

2018-2019

School Profile



CHARLOTTE
COUNTRY DAY
SCHOOL

In every Country Day classroom—from junior kindergarten to our most rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) courses—students explore possibilities, gain skills and knowledge, and prepare to take their place in the world. The quality of Country Day’s college preparatory program is most evident in our Upper School, as students begin to manage more courses and activities and take more responsibility for the choices they make. With the help of outstanding faculty members, coaches, advisors, and mentors, Country Day students become excellent writers, researchers, and problem-solvers who are fully ready for college and beyond.

FAST FACTS

Grades Served

Junior Kindergarten–12

Number of Students

1,683 (including 208 students from 60 countries, approximately 12 percent of our student population)

Average Student/Faculty Ratio

10:1 (All School); 7:1 (Upper School)

Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Southern Association of Independent Schools

Selected Memberships & Academic Organizations

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
Cum Laude Society
Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
The College Board
International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
National Art Honor Society
National Honor Society
Tri-M Music Honor Society
National Junior Honor Society

Athletics

72 sports teams/90% Middle and Upper School participation

Arts

70+ performances and events each year

Tuition Assistance:

\$5.1 million (16% of student body)

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY AT GLANCE

77 administrative and teaching staff

100% engage in professional development each year

70+ % hold advanced degrees

AP exam readers, Klingenstein Fellows, National Board graders, National Board Certified, Arts and Science grant winners, World Affairs Council grant winners

Extraordinary Opportunities in Upper School

- A summer Science Outreach Program gives motivated students opportunities to serve as researchers at college labs and a new state-of-the-art math and science building delivers innovative, hands-on curriculum and lab work for all students.
- 1:1 Blended Classrooms, using the Microsoft Surface, deliver the best elements of traditional teaching—strong student/teacher relationships—with the inventive and intelligent use of digital and online resources.
- Long-time partnerships with Special Olympics and Big Brothers Big Sisters give students distinctive and defining service learning experiences.
- A full IB Diploma Program benefits from our small class sizes, which are essential to successfully developing the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills that the IB Program promises for students.
- A strong personal advising program helps students stay on a rigorous academic path and gives them a trusted adult advocate.
- A deep and varied international travel program offers students the chance to participate in global service, academic, and cultural immersion experiences on five continents.

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Academic Achievements

Cumulative GPA Distributions Class of 2019 (137 seniors)

Represents grades achieved while enrolled at Country Day

Quintile	Range	Mean
Top	4.708-4.100	4.273
2nd	4.095-3.833	3.966
3rd	3.815-3.472	3.647
4th	3.472-3.025	3.245
5th	3.018-2.121	2.667

Distribution of SAT Scores Class of 2018

Middle 50% score range:

710–620 Evidence Based Reading & Writing
730–590 Math

Distribution of ACT Scores Class of 2018

Middle 50% score range:

English	35–27
Math	31–25
Reading	35–29
Science	34–25
Composite	33–26

SAT Subject Test Scores Class of 2019

Subject	Number	Mean
Biology—Ecology	1	560
Biology—Molecular	3	667
Chemistry	12	717
English Literature	2	690
Italian	1	500
Latin	2	565
Math, Level 1	2	560
Math, Level 2	22	710
Physics	8	703
Spanish	7	646
U.S. History	4	723
World History	4	668

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10.6 MILLION total scholarship offers to the class of 2018 based on academic merit, athletic abilities, and special talents.

39 STUDENTS each earned more than **\$100,000**, and **16 STUDENTS** each earned more than **\$250,000** in combined scholarship offers.

Notable awards for recent graduates include:

Morehead-Cain Scholars (UNC-Chapel Hill)	Jefferson Scholar (UVA)
Military Academy Appointments	Robertson Scholars (Duke)
Naval Academy Appointments	President's Scholar (GA Tech)

The Class of 2018 included 1 college-sponsored National Merit Finalist, 2 National Merit Finalists, 13 Commended Scholars, and prestigious honors scholars at a number of colleges and universities.

Advanced Placement Scores: Spring 2018

87% scored "3" or higher.

Exam/Scores	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Art History			1	3		4
Biology	8	10	4	1		23
Calculus (AB)	1	5	12	4	1	23
Calculus (BC)	18	5	13	2		38
Chemistry	13	10	3	2		28
Comparative Govt. & Politics	1	1				2
Computer Science A		4	5	3	5	17
English Language (Comp.)	9	19	14	4		46
English Literature (Comp.)	5	18	8	1	1	33
Environmental Science	2	3	1	1		7
European History	6	3				9
French Language	1	2	3	1		7
Human Geography	8	6	1	1		16
Latin		1	1	2		4
Physics (Electricity & Magnetism)	3	5	1	2	1	12
Physics (Mechanics)	11	10	7	5	1	34
Psychology	15	14	4	3	3	29
Spanish Language	14	8	2			24
Statistics	15	16	6	6		43
Studio Art – Drawing	2	1				3
Studio Art – 2D Design		4	3	1		8
U.S. Government & Politics	4	4	8	4		20
U.S. History	16	10	2	1		29
TOTAL	142	159	99	47	12	459

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

Head of School's List
Honor Roll
Cum Laude Society
National Honor Society

GPA of 3.90 and above with no grade lower than B-
GPA of 3.50 to 3.89 with no grade lower than B-
Seniors only; superior academic achievement
GPA of 3.5 and above; service, leadership, honor

Curricular Highlights and Grading Policy

23 Advanced Placement courses, Honors options in 13 subject areas, and a full International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 21 academic credits in required courses and electives. Full-year courses receive 1.0 academic credits and semester courses receive .05 credits. PE credits are awarded at 0.25/activity.

AP Courses: Generally not available until junior year. We suggest a maximum of three APs each year, but we do not limit.

Grading Scale	Weighted Courses:
A 100–90	0.5 is added to the GPA calculation
B 89–80	for Honors courses. 1.0 is added for AP/IB courses.
C 79–70	
D 69–60	
F 59 and below	

Subject and Requirements	AP, IB, and Honors Advanced Course Offerings		
	76% of Upper School students take advanced courses. <i>(Enrollment in these Honors and AP-level courses requires a grade qualification based on performance in the year prior.)</i>		
English 4.0 Credits including English 9–12; all students must be enrolled in an English course every semester in Upper School.	IB English 11 AP English 11: Language & Composition	AP English 12: Literature & Composition IB English 12	
Mathematics 4.0 Credits	Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Pre-calculus AP Statistics AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC IB Math Studies IB Calculus and Statistics Calculus III/IB Maths HL	<i>Calculus 3/IB HL Mathematics is an advanced math course for students who have completed AP Calculus AB or BC.</i>
Sciences 3.0 Credits including Biology I (preferably 9th grade).	AP Biology IB Biology AP Environmental Science Honors Chemistry AP Chemistry	IB Chemistry Honors Physics AP Physics Organic Chemistry	<i>Organic Chemistry is an advanced chemistry semester elective for students who have completed AP or IB Chemistry.</i>
History and Social Studies 3.0 Credits including World History I and II (typically 9th and 10th grades); and American History (typically 11th grade).	Honors World History II IB World History AP United States History	IB History of the Americas AP Psychology IB Psychology	AP Human Geography AP US/Comparative Gov't & Politics AP European History
Modern and Classical Languages 2.0 Credits; all students must complete at least 2 years of the same language in Upper School.	Honors Chinese II, III, IV, V Honors French II, III, IV, V AP French Language	Honors Spanish II, III, IV, V AP Spanish Language AP Latin	International Baccalaureate: All languages available at certain levels.
Fine Arts 1.5 Credits	Honors Chamber Choir Honors Concert Band Honors String Orchestra AP Music Theory AP Studio Art	IB Art AP Studio: Design AP Studio: Sculpture AP Art History IB Theatre	<i>The foundational courses in the visual arts curriculum are all multi-media (2D Art, Sculpture, Design). All non AP/IB visual arts classes are one semester.</i>
Electives and Non-Departmental Courses Physical Education/Athletics/ Co-Curricular Activities 2.0 Credits	AP Computer Science A IB Information Technology in a Global Society IB Theory of Knowledge		

The IB Diploma Program

Country Day was the first school in North Carolina to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. The 22 members of the Class of 2018 enrolled had a 100 percent passing rate, which is above the national average.

The IB Diploma Program is designed to establish a standard for international education and cultivate the skills necessary to succeed at the university level. The two-year program provides juniors and seniors with a well-rounded curriculum, promotes international mindedness, and emphasizes service learning. Students who successfully complete this comprehensive international curriculum are well prepared for post-secondary education and are routinely accepted to top colleges and universities throughout the world.

The IB Diploma Program is best suited for students who think critically, desire rigorous academics, and are committed to personal

growth both inside and outside the classroom. Students enrolled in the program have the opportunity to earn an internationally recognized IB Diploma in addition to their Country Day diploma.

English as a Second Language

Country Day offers international students the opportunity to learn the language skills necessary to succeed both academically and socially. Students are recommended for ESL based on an interview, an oral English proficiency test, and listening, vocabulary, and reading comprehension tests.

ESL classes are designed to meet the learning needs of each student and allow them to work at their own ability and level. Upper School students are offered Intermediate and Advanced ESL instruction, in addition to ESL American History, ESL World History, and TOEFL Prep.

College Acceptances 2015–2018

Bold indicates schools enrolling one or more members of the Class of 2018

Agnes Scott College
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Alabama
American University
The American University of Paris
Amherst College
Andrews University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
Armstrong State University
The Atlantic Bridge Program
College of the Atlantic
Auburn University
Averett University
Babson College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Bethune-Cookman University
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bowie State University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater College
Brigham Young University
University of British Columbia
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic State University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
Campbell University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Piedmont Community College
Centre College
College of Charleston
University of Chicago
Christopher Newport University
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
City College of New York
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Concordia University - Montreal

Connecticut College
Converse College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
University of Delaware
Denison University
University of Denver
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
ESSEC Business School
Flagler College
Florida A&M University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
University of Florida
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
University of Georgia
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Green Mountain College
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Haverford College
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Hendrix College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hollins University
College of the Holy Cross
Hope College
Howard University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Illinois Wesleyan University
Imperial College London
Indiana University
Institut d'Economie Scientifique Et de Gestion
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Lewis & Clark College
Liberty University
Louisiana State University

University of Louisville
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynchburg College
Macalester College
Mars Hill University
University of Mary Washington
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The Master's University
McGill University
Mercer University
Miami University
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
Minerva Schools at KGI
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Morehouse College
New College of Florida
University of New Hampshire at Durham
The New School
New York University
Newberry College
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
University of North Texas
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
Nova Southeastern University
Oakwood University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
Ohio Northern University
The Ohio State University
Ohio University
Oklahoma City University
University of Oklahoma
Oregon State University
University of Oregon
University of Ottawa
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University, Abington
University of Pennsylvania
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsburgh
Point Park University
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph-Macon College
University of Redlands
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
University of Richmond

Ringling College of Art and Design
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Francis University
Saint Michael's College
Samford University
San Diego State University
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seawane: The University of the South
Shenandoah University
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. John's College
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Technische Universität München
Temple University
University of Tennessee
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
University of Texas at Austin
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of St Andrews
University of Utah
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Washington Adventist University
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College
College of William and Mary
Williams College
Wingate University
Winston-Salem State University
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Wofford College
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University