



North Raleigh Christian Academy

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School Profile 2021-2022



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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 2021

TEST SCORES

(53% took SAT)

SAT	Reading/Math
NRCA top 10%	1405
NRCA top 25%	1352
NRCA	1194

(100% took ACT)

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

Class of 2021

99% Pursue post-secondary education
\$17.5 Million in earned scholarships

The 152 graduates of the Class of 2021 will attend 56 different colleges and universities. Fourteen colleges will be attended for the first time by an NRCA graduate. Thirteen graduates are playing on varsity sports teams and the class collectively served 15,757 hours of community service during high school.

NRCA does not provide academic accommodations or IEP's. All students are required to provide test scores upon admission and must score a minimum stanine of 4 on the Terra Nova exam.

STUDENT BODY ENROLLMENT (effective August 17, 2021)

Grades Pre-K through 12	1542	High School (grades 9-12):	541
Pre-K - Elementary	539		
Middle School (grades 6-8)	353	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.

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NRCA^{plus} VIRTUAL ACADEMY

NRCA offers a significant list of courses outside the on-campus offerings through NRCA^{plus}. NRCA^{plus} 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 30	COLLEGE PREPARATORY 74	HONORS* 48
English: 4 units	English: 4 units	English: 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses
Math: 2-3 units Algebra I required	Math: 4 units (Most students take Algebra I in 8th grade)	Math: 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses (Most students take Algebra I in 8th grade)
Science: 2-3 units Biology required	Science: 4 units	Science: 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses
History: 4 units World History and U.S. History required (Not eligible for Honors level classes)	History: 4 units	History: 4 units Three Honors and/or AP Courses
	Foreign Language: 3 units	Foreign Language: 3 units
Electives: 9 units	Electives: 5 units	Electives: 6 units
TOTAL: 22 units	TOTAL: 24 units	TOTAL: 25 units
19%	Class of 2020 percentage of students in each track. 49%	32%

"Put on the whole armor of God..."
Ephesians 6:11

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AP DISTINCTIONS

269 students took 598 AP Exams in May 2021.

2020	AP Scholars	47
	AP Scholars with Honor	12
	AP Scholars with Distinction	11

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH	AP Language and Composition AP Literature and Composition Honors English I Honors English II Honors American Literature Honors British Literature
HISTORY	AP European History AP U.S. History AP U.S. Government & Politics (effective Aug. 2021) AP World History (online) Honors World History Honors U.S. Constitution Honors U.S. History Honors U.S. Government & Politics Honors Economics
MATH	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC (only available to certain students) AP Statistics (online) Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Pre-Calculus Honors College Math
SCIENCE	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics I AP Environmental Science Honors Chemistry Honors Ecology Honors Biology Honors Anatomy
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	AP Spanish Honors Spanish III
FINE ARTS	AP Music Theory AP Studio Art AP Art History (online) Honors Choir Honors Band Honors Select Ensemble Honors Jazz Ensemble Honors Production and Film <i>The following courses are only offered specific years:</i> Honors Choreography & Performance Honors Advanced Acting I & II Honors Theatre Directing & Performance Honors Theatrical Creativity
COMPUTER SCIENCE	AP Computer Science A (online) AP Computer Science Principles (beginning Aug. 2016) Honors Robotics
ELECTIVES	AP Psychology AP Micro/Macro Economics (online) Honors Allied Sciences II Honors Creative Writing Honors Philosophy Honors Speech and Debate Honors Graphic Design (Editors receive honors credit) Honors Journalism (Editors receive honors credit) Honors Yearbook (Editors receive honors credit)

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