School Mission and Values

Collegiate is an independent JK-12 college preparatory, coeducational school located west of Richmond and founded in 1915. Our mission is to create a diverse and inclusive community of learners committed to a challenging and supportive educational experience that will foster the intellectual, moral, emotional, and physical development of each student. The essence of the school is embodied in the phrase “Minds that seek. Hearts that serve.” and is dedicated to these shared values: Honor, Love of Learning, Excellence, Respect and Community. Our commitment to be a diverse school community is founded in our core philosophy, values and purpose. We aspire to create an inclusive environment that promotes engaged citizenship and encourages compassionate leadership.

Enrollment
Total: 1667
Upper: 559
Seniors: 139

Accreditation
AdvancED
Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS)

Admission and Aid
Competitive (retention rate is 97% JK-12), emphasizing strength in both scholarship and character. Financial assistance budget exceeds $4 million.

Transcript Legend
- School does not provide rank
- G.P.A.: Weighted (+ 0.5 for Honors/AP), cumulative based on 6 semesters
- Credits: Yearlong courses = 1.0, sem. courses = 0.5, year consists of 2 sem.
- Course Load: 5 minimum, 5 core recommended/average, 7 max. (almost never allowed)
- # of AP/Honors: 17 AP & 37 Honors courses offered (excluding Honors English designation)
- Block Schedule: No
- % Accepted at 4-yr. institutions: 100

Important Curriculum Notes
AP/Honors: Enrollment limited by student’s load and qualifications, prerequisites and # of sections. Students are discouraged from taking more than 2-3 per year, and most APs are not available until junior/senior years. Students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the exam.

English: AP is not offered. Honors designation available for junior/senior electives only: prerequisite of A- English average, includes substantial independent reading, research, writing and culminating project requirements. Students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the exam.

History: AP U.S. History is not offered. Honors designation available by department approval and carries with it substantial independent reading, research, writing and culminating project/presentation requirements.

Science: AP/Honors restricted heavily by math level – for instance, Honors Physics placement typically requires concurrent enrollment in Honors Pre Calculus or higher.

Senior Capstone: Required of all seniors this semester academic class receives .5 history credit and places classroom learning in real-life context, focusing on student contribution and connection to the world.

Visual & Performing Arts: AP courses are not offered. Honors Studio Art is akin to AP Studio Art in its yearlong, portfolio-driven demands. Honors courses offered in Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Theater and Dance – students must demonstrate learned techniques in a solo performance setting, compose original works and complete a written component of their chosen area of study.

Summer Courses
A limited # of courses are offered over the summer for credit in English, History, Math, Science and H & W, taught at the same level of rigor / expectations, by the same teachers, as during the year and are marked with (SS) on the transcript. In some cases, it may look as if a senior is only taking one semester of English due to a prior summer course.

Co-Curriculum Highlights
- Student-Run Honor Code
- Community Service Program
- Vibrant Visual & Performing Arts
- Competitive Athletics
  - 2-season requirement
  - Frequent league /state titles
- Global Education Focus & Initiatives
  - 15 International partner schools
  - Emerging Leaders Conference
Course Offerings (*denotes semester course)

**Mathematics** (3 credits required)
- Algebra I & Algebra II
- Honors Algebra I
- Geometry, Honors Geometry & Trigonometry
- Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus
- Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Honors Math Modeling* Honors Advanced Geometry*
- Honors Linear Algebra
- Honors Multivariable Calculus*
- Statistics & Applied Math

**Contemporary World History**
- World History: Rise of Civ to WHI History of England*
- Expeditions: Astronomy and History*
- Honors History: Gender and Society*
- Honors U.S. History: Race, Culture & Sport*
- History: Rise of the Dictators*
- Honors History: The 1970s*
- Honors History: Middle East*
- U.S. History Survey, Honors U.S. History Survey
- AP Economics (Micro* & Macro*)
- AP U.S. Government and Politics*
- AP Comparative Government

**Sr. Capstone: Global/Civic Engagement**

**Science** (3 credits required)
- Biology (lab), Honors Biology (lab)
- Chemistry (lab), Honors Chemistry (lab)
- Physics (lab)
- Honors Physics (lab) (placement by math level)
- AP Biology (lab)
- AP Chemistry (lab)
- AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (lab)
- AP Physics C: Mechanics (lab)
- AP Environmental Science (lab)
- AP Computer Science Principles (lab)
- Biology II* (lab)
- Ecology* (lab)
- Expeditions: Astronomy and History* (lab)
- Forensics* (lab)
- Human Anatomical Systems I* and II* (lab)
- Marine Biology* (lab)
- STEAM Collaboratory: Engineering & Robotics* (lab)

**World Language** (3 credits required)
- French I -- IV
- Honors Latin II -- IV
- Mandarin Chinese I -- IV
- Honors Mandarin Chinese II -- IV
- Spanish I -- IV
- Honors Spanish II -- IV
- AP Chinese Language
- AP French Language
- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language

**Fine Arts** (1 credit required)
- Architecture: Residential Design*
- Drawing I -- II, Painting I -- II, Ceramics I -- III, Sculpture I -- III, 3-D Design I -- II
- Honors Design for Publication*
- Printmaking*
- Design for Publication (formerly Torch/Yearbook)*
- Digital Media Arts I -- II*
- Fine Craft Furniture I -- II*
- Fundamentals of Photography*
- Intermediate Photography*, Honors Photography*
- Honors Studio Art (skin to AP Studio Art in its yearlong demands)
- Filmmaking & Video Editing*
- Acting I -- III*, Technical Theater & Design*
- Theater Ensemble*, Theater Production*, Honors Theater Dance Technique*, Dance Performance*
- Dance Company, Honors Dance Company
- Chorus (year = 0.5 credit)
- Orchestra (year = 0.5 credit or 1 credit)
- Jazz Band/Orchestra, Orchestra/Chorus
- Jazz Band/Guitar, Guitar/Orchestra
- Honors Music (Choral or Instrumental)
- Camerata (audition-only a cappella)
- Guitar Ensemble* (year = 0.5 credit)
- Private Lessons (year = 0.25 credit)

**History** (3.5 credits required)
- World History I: Rise of Civilization*
- World History II: 1610 -- 1919*
- World History III: 1919 -- Present*

**English** (4 credits required)
- English 9 & 10
- English 11* & 12* -- semester offerings below: African American Literature

**Courses in GPA**
- Health & Wellness, Private Lessons

**Other**
- (2.5 academic electives required in addition to the required below)
- Comparative World Religion* (required)
- Torch (Yearbook)/ Journalism*
- Health & Wellness I* (required)
- Health & Wellness II / Driver Education* (required)
- Independent Study

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**SAT**
- Class of 2020
  - Mid 50% M: 580-710
- Class of 2017-19
  - Mid 50% M: 590-720

**ACT**
- C/O 2020
  - Mid 50% Composite: 26-32
- C/O 2017-19
  - Mid 50% Composite: 26-32

**AP**
- C/O 2020
  - 94% (3,4,5)
- C/O 2017-19
  - 84% (3,4,5)

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