

**School CEEB
Code:
090065**

Emerson

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School

Emerson Preparatory School: The Emerson Institute is a small, independent, high school for students in grades 9 through 12. Emerson draws students from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia as well as the international community. In 2014-2015, 20% of the student body comprised students from France, Vietnam, Angola, China, Tajikistan, Indonesia and Kenya. To preserve a diverse and cohesive collegial atmosphere, the school

enrolls fewer than 65 students while maintaining a

student/teacher ratio of 8:1. An average class size is seven students. The graduating class of 2015 was granted acceptance into four-year matriculating college and university programs throughout the world.

Curriculum

Emerson's academic mission is to prepare each student for life while offering a supportive environment that facilitates intellectual and personal growth. Among the principles that inform our program and courses are:

- intellectual curiosity
- perseverance
- critical and divergent thinking
- diversity
- global citizenship

Each rigorous course at Emerson is one semester (4+ months) in length, meets for ninety minutes per day, five days a week and is equivalent to a year-long course at most district private and public schools. A typical roster is four courses per semester; however, students may be approved to enroll in fewer courses under special circumstances, such as extra curricular fine arts commitments or documented learning differences. Emerson's program is flexible, student centered, intellectually rigorous, and strives to remove unhealthy competition and anxiety from the academic experience.

All faculty members have advanced degrees in their field including 5 Bachelor degree level teachers, 4 Master's degree level teachers and 1 Doctoral degree.

**"Opening minds
since 1852"**

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Academic Performance

Honors Courses

Qualified students have the option of taking honors classes as well as the AP examination. Faculty-supervised independent study courses are also available to qualified students to explore areas of specialized interest.

Graduate Requirements

SUBJECT	Minimum of 24 credits for graduation (max. 32 credits)
English	5 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits (US History & American Gov't required)
Science	4 credits (2 laboratory sciences required)
Language	3 credits

Grades and Ranking

Emerson utilizes a 10-point grade scale and does not rank its students. Student's unweighted, cumulative grade point averages are calculated each semester. Letter grades are received for each course while some courses offer a pass/fail option.

Emerson Prep has long been at the forefront among those schools who have resisted standardized testing's negative influence on creative teaching and critical inquiry. Emerson welcomes among our diverse student body students who have testing anxiety, are twice exceptional and are international students with growing English language proficiency. Our graduates are thoroughly prepared for higher learning without undue emphasis on standardization.

Course Examples

English: Visual Narrative, American Short Story, Literary Adaptations

Math: Algebra I & II, Geometry, PreCalculus, Calculus, Green Math

Social Studies: African-American History, Middle East & Northern African Studies, International Human Rights Law, US History & Historical Method, Public Policy & Persuasion

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Genetics, Simple Machines, Astronomy

Language: Russian I & II, Arabic I, II, & III, Spanish I, II & III

Electives: Music Recording, Scientific Illustration, Women In Art, Journalism/Podcasting, Social Media/Sociology, Studio Art: Portfolio

College and University Acceptances

2010-2015

- American University
- Bard College
- Bowling Green State University
- Brandeis University
- Catholic University
- College of Charleston
- Eckerd College
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Hampshire College
- Howard University
- Loyola University, New Orleans
- New College of Florida
- New York University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Smith College
- University of Ethiopia
- University of Maryland
- Wheaton College