

# FRONT ROYAL, VA

Chelsea Academy  
Private Day School



Front Royal is located in Warren County, about an hour drive west of Washington, D.C. The city borders the Shenandoah River in the north-western corner of Virginia and is bounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east and the Massanutten Mountains on the west. The mountain ridges visually dominate the landscape, and the topography in these mountainous parts includes steep-walled valleys with fast flowing streams and wooded slopes.

Steeped in rich history and natural beauty this thriving community boasts attractions and amenities for everyone. The most popular attractions in this area include the Skyline Caverns and Skyline Drive. The northern entrance to the Shenandoah National Park is also in this area. The town has many attractions dating back to the American Civil War. Front Royal is also known as the "Canoe Capital of Virginia" because it offers excellent opportunities for rafting, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and tubing. The Gazebo is a longstanding meeting place, social hub and event venue in Downtown Front Royal. Gazebo Gatherings are a Summer Concert Series that take place every Friday, from 7PM to 9:PM, all summer long.

With changes in elevation ranging from 566 feet in the downtown to over 3,300 feet in the mountains, Front Royal weather is pretty interesting throughout the year. Mild summers averaging mid-70s and winters hover around 35 degrees provides the perfect climate for the many outdoor activities typical of the area. The spectacular foliage in the fall presents colors unmatched anywhere.

## **FUN FACTS**

- Front Royal is home to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Canine Center Front Royal (CCFR), formerly known as the Canine Enforcement Training Center (CETC).
- Front Royal notable people include: David L. Bowers, Song writer and guitar player; Darrell Whitmore, professional baseball player; Dana Allison, professional baseball player; Howard Klein, pianist and former music critic for *The New York Times*.
- Eight United States Presidents were born in Virginia.
- The first Thanksgiving in North America was held in Virginia in 1619.
- Virginia has the highest concentration of technology workers of any state.
- Virginia was named for England's "Virgin Queen," Elizabeth I.

## Chelsea Academy

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### AGE REQUIREMENT

**Middle School:** 12 to 14 years old  
**High School:** 14 to 18 years old

### SCHOOL DETAILS

**Type of School:** COED  
**Number of Students (4th-12th Grade):** 180  
**International Population:** 10%  
**ESOL/ESL classes:** Yes  
**Sports:** Yes  
**12th Grade Students:** Yes  
**Semester Program:** Yes  
**Average SAT Score:** 1478  
**Student-Teacher Ratio:** 10/1

Chelsea Academy is a college-preparatory day school that was founded in 2008. Committed to excellence, Chelsea offers a balanced academic program, small classes, extracurricular activities, a highly-qualified faculty, and a caring environment. The school offers a rigorous curriculum in addition to extracurricular programs in art, music, drama, athletics, and outdoor adventure. Chelsea Academy requires participation in its sports program as a way of promoting physical development, athletic skills, and team play as well as building character and good sportsmanship in its students. Sports offered: Basketball, Soccer, Cross-Country, Boys' Tennis and Girls' Volleyball.

Chelsea is credited by the Virginia Independent School Association and offers a college-preparatory curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences. Students may take honors courses in English, History, Math, Science, Latin, and French. The course sequence and small classes lend themselves to cross-curricular research, active student participation, and close collaboration among students and teachers. All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students write a thesis that allows them to explore a topic of their choice and write a substantial paper based on their research. An interdisciplinary approach is encouraged, and all students choose and work with a faculty advisor. The project culminates in a formal presentation among faculty, peers, and parents.

Field trips are an important part of the academic experience at Chelsea, as they enable teachers to broaden their students' experience and build on lessons covered in class. Students regularly attend plays, view the exhibitions, walk Civil War battlefields, and challenge themselves on a ropes course. Chelsea Academy holds its own science fair, poetry recitations and spelling, geography, math, and Scripture bees. Academic competitions provide opportunities for students to pursue particular interests and to challenge themselves against students throughout the region and country. Each year a select group of students participate in the Shenandoah Valley Regional Science Fair held at James Madison University.

**School website:** [www.chelseaacademy.org](http://www.chelseaacademy.org)





## Mini High School Program



### MINI HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Mini High School Immersion Program is for students who would like to have a short-term American high school experience abroad. Students will attend Chelsea Academy in Front Royal, VA for 4 or 8 weeks. During the program students will take regular high school classes combined with English classes to help improve their English. Students are allowed to join any events and after-school clubs, sports and activities, just like any other student. Students will not receive credits for classes attended as the main purpose of this program is to provide students with a cultural immersion experience.

Students will stay with one of our carefully screened host families during the entire duration of the program. Host families will provide breakfast and dinner during the week and all 3 meals on weekends and holidays. Staying with a host family is a great opportunity for students to practice their English and experience more of the American culture.

**AGE:** 14 to 18 years old

**DURATION:** 4 or 8 weeks

**DATES:** Students may join the program anytime during the school year (August through May). Groups must confirm with at least 3 months in advance.



**PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM USA**



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