



# School Profile 2012-2013

## School and Community

Founded in 1862 by members of Christ Episcopal Church, Ravenscroft School became an independent non-sectarian school in 1968. Ravenscroft School is a co-educational college preparatory day school, grades pre-Kindergarten through grade 12, located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Raleigh, along with Chapel Hill and Durham, is a vital part of the Research Triangle, a world center for technology and research. The talented and well-educated work force of both the Research Triangle Park and the colleges/universities of the three cities provides the area with rich academic and cultural resources. The School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

### Ravenscroft At a Glance

- Strong tradition of participation in challenging academic courses, fine arts, athletics, and community service
- Twenty hours of community service required each year for Upper School students
- Three-week internship with a final written analysis required for seniors
- International Diploma awarded to students who meet course and cross-cultural expectations
- Exchange program with Spain and China
- Consortium school for summer studies of the humanities in Spoleto, Italy
- Participates in Siempre Verde summer experience in the cloud forest of Ecuador
- One of 20 founding members of the Global Education Benchmark Group
- Frequent selection of students for English-Speaking Union Exchange, North Carolina Governor's School, and North Carolina's Summer Ventures for gifted students in science and mathematics
- Diverse fine arts program, includes award-winning visual arts and performing arts
- Successfully compete in nationally renowned athletic tournaments in multiple sports
- Student originated and directed ongoing project of RavensBuild, a Habitat for Humanity home

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### Enrollment

#### Upper School:

460 in Grades 9-12  
101 in senior class

#### Middle School:

304 in Grades 6-8

#### Lower School:

445 in Grades pre-K-5

#### Total Enrollment:

1209

### Faculty

Upper School Faculty: 67  
Percent with Advanced Degrees: 70%  
Doctorate: 6  
Student-Faculty Ratio: 7:1  
Average Class size: 13

## Disciplinary Reporting Policy

Ravenscroft School policy is to report to colleges, whether asked or not, any disciplinary action which results from an Honor Code violation as well as any suspensions. This policy applies to actions occurring up to and including graduation.

## Honors and Advanced Placement Class Offerings

Ravenscroft offers 34 honors courses and 24 Advanced Placement courses:  
(Electives offered vary from year to year and depend on enrollment)

### English\*

Honors English I, II, III  
AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition

\*AP Language and Composition may only be taken as an elective in the junior year or as a core requirement in the senior year.

### Mathematics

Honors Algebra II  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
Honors Geometry  
Honors Multivariable Calculus  
Honors Precalculus AB  
Honors Precalculus BC  
AP Statistics

### Science

Honors Astronomy-Solar System  
Honors Astronomy-Stellar and Galactic  
Honors Biology  
AP Biology  
Honors Chemistry  
AP Chemistry  
Honors Engineering A  
Honors Engineering B  
AP Environmental Science  
Honors Physics  
AP Physics

### Social Studies

AP Comparative Government and Politics  
AP European History  
AP Human Geography  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP Microeconomics  
AP Psychology  
Honors Seminar in Religion and Ethics  
AP U.S. Government and Politics  
AP U.S. History  
AP World History

### World Languages

Honors French II, III, IV  
AP French Language and Culture  
Honors Greek I, II  
Honors Latin II, III, IV  
Honors Mandarin Chinese II, III  
AP Latin  
Honors Spanish II, III, IV  
AP Spanish Language

### Fine Arts

AP Art  
AP Art History  
Honors Choral Ensemble  
Honors Drama  
Honors String Ensemble  
Honors Wind Ensemble

### Computer Science

AP Computer Science A  
Honors Computer Science

## Graduation Requirements

To receive a diploma from Ravenscroft School, a student must earn 22 specified credits in Grades 9-12.

Subject	Units	Subject	Units
English	4 ½ (including Composition)	World Languages	2 (Spanish, French, Latin, Mandarin Chinese - must complete level 3)
Mathematics	4 (one credit beyond Algebra II)	Fine Arts	1
Social Studies	3 (World History, American History, Economics, American Government)	Physical Education	1
Science	3 (including Biology and Chemistry)	Other Electives	3 ½

## Weighted Grade Point Averages and Class Rank

Grade point averages are determined on a four-point scale, with grades for Advanced Placement courses weighted one full point. *Beginning with the Class of 2013, honors courses will be weighted .5, instead of 1 point.* Only grades earned at Ravenscroft School are used in computing grade point averages. GPAs are calculated using the following scale:

Grade	Quality Points	Grade	Quality Points	Grade	Quality Points	Grade	Quality Points
A+ (99-100)	4.33	B+ (91-92)	3.33	C+ (84-85)	2.33	D+ (76-77)	1.33
A (95-98)	4.00	B (88-90)	3.00	C (80-83)	2.00	D (72-75)	1.00
A- (93-94)	3.67	B- (86-87)	2.67	C- (78-79)	1.67	D- (70-71)	0.67
						F (69 and below)	0.00

Ravenscroft School uses quintiles to compare students. Since Ravenscroft School is a college preparatory school where students typically score above the national average on standardized tests, class rank is not viewed as a significant measure of a student's performance.

## Grade Point Distribution for the Class of 2013 as of August 2012 (6 semesters)

Quintile	Range	Mean	<i>Quintiles are based on cumulative Ravenscroft GPAs through the end of the junior year. In evaluating the distribution for the 101 students in the Class of 2013, please note that generally no student with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 is eligible to re-enroll.</i>
1st	4.72-4.10	4.32	
2nd	4.08-3.75	3.86	
3rd	3.74-3.47	3.60	
4th	3.45-3.15	3.30	
5th	3.14-2.39	2.79	

## Advanced Placement Results

In 2012, 231 students wrote 490 exams. Students who enroll in AP courses must complete each course by taking the College Board AP Exam.

In 2012, 87% of exams received scores of 3 or higher.

33% - 5                      34% - 4                      20% - 3

In 2011, 91% of exams received scores of 3 or higher.

34% - 5                      35% - 4                      23% - 3

## SAT Results

The Class of 2011 with 102 students achieved an SAT average of 1277 (Critical Reading and Math) or 1924 (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing).

The Class of 2012 with 115 students achieved an SAT average of 1284 (Critical Reading and Math) or 1919 (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing).

Range of SAT scores for middle 50%:

<u>Class of 2012</u>		<u>Class of 2013 (as of August 2012)</u>	
Critical Reading	570 – 680	Critical Reading	560 – 660
Math	580 – 730	Math	580 – 690
Writing	570 – 700	Writing	550 – 690

## National Merit

In the Class of 2011, there were four National Merit Finalists and 12 Commended Students.

In the Class of 2012, there were five National Merit Finalists, 15 Commended Students, and one Finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

## AP Scholars

In the Class of 2011, there were 13 AP Scholars, 14 AP Scholar with Honor Awards, and 44 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards, two of whom were designated National AP Scholars.

In the Class of 2012, there were 13 AP Scholars, 17 AP Scholar with Honor Awards, and 45 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards, twelve of whom were designated National AP Scholars.

## Academic Notes

- Emphasis on writing: Four years of writing-intensive English courses and a semester course in Composition, making 4.5 units of English required for graduation
- Talented and motivated students regularly pursue interests beyond the curriculum with independent study courses and/or college courses, especially popular with Computer Science
- Enhanced emphasis on global studies, partnership with UNC-Chapel Hill World-View, Mandarin Chinese program begun 2008-2009
- Of the 115 members of the Class of 2012, 74% took at least one AP science course; 77% took at least one AP social studies course
- 100% of 101 members of the Class of 2013 meet or exceed the NC math requirement for college preparatory curriculum

## Community Service Notes

- In 2011-2012, 75 of the 459 students in Upper School earned national Presidential Community Service Awards: 8 Gold (250 or more hours), 11 silver (175 to 239) and 56 bronze (100-174)
- The previous year, 67 Upper School students earned national Presidential Community Service Awards (13 gold, 9 silver, 44 bronze)

## Fine Arts Notes

- 454-seat theater with stage turntable and wings, as well as ample shop space
- 180-space black box theater
- Consistent acceptance into competitive fine arts programs in major institutions, professional orchestras, theater, and television

## Athletic Notes

- 80% participation on the 24 Varsity boys and girls athletic teams in 15 sports
- Currently, more than four dozen graduates compete in inter-collegiate athletics for 15 different men's and women's sports. More than 50% of those student-athletes compete for Division I programs
- 2011-2012 college student-athlete accomplishments include:
  - All-ACC Academic selections (*golf*)
  - All-Pioneer League Academic selection (*football*)
  - All-Pioneer League selection (*football*)
  - All-America Scholar (*golf*)
  - All-American selection (*football*)
  - NCAA finalist (*soccer*)
  - ACC Champion (*golf*)

## Previous Graduates

Typically, one hundred percent of the graduates pursue their education beyond the secondary level. The members of the classes of 2011 and 2012 were accepted at the following institutions, matriculating at schools in bold print.

American University  
American University of Beirut  
**Appalachian State University**  
Arizona State University  
**Auburn University**  
Barton College  
Belmont Abbey College  
Belmont University  
**Boston College**  
Boston University  
**Bowdoin College**  
**Brown University**  
**Bryn Mawr College**  
Bucknell University  
Campbell University  
**Carleton College**  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
Champlain College  
Christopher Newport University  
**Clemson University**  
Colby College  
**Colgate University**  
**College of Charleston**  
Colorado State University  
**Concordia University - Chicago**  
**Cornell University**  
**Dartmouth College**  
**Davidson College**  
**Denison University**  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
**Duke University**  
Durham University - England  
**East Carolina University**  
Eckerd College  
**Elon University**  
**Emory & Henry College**  
**Emory University**  
Eugene Lang College The New School for  
Liberal Arts  
**Fashion Institute of Technology**  
**Fayetteville State University**  
Flagler College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida State University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
**George Washington University**  
**Georgetown University**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**Gettysburg College**  
**Ghent University - Belgium**  
**Guilford College**  
**Hampden-Sydney College**  
Hampton University  
**High Point University**  
**Howard University**

**James Madison University**  
Johns Hopkins University  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven - Belgium  
Kingston University  
Lafayette College  
**Lees-McRae College**  
**Lehigh University**  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
LIM College  
Lipscomb University  
London College of Fashion  
Loyola University New Orleans  
**Mars Hill College**  
Marymount Manhattan College  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Mercer University  
**Meredith College**  
Methodist University  
**Miami University, Oxford**  
**Mount Holyoke College**  
Naval Academy Preparatory School  
**New Mexico Military Institute**  
**New York University**  
**North Carolina A&T State University**  
**North Carolina State University**  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Oxford College of Emory University  
Pace University, New York City  
Peace College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Polytechnic Institute of NYU  
Pomona College  
Princeton University  
**Queens University of Charlotte**  
**Randolph College**  
Randolph-Macon College  
Regent's American College London  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
**Rhodes College**  
**Rice University**  
Roanoke College  
Rollins College  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
**Santa Clara University**  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
Skidmore College  
Southern Methodist University  
Syracuse University  
Texas Christian University  
The Citadel, the Military College of South  
Carolina  
The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins  
University  
Trinity University  
**Tufts University**  
**Tulane University**

Tuskegee University  
**United States Air Force Academy**  
**United States Naval Academy**  
**University of Alabama**  
**University of Arizona**  
University of California at Davis  
University of California at Irvine  
University of California at Merced  
**University of California at Santa Barbara**  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Delaware  
**University of Florida**  
**University of Georgia**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
**University of Kentucky**  
**University of Mary Washington**  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
**University of Miami**  
University of Michigan  
**University of Mississippi**  
**University of North Carolina at Asheville**  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**University of North Carolina at Charlotte**  
**University of North Carolina at Greensboro**  
University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
**University of North Carolina at Wilmington**  
**University of North Florida**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
**University of Richmond**  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
**University of South Carolina**  
University of Southern California  
**University of St. Andrews - Scotland**  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Vermont  
**University of Virginia**  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
**University of Wyoming**  
**Valparaiso University**  
**Vanderbilt University**  
Villanova University  
**Virginia Military Institute**  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State  
University**  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Washington and Lee University**  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College  
West Virginia University  
**Western Carolina University**  
**Wheaton College IL**  
Wingate University  
Wofford College