



WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

A College Board Inspiration Award School

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This school is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Wakefield High School has an extremely diverse student body, with many ethnic and cultural groups represented. As a result, students have the benefit of learning with peers from around the world on a daily basis. This multicultural aspect is just one of the unique features of Wakefield. The hard work of the Wakefield staff and the achievements of its students were recognized September 2009 by the White House when President Obama chose to give his education address to the nation from Wakefield and again in March 2011 when President Obama and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard visited Wakefield.

Wakefield takes great pride in its tradition of developing innovative programs designed to provide students with a rigorous curriculum. Through our AP Network Program, the Cohort Program for minority males, the United Minority Girls Initiative, and the Spanish Immersion Program, students are provided the structure and support necessary for them to excel in advanced level courses.

Additionally, Wakefield offers an outstanding fine arts program. The drama department has a strong partnership with Signature Theatre which offers students live stage experiences. Our band, orchestra, and chorus successfully compete in many competitions. In fact, the Wakefield Music Department was crowned the Grand Champion of the 2011 New York Festival, with the Choir and Orchestra receiving Superior ratings. Students can also participate in numerous sports and clubs.

THE WAKEFIELD WAY

RIGOR – We hold high expectations academically and behaviorally of all students. Teachers provide challenging, stimulating instruction that emphasizes critical thinking, encourages creativity, and builds confidence.

RELATIONSHIPS – We create innovative programs to establish meaningful relationships between students and staff. These relationships increase trust, enhance motivation and improve academic performance.

RESILIENCE – We challenge students through demanding coursework and extracurricular involvement to demonstrate the courage to take positive risks, learn from mistakes, value perseverance and strive for excellence.

RESPONSIBILITY – We expect students to value diversity, demonstrate high moral character and commit to become caring, engaged citizens of a global community.

RESULTS – We create a passion for excellence through the collaborative efforts of staff, students, parents and the community. We develop students who possess positive self-esteem, feel confidently prepared for college or a career and commit to being lifelong learners.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approximately 180 students attend AP Summer Bridge for a week each summer to prepare for their AP courses.
- Through the Senior Project class, students have explored various careers, initiated community service projects, and learned new skills.
- There are over 50 clubs and 19 athletic teams for students.
- Wakefield has two computer labs, 26 mini-labs, and nearly 700 computers. Students learn JAVA, CAD, Engineering, and Microsoft Office applications.
- A strong and dynamic counseling department supports students and parents throughout their four years at Wakefield and helps with the transition to post-high school activities.
- SAT Test Prep is available to all Wakefield students at a significantly lower cost than private tutoring.
- Spanish Immersion and AP Spanish students may participate in a study-abroad experience in San Jose, Costa Rica.
- Students may be involved in student publications, including the literary magazine E.M.U., The Chieftain newspaper, and the yearbook.
- The Special Education department and support services, including a specialist in twice exceptionality, are available for students with special needs.
- Wakefield offers over 30 AP courses in seven areas of study.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- The Class of 2011 won more than \$6 million in scholarships, including one National Merit Scholar, and two Posse Scholars.
- 2006 College Board Inspiration Award Winner (one of three high schools nationally)
- Social studies teacher Colette Fraley named Arlington's 2010 Teacher of the Year and Virginia's 2011 Region IV Teacher of the Year
- Over 402 students took 682 AP exams, 55% earned score of 3 or higher.
- *The Washington Post* and local newspapers have written positively about Senior Project activities.
- Students selected for Boys' and Girls' State and Governor's School