



# North Raleigh Christian Academy

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## School Profile 2019-2020



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### NRCA Mission Statement

North Raleigh Christian Academy is a community Christian school assisting families by providing excellence in academics, fine arts, and athletics, while instilling Biblical principles in students' lives that they might impact their society for Christ.

### NRCA Vision Statement

North Raleigh Christian Academy stands as a lighthouse to those seeking a Christ-centered place of excellence with a loving and caring environment where students can launch into adult life equipped with the character and skills to navigate successfully for God's service.

### SCHOOL CODE

343-223

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

North Raleigh Christian Academy is the largest private school in Wake County. NRCA is a community Christian school in the North Raleigh area of the capital city, part of the research triangle region of North Carolina and possessing one of the most highly educated populations in the country. The local economy is based on government, education, advanced medical care, biotechnology, IT and telecommunications.

### GRADUATE STATISTICS Class of 2019

#### TEST SCORES

(86% took SAT)

SAT	Reading	Math
NRCA top 10%	714	749
NRCA top 25%	693	704
NRCA	621	605

(100% took ACT)

ACT	Count
NRCA top 10%	32
NRCA top 25%	30
NRCA	25

### Class of 2019

119 Pursue post-secondary education  
\$3.8 Million in earned scholarships

The 120 graduates of the Class of 2019 will attend 46 different colleges and universities. Nine colleges will be attended for the first time by an NRCA graduate. Five graduates are playing on varsity sports teams at college and the class collectively served 13,287 hours of community service during high school.

### National Merit

In the past eight years, NRCA has had the following National Merit students.

- 2019 - 1 commended
- 2018 - 5 commended, 1 National Hispanic Scholar
- 2017 - 3 commended, 1 business scholar
- 2016 - 1 National Merit scholar, 3 commended
- 2015 - 2 commended, 1 business scholar
- 2014 - 4 commended, 1 business scholar
- 2013 - 1 National Merit semi-finalist, 4 commended, 4 business scholars
- 2012 - 1 National Merit scholar, 1 National Achievement scholar, 4 commended

### STUDENT BODY ENROLLMENT (effective August 2019)

Grades Pre-K through 12	1409	High School (grades 9-12):	542
Pre-K - Elementary	530		
Middle School (grades 6-8)	337	Average High School Class Size:	19

### GPA COMPUTATION

The GPA is the equivalent GPA quality points divided by the number of yearly credits. While GPA is updated at the semester, once yearly grades are available, only they are used in the calculation.

- GPA = all subjects with the exception of teacher assistants and study hall in grades 9 – 12
- AP denotes Advanced Placement and receives 2.0 extra quality points
- Honors denotes Advanced course and receives 1.0 extra quality point

#### GRADING SCALE:

90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D

Given the small class size, academic strength of students, the narrow range of grades, and rigorous college preparatory curriculum, North Raleigh Christian Academy does not rank its students. The valedictorian and salutatorian are the only ranks designated.

### CALENDAR

Four quarter, two semester grading system.

Traditional schedule of seven fifty-minute class periods, with optional eighth class at 7:00 am.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE & MISSION REQUIREMENT

A minimum of 12 hours of community service per year at North Raleigh Christian Academy in grades 9 through 12 is required. Typically, at least 75% of NRCA graduates volunteer over one hundred hours of community service during high school.

Each student must participate in at least one mission trip during his/her high school years. This trip must be at least three days in length and occur outside of the local community.

North Raleigh Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic, and other school-administered programs.

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## NRCA<sup>plus</sup> VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NRCA offers a significant list of courses outside the on-campus offerings through NRCA<sup>plus</sup>. NRCA<sup>plus</sup> offers several online courses that are not offered in the traditional classroom setting at our school. These courses require an additional fee.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students may earn college credit through a partnership with The College at Southeastern. The College at Southeastern gives college credit for eight courses taught at NRCA. These courses are: AP European History, AP US History, AP Literature & Composition, AP Language & Composition, Systematic Theology, Honors Philosophy, Biblical Hermeneutics, and Christian Apologetics.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NRCA offers many extra-curricular opportunities in the areas of athletics and fine arts. Student Council elections are held each year with each homeroom electing a council representative. The NRCA Leadership Team consists of ten percent of students from each grade who lead their peers in chapel small group discussions and assist with hospitality during special events at the school. Students in grades 7-9 and grades 10-12 are selected by a faculty council for the National Junior Honor Society and the National Honor Society respectively. NRCA offers thirteen clubs. These clubs provide extra-curricular options and opportunities for leadership.

## ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Council on Accreditation and School Improvement
- Association of Christian Schools International
- Commission on International and Transregional Accreditation
- Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
- North American Coalition for Christian Admission Professionals
- National Forensic League
- AdvancED

GENERAL	COLLEGE PREPARATORY	HONORS*
<b>English:</b> 4 units	<b>English:</b> 4 units	<b>English:</b> 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses
<b>Math:</b> 2-3 units Algebra I required	<b>Math:</b> 4 units (Most students take Algebra I in 8th grade)	<b>Math:</b> 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses (Most students take Algebra I in 8th grade)
<b>Science:</b> 2-3 units Biology required	<b>Science:</b> 4 units	<b>Science:</b> 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses
<b>History:</b> 4 units World History and U.S. History required (Not eligible for Honors level classes)	<b>History:</b> 4 units	<b>History:</b> 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses
	<b>Foreign Language:</b> 3 units	<b>Foreign Language:</b> 3 units
<b>Electives:</b> 9 units	<b>Electives:</b> 5 units	<b>Electives:</b> 6 units
<b>TOTAL: 22 units</b>	<b>TOTAL: 24 units</b>	<b>TOTAL: 25 units</b>
Class of 2019 percentage of students in each track.		
9%	48%	43%

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## AP DISTINCTIONS

248 students took 575 AP Exams in May 2019.

<b>2019</b>	AP Scholars	56
	AP Scholars with Honor	14
	AP Scholars with Distinction	15
	AP National Scholar	1

## ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

<b>ENGLISH</b>	AP Language and Composition AP Literature and Composition Honors English I Honors English II Honors American Literature Honors British Literature
<b>HISTORY</b>	AP European History AP U.S. History AP World History <i>(online)</i> Honors U.S. Constitution Honors U.S. History Honors Economics
<b>MATH</b>	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC <i>(only available to certain students)</i> AP Statistics <i>(online)</i> Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Pre-Calculus Honors College Math
<b>SCIENCE</b>	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics I AP Environmental Science <i>(beginning Aug. 2019)</i> Honors Chemistry Honors Ecology Honors Biology Honors Anatomy
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b>	AP Spanish Honors Spanish III
<b>FINE ARTS</b>	AP Music Theory AP Studio Art AP Art History <i>(online)</i> Honors Choir Honors Band Honors Select Ensemble Honors Jazz Ensemble <i>The following courses are only offered specific years:</i> Honors Choreography & Performance Honors Production and Film Honors Advanced Acting I & II Honors Theatre Directing & Performance
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b>	AP Computer Science A <i>(online)</i> AP Computer Science Principles <i>(beginning Aug. 2016)</i> Honors Robotics
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	AP Psychology AP Micro/Macro Economics <i>(online)</i> Honors Allied Sciences II Honors Creative Writing Honors Philosophy Honors Speech and Debate Honors Graphic Design <i>(Editors receive honors credit)</i> Honors Journalism <i>(Editors receive honors credit)</i> Honors Yearbook <i>(Editors receive honors credit)</i>

### Note on AP and Honors class restrictions:

AP courses: A or B in previous AP course, A in previous Honors course

Honors courses: A or B in previous Honors course, A in previous non-Honors course