

# RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2008-09

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## School

Radford High School was first built at its present location in 1928. It is the only high school in the city of Radford and serves approximately 475 students in grades 9-12. It is a comprehensive school offering programs in college preparation, vocational training, fine arts, remediation, special education, work-release, gifted education, independent study, and dual enrollment with local universities. Radford is a public high school with a traditional six period day and an elective "zero" period.

## Community

Radford, an independent city of 16,000 (approximately 9,000 RU students), is located on a bend in the New River in southwestern Virginia. Employment in the area is centered on several light industries, one hospital, Radford University (in the city), New River Community College (9 miles away), and VA Tech (15 miles away). Radford is approximately 40 miles southwest of Roanoke on Interstate 81.

## Faculty

The faculty of Radford High School is caring, experienced, and well trained. 83% of the faculty have five or more years experience; 67% have more than ten years experience; and, 60% have earned advanced degrees. All are endorsed in the field of their assignment. The average class size for required academic courses is nineteen.

## Accreditation

Radford High School is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and by the Virginia State Board of Education. **Radford High School received the silver medal award from US News and World Report as one of the best high schools in the nation for 2008.**

## Graduation Requirements

Candidates for graduation are required to earn a minimum of 22 credits in grades 9-12, sixteen of which are specified. The Advanced Studies Diploma, requiring 24 credits, is available for those who meet the requirements specified by the Virginia State Department of Education.

## Advanced Placement Courses

English 12 Literature and Composition, Government and Politics U.S., Calculus AB, U.S. History, Chemistry, Computer Science A. Art History and Music Theory are offered in alternating years.

## Honors Courses

Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Pre-Calculus & Trigonometry.

## Virtual Advanced Placement

Radford participates in the Virginia VAP program and offers the following AP courses to Early College Scholars who are independent learners: Psychology, European History, World History, Statistics, Spanish Language, French Language, Human Geography, Environmental Science, Government/Politics Comparative, and Micro/Macro Economics.

## Dual Enrollment

Students receive both high school and college credits for courses offered by New River Community College on the RHS campus and taught by RHS faculty. The following courses are Dual Enrollment: English 12 College Composition, Computer Science, Medical Terminology, Geology, Drafting, and Machine Shop.

## Grading Scale

A = 100-94  
B = 93-87  
C = 86-77  
D = 76-70  
F = 69-0

## Symbols on Transcripts

AP = Advanced Placement  
VAP = Virtual Advanced Placement  
H = Honors  
A = Advanced  
DE = Dual Enrollment  
SS = Summer School

## GPA Grade Distribution, Class of 2008

Above 4.0	4.0-3.5	3.49-3.0	2.9-2.5	2.49-2.0	1.9-1.5	Below 1.49
9%	25.5%	29%	14.5%	14.5%	5%	2%

## Profile of the Class of 2008

### Number of graduates = 110

Percent who are continuing their education = 95%  
Percent attending 4 year institutions = 60%  
Percent attending 2 year institutions = 35%  
Number entering the world of work = 3  
Number entering military = 2

## Class Rank

Class rank is computed on a 4.0 scale for all seniors. All subjects taken in high school and all high school subjects taken prior to the ninth grade (Algebra I, Spanish I, etc.) are included in the calculation except for Driver Education. **Advanced** level courses are **not** weighted. **AP, VAP, Honors, and Dual Enrollment** classes are weighted and calculated on a 5.0 scale.

## 2007-2008

### SAT Scores Reading mean Math mean Writing mean

Radford High School	548	530	522
Virginia	511	512	499
Nation	502	515	494

The *mean* is the official Radford High School profile provided by College Board. Seventy-two (72) Radford High School students took the 2007-2008 SAT.

## AP Test Performance

Fifty-two (52) students took eighty-four (84) AP tests during the previous school year. The tests were in Art History, Calculus AB and BC, U.S. History, Computer Science A, Government/Politics U.S., English Literature/Composition, Micro Economics, Macro Economics, Psychology, European History, Gov. and Politics: Comparative, Human Geography, Statistics, and World History.

75% of the scores were 3 or higher  
40% of the scores were 4 or higher  
16% of the scores were 5