

(The following statement is from the cover letter that accompanies transcripts, the Profile, and the School Report form sent to college admissions offices)

WARING SCHOOL

Assessment without Grades or Class Rank

Waring School is a highly demanding college preparatory program that stresses the liberal arts in the context of a non-traditional school structure emphasizing the values of learning in community. All students take the same basic course of study. **Please note that because of our small size as well as for philosophical reasons, Waring does not issue traditional letter grades, determine grade point average, or use a system of class rank.** All students are fully evaluated in writing twice a year at the end of each semester. Access to these evaluations is based on a formal request by the school or college and permission by the parents.

All courses are given on a Credit/No Credit basis. From 10th grade on, courses in Humanities, Science, French, Math, Writing, Art, and Music may be taken on an Honors level. Successful Honors work generally requires a significantly higher commitment of time and effort and implies that a student has gone well beyond the normal requirements of a course. Honors at Waring is therefore not the equivalent of an "A" in a traditionally structured program, but indicates that a student has taken a course on a different and higher level. Credit indicates nothing more or less than that the normal but rigorous requirements of a course have been met. No further indication of the quality of a student's work is intended by these designations and should not be inferred.