



Holston Academy School Profile

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LEADERSHIP

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CORE VALUES

- Future Readiness
- Small Learning Communities
- Excellence
- Lifelong Learning
- Student-Centered Education

MISSION STATEMENT

At Holston Academy, we cultivate future-ready students within small learning communities, where each student is known, valued, and supported. Our mission is to provide a transformative educational experience that equips our students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to excel in an ever-changing world.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Founded in 2020 as Stanza International Academy and renamed as Holston Academy in 2024, Holston Academy is an online nonprofit, grades 6-12 Stanza Education Corporation School, accredited by WASC and Cognia. As part of a network of personalized, small learning communities, our mission is to provide an educational experience that equips our students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to excel in an ever-changing world. We see ourselves not only as an online school, but as a community dedicated to nurturing independent thinking, fostering a lifelong love for learning, and shaping responsible global citizens.

PROGRAMS

- Middle School
- Upper School
- Summer Program
- Dual Enrollment
- AP Capstone™ Diploma Program

APPROVALS

- Cognia
- WASC
- NCAA
- UC A-G
- College Board

TEACHING STAFF

- 100% of our teachers hold their Master's Degree
- 17% hold their PhD

CURRICULUM *(No. of courses)*

Holston Academy offers **more than 300 courses** in our course catalog, ranging from middle school, college prep, honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment courses. Many of our courses are also approved by the University of California (UC), the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the College Board. Students may enroll full-time or opt to only take one or two courses from our course catalog throughout the school year or take advantage of our accelerated summer courses offered in 6 week sessions. As an accredited school through Cognia and WASC, students will receive official diplomas, transcripts, and credits for courses taken through Holston Academy.

COLLEGE PREP

229 COURSES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® (AP®)

30 COURSES

HONORS

17 COURSES

UC A-G

252 COURSES

WORLD LANGUAGE

115 COURSES | 14 LANGUAGES

NCAA

196 COURSES

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	College Prep	Honors	AP/Dual Enrollment
A+	≥ 97	4.0	4.50	5.00
A	≥ 93	4.0	4.50	5.00
A-	≥ 90	3.70	4.20	4.70
B+	≥ 87	3.30	3.80	4.30
B	≥ 83	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	≥ 80	2.70	3.20	3.70
C+	≥ 77	2.30	2.80	3.30
C	≥ 73	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	≥ 70	1.70	2.20	2.70
I	Incomplete	0.00	0.00	0.00
CR	Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00
NC	No Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	CREDITS
English	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Mathematics	3
World Language	2
Visual and Performing Arts	1
Physical Education	2
Electives	4
TOTAL	22

HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

Honors English

- Language Arts 9
- Language Arts 10
- Language Arts 11
- Language Arts 12

Honors Social Studies & Social Science

- American History
- World History
- American Government
- Economics

Honors Mathematics

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Pre-calculus

Honors Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Honors World Language

- Chinese III
- Chinese IV

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students at Holston Academy have the opportunity to participate in dual enrollment courses through a partnership with Arizona State University's Universal Learner Courses (ULC) program; allowing eligible high school students to earn both high school and college credit.

ADVANCED COURSES

For high-achieving students, Holston Academy offers a diverse array of honors courses. These courses fulfill essential graduation requirements in English, History, Math, and Science and cultivate a more challenging academic environment, fostering intellectual growth and academic achievement.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® COURSES

Students can select from a wide range of Advanced Placement® courses, allowing them to get ahead by earning college credits in high school. Our robust AP® course selection includes core courses, electives, and world languages. When you sign up for any of our AP® courses, we include access to Shmoop's AP® Test Prep, an online resource that offers diagnostic exams, reviews, drills, and practice tests to help students excel in courses and prepare for the AP® exam.

AP® COURSE OFFERINGS

AP English

- Seminar
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition

AP Electives

- Research

AP Fine Arts

- Art History
- Music Theory

AP Mathematics

- Statistics
- Calculus BC
- Calculus AB
- Computer Science A

AP World Language

- Spanish Language & Culture
- French Language & Culture
- Chinese Language & Culture

AP Science

- Physics C: Mechanics
- Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- Environmental Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science Principles

AP Social Studies

- Psychology
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- World History: Modern
- US History
- US Government & Politics
- Human Geography
- European History
- Comparative Government & Politics

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

At Holston Academy, students have the flexibility, personalized support, and college-preparatory education they need to pursue their goals. Our students have been accepted to colleges and universities across the country and around the world, including NCAA Division I, Division II, and Division III institutions.

Adelphi University

Arizona State University

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly)

California State University, Long Beach

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Northridge

Charleston Southern University

Colorado State University

Community College of Denver

Fairfield University

Farmingdale State College (SUNY)

Florida Atlantic University

Hofstra University

Hunter College (CUNY)

Keiser University

Kenyon College

Lincoln Memorial University

Long Island University (LIU)

Loyola Marymount University

Lynn University

Manhattan University

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Methodist University

Molloy University

Nassau Community College

Northeastern University

Oregon State University

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University

Queensborough Community College (CUNY)

Sewanee: The University of the South

St. John's University

State University of New York at Old

Westbury (SUNY Old Westbury)

Towson University

Universidad Libre — International University (Colombia)

Universidad Nebrija (Universidad Antonio de Nebrija), Madrid, Spain

University of California, Berkeley

University of Connecticut (UConn)

University of Iowa

University of Oregon

University of South Carolina Aiken

Washington State University

Western New Mexico University

York College (CUNY)