School and Community
Severn School, founded in 1914, is an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory day school, located in the heart of the Washington-Baltimore-Annapolis triangle. Admission is selective. Qualified students are admitted without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic status, religion, physical ability, or sexual orientation. Severn School is accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools, the Middle States Association and approved by the Maryland State Board of Education. The school holds membership in NAIS, NACAC, AIMS, CASE, CEEB, ERB, ACCIS, and NASSP.

Students and Faculty
• There are 591 students in grades six through twelve.
• The graduating class totals 96.
• Almost 75% of the teaching faculty hold an advanced degree.
• The faculty-to-student ratio is approximately 1 to 10.
• The average class size is 14.

Graduation Requirements
Most students carry a minimum of six courses each semester. Graduation from Severn requires a minimum of 21 credits, distributed accordingly:
• English – 4
• Mathematics – 3
• Foreign Language – 3
• History – 3
• Lab Science – 3
• Fine Arts – 1
• Electives – 4

Also, students must participate in a physical activity each year and be certified in CPR by the time of graduation. All Upper School students are required to fulfill a community service requirement each year.

Independent Study and Foreign Exchange
There are several opportunities for Independent Study. The Severn Fellows Program invites a select group of applicants to undertake a year-long independent project during their senior year, culminating in a presentation to members of the School community. The head of the history department selects a handful of students to prepare each year for the Economics Challenge, a competition among schools in the Mid-Atlantic region. In the fine arts, students may be invited into an independent study program. All seniors participate in a two-week Independent Senior Project in May. Every spring, selected students participate for three weeks in a home-stay program with our partner school in Brescia, Italy. Others travel with a teacher to Italy or France.

Postgraduate Plans
Typically 100% of our seniors enter four-year colleges or universities upon graduation.

Grade Point Average
A cumulative, weighted GPA is computed after each semester and includes grades earned in a summer school course offered at Severn. Semester grades of all courses taken at Severn are used in calculating a student’s GPA. When a class is repeated, only the repeated grade is included in the GPA calculation. Both grades appear on the transcript, but credit is awarded only once.

Advanced Courses and Weighting
All courses are college preparatory. Grades earned in Honors and Advanced Placement courses are given an extra value of .33 and .67, respectively, to determine a weighted grade point average. Grades reported on the transcript are the actual grades the student earned before weighting. Students are invited into advanced courses and rarely carry more than three AP courses per year.

Rank in Class
Severn does not rank students. Colleges are referred to the enclosed grade distribution chart.

Honor Rolls
Each semester Severn posts the Headmaster’s List (A- average, no grade below B-) and the Honor Roll (B average, no grade below B-).

Honor Code
Severn School lives by an Honor Code, created by students to foster and maintain a culture of trust in our community. Students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. The faculty pledge to uphold the Honor Code and its guidelines.

Calendar
The school year is divided into two semesters that end in mid-January and early June. The day is divided into five periods, with classes meeting 60 minutes each day on a seven-day rotating schedule. Time is reserved at the end of each day for extra help and activities.

Reporting Disciplinary Actions
Severn does not volunteer information to colleges about minor infractions of School rules for which a student may have incurred disciplinary action. If asked, Severn will report major violations of community standards or patterns of potentially harmful behavior, which may have resulted in probation, suspension, or separation from the School. Furthermore, as a member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling, and in accordance with this organization’s Principles of Good Practice, Severn will report to a college to which a student has made application any significant change in the student’s academic status or qualifications between the time of application and graduation.
The school year is divided into two semesters. A student earns one credit for a year-long course and one-half credit for a semester course. A student is required to carry a minimum of five classes each semester and needs a minimum of 21 credits to graduate. Severn adds a .33 or .67 to Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, respectively.

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<td>Four Credits required:</td>
<td>• Creative Writing</td>
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<td>• Comparative Lit: Myth to Fairy Tale</td>
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<td>• International Relations</td>
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<td>• Chemistry</td>
<td>• Introduction to Robotics</td>
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<td>• Biology</td>
<td>• Advanced Robotics</td>
<td>• Linear Algebra/Adv. Calculus (AP weight; introduced 2011-12)</td>
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<td>• Introduction to Environmental Science</td>
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<td>FOREIGN</td>
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<td>• Digital Film and Video I/II</td>
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College Board Mid-50% Scores

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Advanced Placement

Enrollment in AP courses is subject to approval. Students in an AP class are required to take the respective AP exam.

In May 2012, 172 students in the Classes of 2012-2014 took 314 AP exams in 14 subjects:

81% scored 3 or above.
56% scored a 4 or 5.

Percentile Results by Class:

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<td>2012</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>73%</td>
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College Enrollment

Members of the classes of 2009-2012 enrolled in the following four-year colleges and universities:

- Allegheny College
- American University
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Bates College
- Belmont University
- Bethune-Cookman University
- Boston College
- Bowdoin College
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- Carleton College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clemson University
- Colgate University
- College of Charleston
- College of William and Mary
- Columbia University
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Denison University
- Dickinson College
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- Eckerd College
- Elon University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Fairfield University
- Flagler College
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Franklin College Switzerland
- Furman University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia Southern University
- Gettysburg College
- Goucher College
- Hamilton College - NY
- Harvard University
- Haverford College
- High Point University
- Hofstra University
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Juniata College
- Kent State University
- Kenyon College
- Kettering University
- Lehigh University
- Louisiana Tech University
- Loyola University Maryland
- Lynchburg College
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Marymount University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Mercer University
- Messiah College
- Miami University, Oxford
- Middlebury College
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- Naval Academy Preparatory School
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Old Dominion University
- Paul Smith’s College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Quinipiac University
- Radford University
- Randolph-Macon College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College
- Rice University
- Roanoke College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Rollins College
- Saint Joseph’s University
- Salisbury University
- Santa Clara University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Shepherd University
- Skidmore College
- Southern Methodist University
- St. John’s University - Queens Campus
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- Stanford University
- Stevenson University
- Suffolk University
- Susquehanna University
- Syracuse University
- The Catholic University of America
- The College of Wooster
- The George Washington University
- The Ohio State University
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Arizona
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- The University of Tampa
- Towson University
- Tufts University
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Kentucky
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri Columbia
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Richmond
- University of San Diego
- University of South Carolina
- University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Vermont
- University of Virgin Islands
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington and Lee University
- Washington College
- Washington University in St. Louis
- West Virginia University
- Whitman College
- Williams College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Yale University

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