

HOLTON

HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL 2018-2019 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges
and Schools
Association of Independent Maryland
Schools

Memberships

National Association of Independent
Schools
Association of Independent Maryland
Schools
Association of Independent Schools of
Greater Washington
National Coalition of Girls' Schools
College Board
National Association of College
Admission Counseling
Potomac and Chesapeake Association
of College Admission Counseling
Association of College Counselors
in Independent Schools

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 suburb of Washington, D.C. The School admits girls with strong academic interests and abilities who wish to engage with and contribute to the life of the School community.

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."

Vision Statement

Inspiring young women to lead lives of positive influence.

Students

Total Enrollment	674
Upper School (grade 9-12)	342
Class of 2019	80
Students of Color	38%
Foreign Nationals	2%
Student/Faculty Ratio	7:1
Average Class Size	15
Students receiving financial aid	22%
Student geographic distribution	70% Maryland 14% D.C. 16% Virginia

Faculty

Full- and part-time faculty	113
Advanced degrees	83%
Doctorates	9
Masters	85

Distinctive Upper School Curricular Features

Global Education – School sponsored trips: Language immersion trips to France, Italy, and Spain; cultural immersion journeys to China, India, and Peru.

Global Scholars – A designation for students who complete a specialized global curriculum including Global Issues and Perspectives, four years of language study, a global journey, and a senior capstone project.

One Schoolhouse – A consortium of schools who share a commitment to creating the best online courses, originally founded as the Online School for Girls by Holton-Arms and three other schools.

Independent Science Research – 8 week internships at local research facilities.

STEM Scholars – Students complete a variety of applied science and math opportunities, including an independent science research internship, and achieve a high level in related academic courses. 12-15 per class are so honored.

Writing Intensive Courses – All students experience instruction in research, analytical, expository and personal writing. Our singular program results in graduates who move on to become college writing tutors, journalists, and published authors.

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.

Athletic Championships

2015	ISL Swim and Dive WMPSSDL Swim and Dive Hockey MAGHL
2016	ISL AA Softball
2017	ISL Tennis MOCO Cross Country ISL Swim and Dive WMPSSDL Swim and Dive Novice Maryland State V4+ Maryland State Novice WMIRA V4+ WMIRA
2018	MOCO Private School XC AA ISL Tennis A ISL Volleybal WIHLMA Miran Ice Hockey ISL Swim and Dive WMPSSDL Swim and Dive
Students who participate in a sport: Upper School 60% Middle School 100%	

Effective for 2017-2018, Holton-Arms School moved to a trimester calendar.
 As of 2018-2019, some AP courses have been replaced by Advanced level courses.
 Enrollment in Honors, Advanced and AP level courses requires departmental approval.
 Class scheduling often does not permit students to enroll in all courses for which they are eligible.
 (Please see notes on page 3)

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses in bold type are **Honors**, **Advanced** or **AP** level and are given additional weight in GPA calculations. • **(Honors)** denotes that an Honors section is offered. • # Denotes a course not offered in 2018-2019. • * Denotes a one trimester course. § Credit for productions awarded beginning 2017-2018.

English

English 9, 10, & 11
 English 12/African-American Literature
 English 12/Banned Books
 English 12/Love in Literature
 English 12/Shakespeare #
 English 12/Sixties Protest Literature

Note: Although AP English is not offered, students are able to sit for an AP English exam.

History & the Social Sciences

The Historian's Craft
 U.S./European History I **(Honors)**
 U.S./European History II
AP U.S./AP European History
AP Economics - Micro & Macro
AP Psychology
AP U.S. Government
Advanced Global Art History in Washington D.C.
 Comparative World Religions
 Global Issues and Perspectives *
 History of Mathematics *

Mathematics

Algebra 1 **(Honors)**
 Geometry **(Honors)**
 Algebra 2/Trigonometry
 Algebra 2/Trigonometry with Data Analysis **(Honors)**
 Functions of Pre-Calculus
 Pre-Calculus **(Honors)**
 Introduction to Calculus
AP Calculus: AB
AP Calculus: BC
Advanced Mathematics: Multivariable Calculus
AP Statistics
 History of Mathematics *

Pure & Applied Sciences

Physics with Algebra #
 Physics **(Honors)**
 Chemistry **(Honors)**
 Biology **(Honors)**
 Introduction to Engineering #
AP Chemistry #
Advanced Analytical Physics
Advanced Global Applications in Environmental Science
Advanced Topics in Biology
 Computer Programming & Robotics *
 Earth & Space Science *
 Forensics: Analysis of Trace Evidence *
 Forensics: Beyond the Crime Scene *
 Microbiology *
 Molecular Biology *
 Science Literacy *
 Independent Science Research

World Languages

Chinese I, 2, 3, 4 **(4 Honors)**, 5 **(5 Honors)**
AP Chinese Language #
 French I, 2, & 3 **(3 Honors)**
 French 4: Conversation and Composition
 French 5: Cinéma et Francophonie
AP French Language
 Latin I & II
 Latin III: Roman Prose and Poetry #
 Advanced Readings in Latin Literature **(Honors)**
AP Latin
 Spanish I, 2, & 3 **(3 Honors)**
 Spanish 4: Conversation and Composition
 Spanish 5: Hispanic Culture through the Media
Spanish 5: Film & Theater Honors
AP Spanish: Language

Computer Science

Computer Science: App Development
 Computer Science: Web Development

Physical Education & Athletics

Instructional Courses:
 Beginning Swimming *
 Fundamentals of Physical Education *
 Lifeguarding * #
 Lifetime Fitness *
 Strength and Conditioning *
 For Dance offerings, see Dance & Drama

Music

Music Composition and Technology *
 Chorus Chamber Singers
 Swing Choir Handbell Choir
 Orchestra Chamber Orchestra
 Wind Ensemble Jazz Band

Dance

Dance Technique/Orchestr Ensemble
 Dance Technique *
 Int./Adv. Dance Technique *
 Dance Composition & Choreography *

Interscholastic Teams (ISL):

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

Visual Arts

Ceramics*
 Drawing and Painting *
 Photography *
 Advanced Ceramics
 Advanced Drawing and Painting
 Advanced Photography
 Applications in Graphic Design *
 (Advanced classes in Ceramics, Drawing and Painting, and Photography were previously called Art Major.)

Drama

Acting Workshop 1 *
 Acting Workshop 2 *
 Playwriting *
 Production Technology *
 Theatrical Design *
 Dramatic Performance and Applied Technical Theater *
 Fall Play/Musical §, Winter Plays §
 Spring Play/Musical (Landon School),
 One-Act Plays §

Health

Health and Guidance *

Student Media:

Scribbler, School Newspaper
Scribe, School Yearbook
Scroll, School Literary Magazine
Scrolling, Digital Hybrid Arts Magazine
Screen, School Video Production

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 63 credits including:

English • 12 credits

History and the Social Sciences •

9 credits, including one year of history in grade 9; U.S./European History I & II

Mathematics • 9 credits in Upper School

Physical Education • 4 credits

(1 credit for each trimester of physical education classes or participation on interscholastic teams in Upper School)

Pure & Applied Sciences • 9 credits, including Biology

Visual or Performing Arts • 4 credits in Art, Dance, Drama, or Music (as of Class of 2020)

World Languages • 9 credits in one language: successful completion of Level 3

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

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.

TRANSCRIPTS AND GRADING POLICY

Course Schedule: The grade 9 course load consists of at least five major courses. At least four major courses per trimester are required in grades 10 through 12. The recommended course load for most students is five majors. Students may take six majors with permission of the Upper School Director.

Class Rank

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

Academic Honors

The School does not maintain an Honor Roll. Each Spring the top 10% of the junior class is inducted into Cum Laude Society.

First Trimester Grades

As of 2017-2018 the School follows a trimester calendar.

First trimester grades for seniors will be sent to colleges before Thanksgiving.

Final Transcripts

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

Grade Equivalencies

All student work is assessed and reported on a 100-point scale. To convert to a 4.0 scale, please use the following information.

Sample:	80	2.7	86	3.3
	81	2.8	87	3.4
	82	2.9	88	3.5
	83	3.0	89	3.6
	84	3.1	90	3.7
	85	3.2		

- Grades on transcripts are not weighted; the GPA is weighted.
- Only final grades from academic and advanced art courses taken at Holton in grades 9-12 are used in the calculation of the GPA.
- Honors, AP and Advanced courses in core academic subjects are weighted an additional 5 points when factored into the GPA.
- One Schoolhouse online courses and other courses not taken at Holton are not included in a student's GPA.
- By agreement with 7 other independent schools in the Washington DC community, all AP courses will be replaced with Advanced courses of equal rigor by 2020.

CLASS PROFILE & AWARDS

The Class of 2018

74 graduates

100% plan to attend four-year institutions

National Merit Scholarship Program:

3 National Merit Finalists

14 National Merit Commended

23 Percent recognized by the

National Merit Scholarship Program

National Hispanic Recognition Program

4 National Hispanic Scholars

ACT Testing

	Mean	mid 50%	#testers
Composite	31.1	30-33	55
English	33.0	31-35	55
Mathematics	29.8	28-32	55
Reading	32.5	31-35	55
Science Reasoning	30.2	27-34	55
Writing	9.1	8-10	55

SAT Testing (1600 scale) Mean mid 50% #testers

Evidence Based

Reading and Writing 730 670-760 42

Mathematics 710 610-760 42

Writing 35 32-38 42

Total 1440 1280-1510 42

SAT Subject Tests

	Mean	# testers
Biology-Ecology	619	11
Biology-Molecular	637	16
Chemistry	680	23
English Literature	670	31
French	707	3
German w/listening	690	1
Mathematics Level I	663	24
Mathematics Level II	695	32
Physics	620	1
Spanish	649	7
Spanish w/listening	770	1
U.S. History	687	22

Advanced Placement Testing

Students very rarely take AP courses before junior year • The average number of AP courses taken by members of the Class of 2018 was 3.77.

[All test takers in 2018. All scores are included.]

*no related course offered

Number of tests taken **239**

Percent of scores 3 or higher:

Art History 100%	Japanese* 100%
Biology 100%	Latin 100%
Calculus AB 76%	Macroeconomics 67%
Calculus BC 100%	Microeconomics 100%
Chemistry 92%	Physics 75%
Chinese Language 100%	Psychology 89%
English Language* 81%	Spanish Language 92%
English Literature* 100%	Spanish Literature* 100%
Environmental Science 93%	Statistics 100%
European History 95%	U.S. Government & Politics 100%
French Language 67%	United States History 90%
Human Geography* 100%	



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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES • CLASSES OF 2015-2018

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

University of Alabama (AL)
 American Academy of Dramatic Arts (CA)
 American University (DC)
 American University of Paris (France)
Amherst College (MA)
 Auburn University (AL)
 Babson College (MA)
 Ball State University (IN)
 Bard College (NY)
Barnard College (NY)
Bates College (ME)
University of Bath (England)
 Baylor University (TX)
 Belmont University (TN)
 Beloit College (WI)
 Bennington College (VT)
 Berklee College of Music (MA)
 Boston College (MA)
Boston University (MA)
 Bowdoin College (ME)
Brandeis University (MA)
Brown University (RI)
 Bryant University (RI)
Bryn Mawr College (PA)
Bucknell University (PA)
 Butler University (IN)
California Institute of Technology (CA)
 University of California, Berkeley (CA)
 University of California, Davis (CA)
 University of California, Irvine (CA)
University of California, Los Angeles (CA)
 University of California, San Diego (CA)
University of California, Santa Barbara (CA)
 University of California, Santa Cruz (CA)
Carleton College (MN)
 Carnegie Mellon University (PA)
 Case Western Reserve University (OH)
 Catholic University of America (DC)
 Cedarville University (OH)
 Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design (England)
Chapman University (CA)
 College of Charleston (SC)
University of Chicago (IL)
 Christopher Newport University (VA)
 The Citadel (SC)
 Claremont McKenna College (CA)
 Clark University (MA)
Clemson University (SC)
Colby College (ME)
Colgate University (NY)
University of Colorado at Boulder (CO)
Colorado College (CO)
Columbia University (NY)
 Concordia College - Moorhead (MN)
 Connecticut College (CT)
 University of Connecticut (CT)
Cornell University (NY)
Dartmouth College (NH)
Davidson College (NC)
 University of Delaware (DE)
Denison University (OH)
 University of Denver (CO)
 DePaul University (IL)
Dickinson College (PA)
 Drew University (NJ)
 Drexel University (PA)
Duke University (NC)
 Duquesne University (PA)
Durham University (England)
Eastman School of Music (NY)
 Eckerd College (FL)
 Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (Switzerland)
University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
 Elmira College (NY)
Elon University (NC)
 Emerson College (MA)
 Emmanuel College (MA)
Emory University (GA)
 University of Exeter (England)
 Florida State University (FL)
 University of Florida (FL)
Fordham University (NY)
 Franklin and Marshall College (PA)
Furman University (SC)
 George Mason University (VA)
George Washington University (DC)
Georgetown University (DC)
Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)
University of Georgia (GA)
 Gettysburg College (PA)
 University of Glasgow (Scotland)
 Goldsmiths, University of London (England)
 Gordon College (MA)
 Goucher College (MD)
 Grinnell College (IA)
 Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)
Hamilton College (NY)
Hampshire College (MA)
 Hampton University (VA)
Harvard University (MA)
 Harvey Mudd College (CA)
 Haverford College (PA)
 University of Hawaii Manoa (HI)
 High Point University (NC)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY)
 Hofstra University (NY)
 Howard University (DC)
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (IL)
Illinois Wesleyan University (IL)
Indiana University at Bloomington (IN)
 University of Iowa (IA)
Ithaca College (NY)
 James Madison University (VA)
Johns Hopkins University (MD)
 Kent State University (OH)
Kenyon College (OH)
 King's College London (England)
 Knox College (IL)
 Lafayette College (PA)
Lawrence University (WI)
Lehigh University (PA)
 Lewis & Clark College (OR)
 University College London (England)
 University of London (England)
 Long Island University (NY)
 Louisiana State University (LA)
Loyola Marymount University (CA)
 Loyola University Chicago (IL)
Loyola University Maryland (MD)
Loyola University New Orleans (LA)
 Macalester College (MN)
 Marist College (NY)
 Marquette University (WI)
 University of Mary Washington (VA)
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (MD)
University of Maryland, College Park (MD)
 Maryland Institute College of Art (MD)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst (MA)
 McDaniel College (MD)
McGill University (Canada)
 Messiah College (PA)
Miami University, Oxford (OH)
University of Miami (FL)
University of Michigan (MI)
 Millikin University (IL)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MN)
 University of Mississippi (MS)
 University of Missouri, Columbia (MO)
 University of Montana (MT)
 Montana State University (MT)
 Mount Holyoke College (MA)
 Mount Saint Mary's University (MD)
 Muhlenberg College (PA)
 University of New Hampshire (NH)
New York University (NY)
 North Carolina A&T University (NC)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (NC)
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro (NC)
North Carolina State University (NC)
Northeastern University (MA)
 Northwestern University (IL)
 Norwich University (VT)
University of Notre Dame (IN)
 Nova Southeastern University (FL)
Oberlin College (OH)
 Occidental College (CA)
 Ohio University (OH)
Ohio State University (OH)
 Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)
 University of Oklahoma (OK)
 Old Dominion University (VA)
 Pace University (NY)
Pennsylvania State University (PA)
University of Pennsylvania (PA)
 Pepperdine University (CA)
University of Pittsburgh (PA)
 Point Park University (PA)
Pomona College (CA)
 Pratt Institute (NY)
Princeton University (NJ)
 Purdue University (IN)
 Queen Mary University of London (England)
 Reed College (OR)
 Regent's University London (England)
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)
 Rhode Island School of Design (RI)
 Rhodes College (TN)
Rice University (TX)
University of Richmond (VA)
 Rider University (NJ)
 Robert Morris University (PA)
University of Rochester (NY)
 Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
 Rollins College (FL)
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (IN)
 Ryerson University (Canada)
 Saint Mary's College (CA)
 Saint Mary's College (IN)
 Salisbury University (MD)
 University of San Diego (CA)
San Diego State University (CA)
 University of San Francisco (CA)
Santa Clara University (CA)
 Sarah Lawrence College (NY)
Savannah College of Art and Design (GA)
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL)
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (PA)
Scripps College (CA)
 Sewanee: The University of the South (TN)
 Simmons College (MA)
 Skidmore College (NY)
 Smith College (MA)
University of South Carolina (SC)
University of Southern California (CA)
Southern Methodist University (TX)
Spelman College (GA)
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
 St. John's University (NY)
 St. Lawrence University (NY)
 St. Mary's College of Maryland (MD)
 St. Olaf College (MN)
Stanford University (CA)
 Stony Brook University (NY)
Swarthmore College (PA)
Syracuse University (NY)
University of Tampa (FL)
The University of Texas, Austin (TX)
 Texas A&M University (TX)
 Texas Christian University (TX)
University of Toronto (Canada)
Towson University (MD)
Trinity College (CT)
Tufts University (MA)
Tulane University (LA)
 Union College (NY)
United States Military Academy (NY)
United States Naval Academy (MD)
 Ursinus College (PA)
Vanderbilt University (TN)
 Vassar College (NY)
 University of Vermont (VT)
Villanova University (PA)
 Virginia Commonwealth University (VA)
Virginia Tech University (VA)
University of Virginia (VA)
 Wagner College (NY)
 Wake Forest University (NC)
University of Warwick (England)
 Washington College (MD)
 University of Washington (WA)
Washington and Lee University (VA)
Washington University in St. Louis (MO)
Wellesley College (MA)
Wesleyan University (CT)
Wheaton College (IL)
 Widener University (PA)
College of William and Mary (VA)
 Williams College (MA)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (WI)
 Wofford College (SC)
 The College of Wooster (OH)
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)
Yale University (CT)
 York College (PA)
 York University (Canada)
 University of York (England)