Indian Creek School is an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory school, located near Annapolis, Maryland. Indian Creek School provides an academically challenging, college preparatory education in a collaborative, nurturing community for students with a wide range of talents, backgrounds and abilities. Students develop self-worth, the confidence to take intellectual risks, an appreciation of diversity of all kinds, and the ability to work cooperatively. Students become independent, self-aware learners ready for global citizenship.

Founded in 1973, Indian Creek School (ICS) has grown from 33 students and four teachers in primary grades to a Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 school educating approximately 532 students through extensive programs in all academic areas, the arts, and athletics. For over 48 years, Indian Creek has applied the latest research about how students learn best to all aspects of teaching and learning.

Indian Creek School enrolls approximately 532 students in Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our Upper School enrollment for 2021-22 is as follows:

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The School is committed to providing personal attention, differentiated teaching, and small class sizes. The average Upper School class size ranges from 12-20. The student:teacher ratio is 7:1. Over 26 percent of our students are students of color. Indian Creek employs 56 teaching faculty, 43 have earned advanced degrees.

Indian Creek School is accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools (AIMS), the Maryland State Department of Education, and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS.) The National Athletic Trainer’s Association named ICS a Safe Sports School.

Indian Creek School provides a rigorous academic and individualized education. All faculty members are content experts and are trained in best practices in teaching and learning through extensive instructional coaching and professional development.

Informed by neuroscience research and teenagers’ need for sleep, the school day begins at 8:45 a.m. We know that a later start time enables teenagers to get more sleep, which improves working memory and alertness. This unique schedule also allows students and faculty additional time for co-curricular activities. Students can collaborate with faculty and participate in performing arts rehearsals from 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.

On transcripts you will see changes to grading and schedules in school years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Due to the interruptions of COVID-19, Class of 2022 students received P/F fourth quarter in 2020, therefore ** for Semester 2. Their final 2019-20 grades were calculated 66.66% Semester 1 and 33.34% for Quarter 3.

For 2020-21 ICS implemented a seven-module academic year (mod for short). Each mod lasted approximately five weeks. Students took three academic classes that met every day for 80 minutes during each mod. Final course grades were given after three mods were completed, thus (3) on transcript.

For 2021-22 ICS returns to a semester and yearlong class schedule. Students are required to take a minimum of five courses each semester and may take up to six unless they receive approval from the Upper School Principal.
Indian Creek School complies with all graduation requirements as set forth by the State of Maryland. In addition, ICS requires a minimum of 21 academic credits for graduation with room for specialization up to 24 credits.

**Grading System**

Indian Creek does not calculate class rank. Students earn grades of A through F, modified by pluses and minuses on a four-point scale. Grades for AP courses are weighted a full point. Students who earn a GPA of 3.6 or above are named to the Dean’s List. Students who earn a 4.0 or higher are named to the Head’s List. Indian Creek School does not offer honors courses.

Grading Scale:

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Students must participate in at least one ICS athletic team per year for a total of 4 seasons or obtain Athletic Director approval for equivalent credit for outside athletics. Students may take Fitness and Wellness for a semester = one credit.

Effective 2020-21, Indian Creek School is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to reimagine learning to empower students and educators to thrive in a globally networked society. GOA schools develop the strategies and tools to lead innovation, and GOA faculty design rigorous learning experiences focused on cultivating relationships, sharing diverse perspectives on global issues, and encouraging a passion for learning. ICS students can take an online asynchronous GOA course as a fifth or sixth course with approval. ICS pays for the first GOA class and the family is responsible for tuition of additional GOA courses. There are only three GOA Member Schools in Maryland: Boys’ Latin, Gilman, and Indian Creek. GOA courses are noted.

A comprehensive course catalog can be viewed [at this link](link).
At Indian Creek, we see athletic competition as the means to many ends - foremost among them being the character-based qualities of sportsmanship, integrity, commitment, and a desire for individual improvement. Our boys’ teams are members of the MIAA. Our girls’ teams are members of the IAAM. League Championships include Boys Basketball in 2013, 2014, and 2015, Girls Basketball in 2017, Girls Lacrosse in 2013, 2014, and 2021, Boys Lacrosse in 2014, 2015 and 2018, Boys Soccer in 2014, 2015, 2018, and 2019; Boys Tennis team and individuals in 2017, Baseball in 2018, Equestrian in 2018, 2019, and 2020, and Volleyball in 2018. Upper School students can participate in Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Dance Team, Equestrian, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Sailing, Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field and Volleyball, as well as other athletic clubs.

Since 2014, Indian Creek School has offered Blended Learning opportunities. BLinc expands the School’s curriculum through courses offered in a combination of face-to-face and online formats. BLinc classes build upon our established innovative, engaging, and challenging curriculum. Rigorous courses are designed by accomplished, enthusiastic, and responsive teachers for students who excel and seek additional opportunities for intellectual growth. BLinc promotes student engagement and fosters collaborative learning in an online atmosphere, preparing students for global citizenship in the 21st century. BLinc courses are offered as classes in the regular course schedule, after school, and over the summer for credit or as enrichment courses, for which a certificate is awarded. ICS faculty and students with previous online class experience through BLinc adjusted well and helped colleagues and friends adjust to virtual school caused by COVID. Our new membership with Global Online Academy (GOA) enables ICS to provide extensive online learning opportunities for students and teachers.

Academic offerings include 17 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. In 2021, 34 Indian Creek students earned AP recognition: 18 AP Scholars, 7 AP Scholars with Honor, and 9 AP Scholars with Distinction.

In the 2010-21 school year, 108 students took 191 exams in 17 different AP courses. As of their junior year, 55 members of the Class of 2022 have taken 175 AP courses.

Students selected for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Program learn to implement rigorous research methodologies as they design projects and conduct research. They learn how to analyze their results with the greatest possible measure of reliability and validity, draw conclusions, and identify the need for further investigation. The goal of the program is to graduate students who are capable of applying these inquiry skills in the research setting of an internship, in higher education, or at the professional level. The STEM Program is a four-year educational initiative designed to engage students with a strong interest in and aptitude for science and math. The Program fosters innovation, curiosity, creativity, and leadership in these disciplines. Students take college-level math and science courses, conduct independent research, and attend STEM-related events. To date, over 90% of Indian Creek STEM program graduates have chosen to pursue STEM majors in college.

Sample STEM Research topics include:
- “The Effects of Nitrates on the Feeding Rates of Little Neck Clams”
- “Decomposition Rates in Relation to Temperature of Organic Material”
- “Radio-Frequency IDentification (RFID) Readers”

The Voros Senior Thesis Program allows select students the opportunity to contribute a greater body of academic studies by pursuing a relevant question within the scope of the humanities. Named in honor of an exemplary educator, Chip Voros, the program mimics that of a traditional undergraduate or graduate thesis process, which students may experience as they pursue higher levels of education. In this way, our students are as prepared as possible for the academic rigor beyond high school. Students apply for the program in the spring of their junior year, at which time they begin to develop a unique question that pertains to a broad enough topic to discuss in a 40-60 page thesis. In May of their senior year, students present a synopsis of their thesis project to a panel of faculty members and outside professionals of a related field. Each thesis is reviewed by the panel and determined to suffice as passing or passing with distinction. Students are chosen for this program if they have demonstrated academic excellence and intellectual prowess throughout their educational career at Indian Creek.

Sample Senior Thesis topics include:
- “Security Sector Reform in Post-Conflict Societies: an analysis of Sri Lanka and Sierra Leone”
- “Going Nowhere: An Examination of Humanity in Utopian and Dystopian Science Fiction”
- “Such Stuff as Stars are Made of: The Cosmos in Mythology, Poetry, and Science in Media”

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Typically, between 98-100% of Indian Creek School graduates enter four-year colleges or universities upon graduation. Members of the Indian Creek School Classes of 2017-2021 have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

- Albright College
- Allegheny College
- American Music and Dramatic Academy
- American University
- Amherst College
- Anne Arundel Community College
- Auburn University
- Becker College
- Belmont University
- Benedict College
- Bloomsburg University, Pennsylvania
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College, Maine
- Bowling Green State University
- Brandeis University
- Bridgewater College
- Bryant University
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- Cabrini University
- Capital University
- Capilano University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catawba College
- The Catholic University of America
- Champlain College
- Chestnut Hill College
- Cheyney University, Pennsylvania
- Christopher Newport University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colgate University
- College of Charleston
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William and Mary
- College of Wooster
- Colorado State University
- Concordia, Wisconsin
- Cornette College
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- Davis & Elkins College
- Delaware Valley University
- Denison University
- DePauw University
- Dickinson College
- Drexel University
- Duquesne University
- East Carolina University
- Eckerd College
- Edinboro University
- Elizabethtown College
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- Emory & Henry College
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham
- Ferrum College
- Fisk University
- Flagler College
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Southern College
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Franklin University, Switzerland
- Frostburg State University
- Full Sail University
- Furman University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia State University
- Gettysburg College
- Goucher College
- Greensboro College
- Hamilton College
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hampshire College
- Hampton University
- Haverford College
- Hendrix College
- High Point University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Hofstra University
- Hollins College
- Hood College
- Howard University
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Iona College
- Iowa State University
- Ithaca College
- Jackson State University
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Juniata College
- Kent State University
- Keuka College
- Key College
- LaSalle University
- Le Moyne College
- Lincoln University
- Longwood University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University, Chicago
- Loyola University, Maryland
- Loyola University, New Orleans
- Lycoming College
- Lynn University
- Manhattan College
- Manhattanville College
- Marist College
- Marquette University
- Marshall University
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Marymount University
- McDaniel College
- Merrimack College
- Miami University, Oxford
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Millersville University, Pennsylvania
- Mississippi State University
- Monmouth University
- Montana State University
- Moravian College
- Morehouse College
- Morgan State University
- Mount Holyoke College
- Mount St. Mary’s University
- Muhlenberg College
- Nazareth College
- The New School
- New York University
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Northwestern University, Louisiana
- Nova Southeastern University
- Ohio University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Old Dominion University
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Point Park University
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Queen University, Charlotte
- Quinnipiac University
- Randolph College
- Randolph-Macon College
- Reed College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island College
- Rider University
- Ringling College of Art and Design
- Roanoke College
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Francis University
- Saint Joseph’s University
- Saint Leo University
- Saint Louis University
- Saint Michael’s College
- Salisbury University
- Salve Regina University
- San Diego State University
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Seton Hall University
- Seton Hill University
- Shaw University
- Shenandoah University
- Shepherd University, Maryland
- Shippensburg University
- Siena College
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- Southern Methodist University
- Spelman College
- St. Andrews University
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John’s College
- St. John’s University
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- Stetson University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stony Brook University
- SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- Susquehanna University
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Tennessee State University
- Thiel College
- Thomas Aquinas College
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Towson University
- Trinity College
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- Union College
- Unity College
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of the Arts
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Central Florida
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hawaii, Manoa
- University of Illinois, Chicago
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of Lynchburg
- University of Maine
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of New Haven
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- University of Oregon
- University of North Dakota
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Scranton
- University of the South
- University of Southern California
- University of Tampa
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Toledo
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of West Florida
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Ursinus College
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- Wagner College
- Wake Forest University
- Washington and Lee University
- Washington College
- Washington University, St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- West Virginia University
- West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Westminster Choir College
- Wheelock College
- Widener University
- Williams College
- Wilson College
- Wingate University
- Wofford College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Xavier University
- Xavier University, Louisiana
- York College of Pennsylvania