

2020-2021

# 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

1,701 (including 212 students from 55 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 (NCAIS)  
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:

\$7.2 million (21.5% of student body)

## COVID-19 Information:

CCDS transitioned to asynchronous remote learning on 3/25/2020 to finish the school year. Second semester grades were weighted 80% from January-March and 20% during remote learning in April-May. Plans for the 2020-2021 school year include a hybrid learning model (student body divided in half alphabetically, attending school in-person and remotely every other day) with blended synchronous and asynchronous teaching. Normal letter grading policies will be used.

## 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.

## Connect with Us

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## Academic Achievements

### Cumulative GPA Distributions Class of 2021 (127 seniors)

Represents grades achieved while enrolled at Country Day

Quintile	Range	Mean
Top	4.695-4.307	4.401
2nd	4.293-4.014	4.154
3rd	3.992-3.644	3.849
4th	3.617-3.167	3.417
5th	3.159-2.527	2.856

### Distribution of SAT Scores Class of 2020

Middle 50% score range:

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

### Distribution of ACT Scores Class of 2020

Middle 50% score range:

English	35–28
Math	33–27
Reading	36–30
Science	34–26
Composite	33–28

### SAT Subject Test Scores Class of 2020

Subject	Number	Mean
Biology—Molecular	2	695
Chemistry	13	735
Chinese	1	800
English Literature	11	681
German	2	670
Math, Level 1	5	644
Math, Level 2	26	722
Physics	5	680
Spanish	5	642
U.S. History	17	686
World History	3	750

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$11.7 MILLION** total scholarship offers to the class of 2020 based on academic merit, athletic abilities, and special talents.

**20 STUDENTS** earned more than **\$100,000**, **16 STUDENTS** earned more than **\$250,000**, and **1 STUDENT** earned more than \$1 million 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 2020 included 8 National Merit Finalists, 8 National Merit Semifinalists, and 12 Commended Scholars.

### Advanced Placement Scores: Spring 2020

**89% scored "3" or higher.**

Exam/Scores	1	2	3	4	5	Total Exams
Art History			2			2
Biology		1	5	9	11	26
Calculus (AB)		4	6	9	4	23
Calculus (BC)		1	10	7	16	34
Chemistry			7	13	9	29
Computer Science A	7	5	4	4	1	21
English Language (Comp.)		4	15	12	8	39
English Literature (Comp.)	1	11	11	9		32
Environmental Science		1		3	2	6
European History		1	4	13	3	21
French Language		1	1	2	3	7
Human Geography	2	2	3	12	7	26
Music Theory		1	1		1	3
Physics (Electricity & Magnetism)	3	8	5	11	5	32
Physics (Mechanics)	1	1	3	12	18	35
Psychology	2		7	10	13	32
Spanish Language		1	7	14	10	32
Statistics	1	2	9	14	4	30
Studio Art – Drawing			1	1		2
Studio Art – 2D Design			1	4		5
Studio Art – 3D Design			1	2		3
U.S. Government & Politics	2	1	6	5	3	17
U.S. History	1	1	6	7	9	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>481</b>

## 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>		
<b>English</b> 4.0 Credits including English 9–12; all students must be enrolled in an English course every semester in Upper School.	AP English 11: Language & Composition IB English 11	AP English 12: Literature & Composition IB English 12 IB Theory of Knowledge	
<b>Mathematics</b> 4.0 Credits	Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Precalculus AP Statistics AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC IB Math Studies IB Calculus and Statistics Honors Algebra II/Precalculus Linear Algebra Multivariable Calculus	<i>Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus are advanced math courses for students who have completed AP Calculus AB or BC.</i>
<b>Sciences/Technology</b> 3.0 Credits including Biology I (preferably 9th grade).	AP Biology IB Biology AP Environmental Science Honors Chemistry AP Chemistry IB Chemistry Computational Biochemistry	Honors Physics AP Physics Organic Chemistry Honors Engineering AP Computer Science A IB Information Technology in a Global Society	<i>Organic Chemistry is an advanced chemistry fall semester elective for students who have completed AP or IB Chemistry. Many students take Computational Biochemistry spring semester.</i>
<b>History and Social Studies</b> 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
<b>Modern and Classical Languages</b> 2.0 Credits; all students must complete at least 2 years of the same language in Upper School.	Honors Chinese I, II, III, IV, V Honors French II, III, IV, V AP French Language	Honors Spanish II, III, IV, V AP Spanish Language AP Latin	<b>International Baccalaureate:</b> All languages available at certain levels.
<b>Fine Arts</b> 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>

## The IB Diploma Program

Country Day was the first school in North Carolina to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Country Day has approximately 20 students enroll in the full IB program each year. Over the last five years, our IB students have had an average diploma pass rate of 92%, which is well above both the US and International pass rates.

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 2017–2020

**Bold** indicates schools enrolling one or more members of the Class of 2020

## University of Alabama

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Alabama in Huntsville  
American University  
Amherst College  
Andrews University  
**Appalachian State University**  
Arizona State University  
University of Arizona  
**Auburn University**  
Babson College  
Bates College  
Baylor University  
Bellarmine University  
Belmont Abbey College  
**Belmont 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 Brighton, UK  
University of Bristol, UK  
**Brown University**  
Bryant University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
Cal Poly  
California Institute of Technology  
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  
Carson Newman University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Catawba College  
Central Piedmont Community College  
**Centre College**  
Chapman University  
College of Charleston  
University of Chicago  
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina  
City College of New York  
Claremont McKenna College  
Clarion University  
Clark Atlanta University  
Clark University  
**Clemson University**  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
Colorado College  
Colorado State University  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
Columbia University  
Concordia University Montreal  
**Connecticut College**  
Cornell College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
**Davidson College**  
**University of Delaware**  
Denison University

University of Denver  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
**Duke University**  
East Carolina University  
East Tennessee State University  
Elizabeth City State University  
**Elon University**  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
ESSEC Business School  
Falmouth University, UK  
Fisk University  
Flagler College  
Florida A&M University  
Florida State University  
University of Florida  
Fordham University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
**Furman University**  
George Mason University  
**George Washington University**  
**Georgetown University**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**University of Georgia**  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
University of Glasgow  
Green Mountain College  
Guilford College  
**Hamilton College**  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Hampton University  
Harvard College  
**Harvard College**  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Hendrix College  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Hollins University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Hope College  
Howard University  
IESEG School of Management Lille  
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Imperial College London  
**Indiana University**  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Jewish Theological Seminary Columbia University  
**Johns Hopkins University**  
University of Kentucky  
Kenyon College  
La Salle University  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
**Lehigh University**  
Lenoir Rhyne University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Liberty University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Loyola University New Orleans  
University of Lynchburg  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Maine College of Art  
University of Manchester, UK  
University of Mary Washington  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
University of Maryland

University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
McGill University  
**Miami University**  
University of Miami  
Michigan State University  
**University of Michigan**  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Middlebury College  
University of Minnesota  
Mississippi State University  
**University of Mississippi**  
University of Missouri  
Montana State University  
Montclair State University  
Montserrat College of Art  
Morehouse College  
New College of Florida  
University of New Hampshire  
New York University  
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 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  
Oberlin Conservatory of Music  
Occidental College  
Ohio Northern University  
**Ohio University**  
Oklahoma City University  
University of Oregon  
University of Ottawa  
Oxford College of Emory University  
Pace University  
Pacific Union College  
University of the Pacific  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pennsylvania State University, Abington  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pepperdine University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Point Park University  
Pratt Institute  
Presbyterian College  
**Princeton University**  
**Providence College**  
University of Puget Sound  
Purdue University  
Queens University of Charlotte  
Radford University  
Randolph College  
Randolph-Macon College  
Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Rhodes College**  
Rice University  
University of Richmond  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
University of Rochester  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Augustine's University  
Saint Francis University

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  
**Scripps College**  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
**Sewanee: The University of the South**  
**Skidmore College**  
University of South Alabama  
**University of South Carolina**  
University of South Florida  
**University of Southern California**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
Spelman College  
St Andrews University  
University of St Andrews, UK  
St. John's College  
Stanford University  
Stetson University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stony Brook University  
**Swarthmore College**  
**University of North Carolina at Pembroke**  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
Temple University  
University of Tennessee  
**Texas Christian University**  
Texas State University  
University of Texas  
**The New School**  
The Ohio State University  
**University of Toronto**  
Transylvania University  
Trinity College  
Trinity College Dublin Columbia University  
Tufts University  
**Tulane University**  
United States Military Academy  
University of the Arts London  
Utah State University  
University of Utah  
Valparaiso University  
**Vanderbilt University**  
Vassar College  
University of Vermont  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Military Institute  
**Virginia Tech**  
**University of Virginia**  
**Wake Forest University**  
Warren Wilson College  
Washington Adventist University  
**Washington and Lee University**  
Washington College  
University of Washington  
**Washington University in St Louis**  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University  
West Virginia University  
Western Carolina University  
Wheaton College  
Whitman College  
Willamette University  
**William and Mary**  
William Peace University  
Williams College  
Wingate University  
Winston-Salem State University  
University of Wisconsin  
**Wofford College**  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Xavier University  
**Yale University**  
York St John University, UK