



"Until I came to West Nottingham, I never knew a place far from my home could feel so much like home."

Student

Boarding School

West Nottingham Academy Maryland

West Nottingham Academy is a private coeducational boarding school in rural Maryland, offering a liberal arts curriculum with AP, honors, and advanced courses for grades 9-12. As the oldest boarding school in the United States, the school combines small class sizes with strong faculty access and experiential programs.



BOARDING

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FOUR SEASONS

COASTAL

ARTS

Quick Facts

Founded: 1744

Niche.com Score: A

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Cold winters / Warm summers

Population: 2,600

School Population: 105

Accepting students: Grade 9-12, PG

Diploma Year offered: No

Interview Required? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

University Acceptance rate: 100%

Academic Excellence

West Nottingham Academy delivers a rigorous liberal arts education with nearly 90 courses, including Advanced Placement, honors, and advanced-level classes. With a 5:1 student-teacher ratio and an average class size of 10-11 students, instruction is highly personalized. The school supports diverse learners through the Chesapeake Learning Center, which assists students with mild learning differences. Signature programs such as the INSPIRE Visiting Scholars Program and the IGNITE Internship Program connect students with professionals and applied learning experiences. Graduates are well prepared for selective universities and small liberal arts colleges.

Student Accomplishments

- AP course completion and advanced-level academic recognition
- Internship placements through the IGNITE Internship Program
- Engagement with visiting scholars and professionals through INSPIRE

Recent University Acceptances

- University of Alabama
- American University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- University of California
- Drexel University
- George Washington University
- University of Illinois
- Indiana University
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- Northeastern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Philadelphia University
- Purdue University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- University of San Francisco
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Washington College



Stats

11

of AP Courses

#1

of the Best Private High Schools in Cecil County

85%

Teachers with Advanced Degrees

100%

University and College Acceptance

5:1

Student Teacher Ratio

9-12

Grades at School

27

Average ACT Score

1150

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

The 124-acre campus provides a focused academic setting with dedicated spaces for science, technology, and collaborative learning. Students have access to a **science center, student center, and innovation-focused learning areas** that support hands-on projects and research. **Athletic fields and outdoor areas** allow for seasonal sports and recreation. **An amphitheater and arts spaces** support performance and creative work. The rural campus setting encourages close community connections while offering room for experiential and project-based learning.

Residential Life

West Nottingham Academy is a boarding-only school, with students living on campus throughout the academic year. Residential housing supports a structured daily routine with **supervised study time, shared common spaces, and access to campus facilities**. Dining services are provided on campus, and residential staff support student well-being, academic focus, and community standards.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics are a core part of student life, with an emphasis on participation across three seasons. Students are encouraged to join team sports that build discipline, teamwork, and time management.

The arts program is strengthened by the Artist-in-Residence Program, developed in partnership with the New York Academy of Art. Students learn directly from practicing artists and explore both technical skills and creative expression.



Highlights

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Ice Skating, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball

Arts: 2D Art and Design, Chamber Ensemble, Choir, Drawing, Music Theory, Photography, Songwriting, Theater

Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, European History, French Language and Culture, Physics 1, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, United States History

Languages offered: French, Spanish

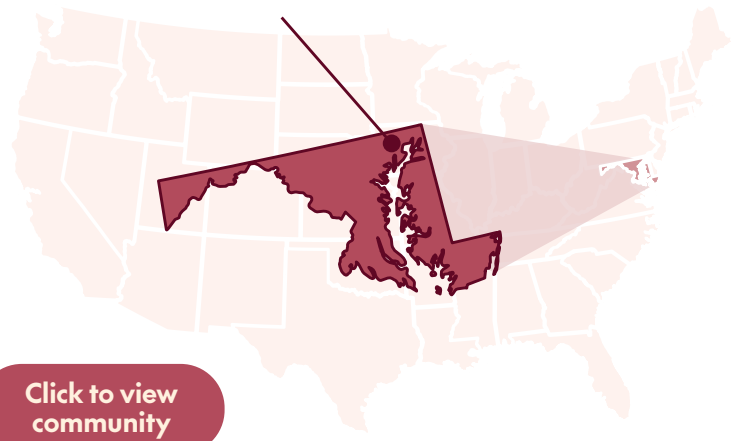
Tech and innovation courses: Computer Science Principles, Data Management, Robotics

Clubs and extracurriculars: Admissions Ambassadors, Chess Club, Model United Nations, Service Learning, Student Environmental Council

Community

Colora is a rural community in northeastern Maryland, providing a quiet and focused learning environment. The campus is located approximately 45 minutes from Baltimore, giving access to museums, universities, and cultural attractions. **Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport** is the nearest major international airport, supporting convenient travel for international students. The surrounding region offers open landscapes and access to the Chesapeake Bay area.

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Climate in Colora, Maryland

Traditional four seasons with cold winters and warm summers.



"WNA taught me how to build relationships with fellow students and teachers. One of the coolest things about my Senior Year was that we had at least one student from every continent of the world! I made friends with all different kinds of people from all different cultures and walks of life!"

Student

"The school has a welcoming and supportive community, and I've made great friends from all over the world."

Student

Video

Learn more about the school

