

General College Admissions Information

Data below based on acceptance information reported for the class of 2022 from Prince William County Public Schools. New data will be available July 2023.

Selective Institutions Where 100+ PWCS Students Apply

Selective Institutions Where 100+ PWCS Students Apply	Student Reported Acceptance Rate	Average GPA of accepted students	Average SAT of accepted students (combined Verbal and Math)	Average ACT of accepted students (composite score)
Most Selective - National <i>Examples:</i> Princeton University, Cornell University, Duke University, Stanford University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University	3-11%	4.5	1400	33
Highly Selective - VA <i>Examples:</i> University of Virginia, College of William & Mary, University of Richmond, Virginia Tech	20-30%	4.2	1275	28
Very Selective - VA <i>Examples:</i> George Mason, Marymount University, James Madison University, Shenandoah University, Christopher Newport University, Old Dominion University	40-62%	3.9	1175	25
Moderately Selective - VA <i>Examples:</i> Virginia Commonwealth University, Liberty University, Radford University, Longwood University	64-66%	3.7	1128	23

Most Common College Types

Students are encouraged to identify their best-fit choice opportunities that align with student-driven values, interests, and goals. Accreditation and state licensures ensure the quality of the education recognized by other organizations. For more information on accreditation, visit the Department of Education.

Career & Technical CTE Institutions

Students are seeking to learn a specific trade and skill for employment. Curriculum is highly specialized with a focus on the skills necessary for industry and career success. Degrees offered include credentials, certificates, and/or Associate Applied Science (AAS) degrees.

Community College/Junior College (Two Year)

Students are seeking a traditional academic continued education, including core subject course work in addition to elective/major concentrations. Degrees offered include associate degrees, certificates, and applied studies. Often students seek community college with the intention of transferring to a university to complete their bachelor's degree with two remaining years following the completion of an Associate's Degree. Virginia Community College System partners with the Virginia state colleges in guaranteed admissions agreements specific to the university's expectations. See [Northern Virginia Community College](#) to learn more about these agreements and program offerings.

University And Four-Year College Institutions

Students are seeking a traditional academic education with core subject course work in addition to majors of study. These institutions often offer graduate degree programs after the completion of a bachelor's degree. Degrees offered include Bachelor of Arts and/or Science, and some also offer associate degrees, certifications, and graduate level degrees. Schools may be public, receiving funding from the state, or private, not receiving funding from the state. Financial opportunities exist at each type of institution and should be researched prior to applying.

What Are Institutions Looking For?

Institutions are taking a holistic approach to the application process. Many schools are test-optional and look closely at who the student is, what they are choosing to do in their community, and how the student will contribute to the institution. Admissions officers report that course rigor in areas that interest the student is key to demonstrated college readiness. The overall best match between the student and institution is a high predictor of success and completion at the chosen college for attendance. Note that college entrance exams could still be used for qualifications for merit scholarships and/or honors programs. It is primarily important for the student to create their list of schools that match the student's values, interests, and goals. Then take a deep dive into each institution's programs of study, scholarships, and honors programs.

The class of 2022 reported admission decisions prior to graduations. Below are the student self-reported acceptance rates of colleges where more than 85 students applied including a few nationally highly selective colleges.

Student self-reported acceptance rates of colleges where more than 85 students applied including a few nationally highly selective colleges

Institution	Percent PWCS Students Accepted from those that Applied
American University	24%
Christopher Newport University	50%
Clemson University	22%
Columbia University in the City of New York	4%
Cornell University	3%
Duke University	6%
George Mason University	57%
George Washington University	32%
Hampton University	38%
Harvard University	1%
Howard University	19%
James Madison University	44%
Johns Hopkins University	4%
Longwood University	55%
Mary Baldwin University	46%
University of Mary Washington	54%
University of Maryland-College Park	18%
Marymount University	46%
New York University	9%
Norfolk State University	41%
North Carolina A&T State University	41%
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2%
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	24%
Old Dominion University	55%
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	46%
University of Pennsylvania	5%
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus	44%
Princeton University	1%
Radford University	58%
University of Richmond	11%
Roanoke College	56%
Virginia Commonwealth University	56%
Virginia State University	63%
Virginia Tech	34%
University of Virginia Main Campus	17%
West Virginia University	52%
William & Mary	24%

Virginia Public Four-Year Colleges And Universities

- Christopher Newport University

- College of William and Mary
- George Mason University
- James Madison University
- Longwood University
- Norfolk State University
- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Virginia
- University of Virginia's College at Wise
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech

Virginia Private Four-Year Colleges & Universities

- Appalachian School of Law
- Averett University - Danville
- Bluefield College
- Bridgewater College
- Centura College - Alexandria
- Centura College - Chesapeake
- Centura College - Newport News
- Centura College - Norfolk
- Centura College - Richmond
- Centura College - Richmond West
- Centura College - Virginia Beach
- Christendom College
- Eastern Mennonite University
- ECPI University
- Emory and Henry College
- Ferrum College
- George Washington University
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hampton University
- Hampton University - Virginia Beach
- Hampton University - Roanoke Higher Education Center
- Hollins University
- Institute for the Psychological Sciences
- Jefferson College of Health Sciences
- Liberty University
- Lynchburg College
- Mary Baldwin College - Staunton
- Marymount University
- National College - Bluefield
- Randolph-Macon College
- Randolph College
- Regent University
- Roanoke College
- Shenandoah University - Winchester
- Skyline College
- Stratford University
- Sweet Briar College
- Union Theological Seminary &
- Presbyterian School of Christian Education
- University of Management and Technology

- University of Richmond
- Virginia Intermont College
- Virginia Union University
- Virginia Wesleyan College
- Washington and Lee University

Virginia Community Colleges

- Blue Ridge Community College
- Central Virginia Community College
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- Danville Community College
- Eastern Shore Community College
- Germanna Community College
- J Sergeant Reynolds Community College
- John Tyler Community College
- Lord Fairfax Community College
- Mountain Empire Community College
- New River Community College
- Northern Virginia Community College
- Patrick Henry Community College
- Paul D Camp Community College
- Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Rappahannock Community College
- Southside Virginia Community College
- Southwest Virginia Community College
- Thomas Nelson Community College
- Tidewater Community College
- Virginia Highlands Community College
- Virginia Western Community College
- Wytheville Community College

Virginia Private Career & Technical Education Institutions

- Advanced Technology Institute
- The Art Institute
- Aviation Institute of Maintenance
- Bryant & Stratton College
- DeVry
- ECPI University
- Fairfax University of America
- Stratford University
- Strayer University
- University of Management and Technology
- University of Potomac
- Virginia University of Integrative Medicine
- Workforce Solutions - Lord Fairfax Community College

Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Alabama

- Alabama A&M University

- Alabama State University
- S.D. Bishop State Community College
- Concordia College
- Miles College
- Oakwood College
- Stillman College
- Talladega College
- Tuskegee University

Arkansas

- Arkansas Baptist College
- Philander Smith College
- University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff

Delaware

- Delaware State University

District Of Columbia

- Howard University
- University of the District of Columbia

Florida

- Bethune-Cookman University
- Edward Waters College
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Memorial University

Georgia

- Albany State University
- Clark-Atlanta University
- Fort Valley State University
- Morehouse College
- Morris Brown College
- Paine College
- Savannah State University
- Spelman College

Kentucky

- Kentucky State University

Louisiana

- Dillard University
- Grambling State University
- Southern University and A&M College
- Xavier University of Louisiana

Maryland

- Bowie State University
- Coppin State University
- Morgan State University
- University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Mississippi

- Alcorn State University
- Coahoma Community College
- Jackson State University
- Mississippi Valley State University
- Rust College
- Tougaloo College

Missouri

- Harris-Stowe State University
- Lincoln University of Missouri

North Carolina

- Barber-Scotia College
- Bennett College
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Livingstone College
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina Central University
- St. Augustine's College
- Shaw University
- Winston-Salem State University

Ohio

- Central State University
- Wilberforce University

Oklahoma

- Langston University

Pennsylvania

- Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
- Lincoln University

South Carolina

- Allen University
- Benedict College
- Claflin University
- Clinton Junior College
- Denmark Technical College
- Morris College
- South Carolina State College
- Voorhees College

Tennessee

- Fisk University
- Knoxville College
- Lane College
- LeMoyne-Owen College
- Meharry Medical College
- Tennessee State University

Texas

- Huston-Tillotson University
- Jarvis Christian College
- Paul Quinn College
- Prairie View A&M University
- Texas College
- Texas Southern University
- Wiley College

Virginia

- Hampton University
- Norfolk State University
- St. Paul's College
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Union University

West Virginia

- Bluefield State College
- West Virginia State University

Hispanic Serving Institutions

Listed below are those colleges and universities in which 50% or more of the student enrollment is Hispanic and the student enrollment is larger than 5,000 students.

Arizona

- Arizona Western College
- Estrella Mountain Community College

- Phoenix College

California

- Allan Hancock College
- Antelope Valley College
- Bakersfield College
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Bakersfield
- California State University, Channel Islands
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Northridge
- California State University, San Bernardino
- California State University, San Marcos
- California State University, Stanislaus
- Cerritos College
- Chaffey College
- Citrus College
- College of the Canyons
- College of the Sequoias
- Cypress College
- East Los Angeles College
- El Camino Community College District
- Fresno City College
- Fullerton College
- Hartnell College
- Imperial Valley College
- Long Beach City College
- Los Angeles City College
- Los Angeles Harbor College
- Los Angeles Mission College
- Los Angeles Pierce College
- Los Angeles Southwest College
- Los Angeles Trade Technical College
- Los Angeles Valley College
- Merced College
- Moreno Valley College
- Mount San Antonio College
- Mount San Jacinto Community College District
- Norco College
- Oxnard College
- Pasadena City College
- Reedley College
- Rio Hondo College
- Riverside City College
- San Bernardino Valley College
- San Joaquin Delta College
- Santa Ana College
- Santiago Canyon College
- Southwestern College
- University of California, Merced
- University of La Verne
- Ventura College

- Victor Valley College
- West Los Angeles College

Florida

- Florida International University
- Miami-Dade College
- Saint Thomas University

Illinois

- City Colleges of Chicago, Malcolm X College
- City Colleges of Chicago, Wilbur Wright College

New Mexico

- Central New Mexico Community College
- New Mexico State University, Dona Ana
- New Mexico State University, Main Campus

New Jersey And New York

- Hudson County Community College
- Passaic County Community College
- CUNY, Bronx Community College
- CUNY, Lehman College

Texas

- Del Mar College
- El Centro College
- El Paso Community College
- Laredo College
- Northwest Lakeview College
- Northwest Vista College
- Odessa College
- Palo Alto College
- San Antonio College
- San Jacinto Community College
- South Texas College
- Southwest Texas Junior College
- Texas A&M International University
- Texas A&M University, Kingsville
- Texas A&M University, San Antonio
- Texas State Technical College
- University of Houston, Downtown
- University of Texas at El Paso
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
- University of the Incarnate Word