Boston College (MA)
Boston University (MA)
Bowdoin College (ME)
Brandeis University (MA)
Brown University (RI)
Bryn Mawr College (PA)
Bucknell University (PA)
 California Polytechnic State University (CA)
 Carleton College (MN)
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)
 Case Western Reserve University (OH)
Catholic University of America (DC)
Chapman University (CA)
 Christopher Newport University (VA)
City University London (England)
 Claremont McKenna College (CA)
 Clemson University (SC)
Colby College (ME)
Colgate University (NY)
College of Charleston (SC)
 College of New Jersey (NJ)
College of the Holy Cross (MA)
College of William & Mary (VA)
College of Wooster (OH)
 Colorado College (CO)
Colorado State University (CO)
 Columbia College (IL)
Columbia University (NY)
Connecticut College (CT)
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art (NY)
Cornell University (NY)
Dartmouth College (NH)
Davidson College (NC)
Delaware State University (DE)
 Denison University (OH)
Dickinson College (PA)
Drew University (NJ)
 Drexel University (PA)
Duke University (NC)
Elon University (NC)
Emerson College (MA)
Emory University (GA)
 Franklin & Marshall College (PA)
 Franklin College (Switzerland)
 Furman University (SC)
 George Mason University (VA)
George Washington University (DC)
Georgetown University (DC)
 Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)
Gettysburg College (PA)
 Goucher College (MD)
 Grinnell College (IA)
 Guilford College (NC)
Hamilton College (NY)
Harvard University (MA)
 Haverford College (PA)
 Hillsdale College (MI)
 Hollins University (VA)
 Hood College (MD)
Howard University (DC)
Indiana University at Bloomington (IN)
 Ithaca College (NY)
James Madison University (VA)
Johns Hopkins University (MD)
Juniata College (PA)
 Kalamazoo College (MI)
Kenyon College (OH)
 King's College London (England)
 Lafayette College (PA)
 Lake Forest College (IL)
Lawrence University (WI)
 Leeds Metropolitan University (England)
 Lehigh University (PA)
 Loyola College (MD)
Loyola Marymount University (CA)
 Loyola University, New Orleans (LA)
 Macalester College (MN)
Maryland Institute College of Art (MD)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)
 McDaniel College (MD)
McGill University (Canada)
Miami University (OH)
Middlebury College (VT)
 Millikin University (IL)
Mount Holyoke College (MA)
 Muhlenberg College (PA)
 New England Conservatory of Music (MA)
New York University (NY)
 North Carolina State University (NC)
 Northeastern University (MA)
Northwestern University (IL)
Oberlin College (OH)
 Occidental College (CA)
 Ohio University (OH)
 Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)
 Oxford College of Emory University (GA)
Pennsylvania State University (PA)
Pepperdine University (CA)
 Philadelphia University (PA)
 Point Park University (PA)
 Pratt Institute (NY)
Princeton University (NJ)
Queens University at Kingston (Canada)
Randolph-Macon College (VA)
Reed College (OR)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)
 Rhode Island School of Design (RI)
 Rice University (TX)
 Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
Rollins College (FL)
 Rutgers University (NJ)
 San Francisco Art Institute (CA)
 Santa Clara University (CA)
 Sarah Lawrence College (NY)
 Savannah College of Art & Design (SC)
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL)
 School of the Museum of Fine Arts (MA)
Scripps College (CA)
Sewanee: The University of the South (TN)
 Shenandoah University (VA)
Skidmore College (NY)
Southern Methodist University (TX)
Spelman College (GA)
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian College (NC)
 St. John's College (NM/MD)
 St. John's University (NY)
 St. Lawrence University (NY)
St. Mary's College of Maryland (MD)
Stanford University (CA)
Swarthmore College (PA)
 Sweet Briar College (VA)
Syracuse University (NY)
Temple University (PA)
 Texas A&M University (TX)
Trinity College (CT)
 Trinity University (TX)
Tufts University (MA)
 Tulane University (LA)
United States Naval Academy (MD)
 University College London (England)
 University of Aberdeen (Scotland)
 University of Alabama (AL)
 University of Arizona (AZ)
 University of British Columbia (Canada)
University of California, Berkeley (CA)
 University of California, Los Angeles (CA)
 University of California, San Diego (CA)
 University of California, Santa Barbara (CA)
 University of Central Florida (FL)
University of Chicago (IL)
University of Colorado, Boulder (CO)
 University of Connecticut (CT)
 University of Dayton (OH)
University of Delaware (DE)
 University of Denver (CO)
 University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
 University of Findlay (OH)
 University of Florida (FL)
University of Georgia (GA)
University of Glasgow (Scotland)
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (IL)
 University of Louisville (KY)
 University of Mary Washington (VA)
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County (MD)
University of Maryland, College Park (MD)
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst (MA)
University of Miami (FL)
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (MI)
 University of Mississippi (MS)
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (NC)
University of North Carolina, Wilmington (NC)
 University of Northern Colorado (CO)
University of Notre Dame (IN)
University of Pennsylvania (PA)
 University of Pittsburgh (PA)
 University of Puget Sound (WA)
University of Richmond (VA)
University of Rochester (NY)
 University of San Diego (CA)
 University of San Francisco (CA)
 University of South Carolina (SC)
University of Southern California (CA)
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
 University of Sussex (England)
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville (TN)
University of Texas, Austin (TX)
 University of the Arts (PA)
 University of Toronto (Canada)
University of Vermont (VT)
University of Virginia (VA)
 University of Washington (WA)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (WI)
 Ursinus College (PA)
Vanderbilt University (TN)
 Vassar College (NY)
Villanova University (PA)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (VA)
 Virginia Wesleyan College (CA)
Wake Forest University (NC)
Washington & Lee University (VA)
Washington University in St. Louis (MO)
Wellesley College (MA)
Wesleyan University (CT)
 West Virginia University (WV)
 Westminster Choir College of Rider University (NJ)
Whitman College (WA)
Williams College (MA)
Yale University (CT)