



RAVENSCROFT

An inspired legacy of learning, leading, and serving

School Profile 2014-2015

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 the Research Triangle Park and the colleges/universities of the three cities provide 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).

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Enrollment

Upper School:
455 in Grades 9-12
119 in senior class

Middle School:
307 in Grades 6-8

Lower School:
406 in Grades pre-K-5

Total Enrollment:
1168

Faculty

Upper School Faculty: 65
Percent with Advanced Degrees: 80%
Doctorate: 8
Student-Faculty Ratio: 7:1
Average Class size: 13

Ravenscroft At a Glance

- Strong tradition of participation in challenging academic courses, fine arts, athletics, and community service
- Exclusive Lead From Here partnership with Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) infuses citizenship and leadership throughout the entire curriculum.
- Twenty hours of community service required each year for Upper School students
- Two-week senior project with a final presentation required
- International Diploma awarded to students who meet course and cross-cultural expectations
- Exchange program with Spain and China
- Service program in Zambia
- Consortium school for summer studies of the arts and humanities in Spoleto, Italy
- Siempre Verde summer experience in the cloud forest of Ecuador
- One of the original 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
- Successful competitors in nationally renowned athletic tournaments in multiple sports
- Student originated and directed ongoing project of RavensBuild, an ongoing association with Habitat for Humanity home
- The only teenaged team competing in the 197-mile Hood to Coast relay race, a team consistently among the top fundraisers for the American Cancer Society
- Host School for Wake County Special Olympics Spring games for over 20 years.

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 32 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

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

Weighted Grade Point Averages and Class Rank

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, Ravenscroft adopted a new grading scale.

Grade point averages are determined on a four-point scale, with grades for Advanced Placement courses weighted one full point and honors courses weighted .5.	Effective Fall 2013	Prior to Fall 2013	Grade	Quality Points
Semester grades are used to calculate the cumulative GPA. Only grades earned at Ravenscroft School are used in computing grade point averages. GPAs are calculated using the scale at right.	98-100	99-100	A+	4.33
	93-97	95-98	A	4.00
	90-92	93-94	A-	3.67
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.	87-89	91-92	B+	3.33
	83-86	88-90	B	3.00
	80-82	86-87	B-	2.67
	77-79	84-85	C+	2.33
	73-76	80-83	C	2.00
	70-72	78-79	C-	1.67
	67-69	76-77	D+	1.33
	63-66	72-75	D	1.00
	60-62	70-71	D-	0.67
	Below 60	Below 70	F	0.00

Grade Point Distribution for the Class of 2015 as of August 2014 (6 semesters)

Quintile	Range	Mean
1st	4.61-4.01	4.24
2nd	4.00-3.68	3.86
3rd	3.67-3.47	3.58
4th	3.45-3.16	3.31
5th	3.15-1.93	2.74

Advanced Placement Results

In 2014, 243 students wrote 498 exams. Students who enroll in AP courses must complete each course by taking the College Board AP Exam.

In 2014, 85% of exams received scores of 3 or higher.

32% - 5 33% - 4 21% - 3

In 2013, 87% of exams received scores of 3 or higher.

29% - 5 34% - 4 24% - 3

SAT Results

The Class of 2013 with 101 students achieved an SAT average of 1272 (Critical Reading and Math) or 1903 (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing).

The Class of 2014 with 112 students achieved an SAT average of 1236 (Critical Reading and Math) or 1846 (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing).

Range of SAT scores for middle 50%:

<u>Class of 2014</u>		<u>Class of 2015 (as of August 2014)</u>	
Critical Reading	540 – 660	Critical Reading	550 – 650
Math	570 – 700	Math	570 – 690
Writing	550 – 670	Writing	530 – 670

National Merit

In the Class of 2013, there were nine National Merit Finalists and 11 Commended Students and two Finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

In the Class of 2014, there were three National Merit Finalists, eight Commended Students, and one outstanding participant in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

AP Scholars

In the Class of 2013, there were 23 AP Scholars, 12 AP Scholar with Honor Awards, and 34 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards, 11 of whom were designated National AP Scholars.

In the Class of 2014, there were 13 AP Scholars, 11 AP Scholar with Honor Awards, and 34 AP Scholar with Distinction Awards, four of whom were designated National AP Scholars.

Academic Notes

- Emphasis on writing across the curriculum: Four years of writing-intensive English courses and a semester course in Composition, making 4.5 units of English required for graduation
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association Silver Crown Award to the *Living Hand*, recognizing it as one of the best literary magazines in the country
- Four Ravenscroft students and their teacher selected to participate in the NASA/IPAC Teacher Archive Research Program at California Institute of Technology to discover stars in the process of forming
- Enhanced emphasis on global studies, partnership with UNC-Chapel Hill World-View
- Academic Skills program designed to meet the needs of diverse learners

Community Service Notes

- In 2013-2014, 61 of the 466 students in Upper School earned national Presidential Community Service Awards: 9 Gold (250 or more hours), 8 Silver (175 to 249) and 44 Bronze (100-174)
- The previous year, 67 Upper School students earned national Presidential Community Service Awards (13 Gold, 10 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

- 79% percent of the students in the Class of 2014 participated in athletics during the 2013-14 school year.
- 2014 Girls Swimming team won the state championship, while the Boys and Girls Track & Field teams and Girls Lacrosse team finished second in the state.
- TISAC Conference Championships included Boys Basketball, Boys Golf, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming, and Girls Track & Field.
- Ravenscroft's Boys and Girls athletics program was awarded the Prestige Cup as the top TISAC Conference team for 2013-14.
- 2013-14 alumni student-athlete accomplishments included:
 - 2nd Team Old Dominion Athletic Conference (Men's Basketball)
 - ACC Champion (Men's Golf)
 - NCAA Tournament Runner-up (Field Hockey)
 - Academic All-American (Women's Swimming)
 - NEWMAC Academic All-Conference (Women's Swimming)
 - National All-American (Women's Swimming)

Previous Graduates

Typically, one hundred percent of the graduates pursue their education beyond the secondary level. The members of the classes of 2013 and 2014 were accepted at the following institutions, matriculating at schools in bold print.

Adelphi University	Florida Institute of Technology	Regent University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
American University	Florida State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Miami
Appalachian State University	Fordham University	Rhodes College	University of Michigan
Arizona State University	Furman University	Roanoke College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Auburn University	George Mason University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Mississippi
Austin College	Georgetown University	Roger Williams University	University of Missouri Columbia
Bard College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Saint Joseph's University	University of New Hampshire
Barnard College	Gettysburg College	Santa Clara University	University of New Orleans
Barton College	Grinnell College	Seattle University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Bates College	Guilford College	Southern Methodist University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Baylor University	Hampden-Sydney College	Southern University and A&M College	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Belmont Abbey College	Hampshire College	Spelman College	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Belmont University	Hampton University	St. Andrews Presbyterian College	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Bennington College	Haverford College	St. John's University - Queens Campus	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Berry College	Hawaii Pacific University	St. Lawrence University	University of Pittsburgh
Bethany College	High Point University	Stanford University	University of Rhode Island
Boston College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Swarthmore College	University of Richmond
Boston Conservatory	Hofstra University	Sweet Briar College	University of San Diego
Boston University	Hollins University	Syracuse University	University of South Carolina
Brown University	Howard University	Tallahassee Community College	University of Southern California
Campbell University	Huntingdon College	Texas A&M University	University of St. Andrews, UK
Carleton College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Texas Christian University	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Carnegie Mellon University	Ithaca College	The George Washington University	The University of Texas, Austin
Case Western Reserve University	James Madison University	Tiffin University	University of Toronto
Centre College	Johns Hopkins University	Towson University	University of Virginia
Chapman University	Kent State University	Trinity College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Charleston Southern University	Knox College	Tulane University	Vanderbilt University
Chestnut Hill College	Lehigh University	Tusculum College	Villanova University
Chowan University	LIU Post	United States Coast Guard Academy	Virginia Commonwealth University
Christopher Newport University	Louisiana State University	United States Naval Academy	Virginia Military Institute
Clemson University	Loyola University Chicago	University at Buffalo The State University of New York	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola University Maryland	University of Aberdeen	Virginia State University
Colby College	Loyola University New Orleans	The University of Alabama	Virginia Wesleyan College
Colgate University	Macalester College	The University of Arizona	Wagner College
College of Charleston	Marquette University	University of California, Berkeley	Wake Forest University
College of William and Mary	Meredith College	University of California, Davis	Washington and Lee University
Cornell College	Methodist University	University of California, Los Angeles	Washington College
Dartmouth College	Miami University, Oxford	University of California, San Diego	Washington University in St. Louis
Davidson College	Mount Holyoke College	University of California, Santa Barbara	West Virginia University
Denison University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Chicago	Western Carolina University
DePaul University	New York University	University of Colorado at Boulder	Westminster College
Dickinson College	Newcastle University	University of Connecticut	Whitman College
Dillard University	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Delaware	William Peace University
Drexel University	North Carolina Central University	University of Florida	Wingate University
Duke University	North Carolina State University	The University of Georgia	Winston-Salem State University
Duquesne University	North Carolina Wesleyan College	University of Greenwich	Wofford College
Durham Technical Community College	Northeastern University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Xavier University
Durham University	Northwestern University	The University of Iowa	Xavier University of Louisiana
East Carolina University	Northwood University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Yale University
Eastern Nazarene College	The Ohio State University	University of Maryland, College Park	
Eckerd College	Pace University, New York City		
Edinburgh Napier University	Pennsylvania State University, University Park		
Elon University	Presbyterian College		
Emerson College	Princeton University		
Emmanuel College	Purdue University		
Emory University	Randolph-Macon College		
Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts			
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison			
Florida A&M University			
Florida Atlantic University			