



Arborbrook Christian Academy

4823 Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd., Matthews, NC 28104

2020 - 2021 High School Profile

CEEB Code: 342534

ABOUT ARBORBROOK

Independent, private, college preparatory, non-denominational K-12 Christian school located 20 miles south of Charlotte, North Carolina in Union County. Founded in 2005. First graduating class in 2011.

DISTINCTIVES

Small class size
Integrated learning
Inquiry-based Science
Emphasis on written and oral communication
Charlotte Mason educational philosophy
Home study day on Fridays
Extensive school gardens
Outdoor classroom spaces

ENROLLMENT

K - 12: 209 students
9 - 12: 61 students
Average class size: 12
Faculty to student ratio: 1:8
Diversity: 8.2% non-white in High School

TEST SCORES**

SAT Scores: Average 1223 (NC 1098)
High End 1350
ACT Scores: Composite 23 (NC 19.1)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
History	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
Bible	4.5 credits
Arts and Technology	2 credits
PE/Health	1 credit
Other Electives	2 credits
Total	26.50 credits

OTHER GRAD REQUIREMENTS***

Service Hours	60
Internship Hours	50
Outdoor Ed Days	17
Educational Trips	3
Mission Trips	2

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Christian Schools International Accreditation
Cognia/Advanced Ed Accreditation
Childlight Schools International Member
Greater Charlotte Area Christian School Association Member
North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals Member

LEADERSHIP

Head of School: Dr. Andrew Zawacki
Upper School Principal: Jamie Emrich

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MISSION

Arborbrook Christian Academy partners with parents to equip, empower, and encourage students to cultivate godly character, pursue life-long learning, and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Philosophy & Pedagogy - Arborbrook's academic program combines the rich traditions of a Charlotte Mason educational approach with the rigor of a college preparatory curriculum. Teachers engage students with highly interactive classroom experiences. "Brain stuffing" is *not* the method employed. Rather, students are encouraged to dig deep in each subject and explore big ideas. They are often required to narrate, participate in group discussion, or synthesize what they've learned with original written or artistic creations. In addition to textbooks, the curriculum consists of high quality literature, original source documents, biographies, and art. Arborbrook offers college preparatory, honors and dual enrollment courses within a modified block schedule. Most courses are full year courses.

Honors - Students may elect to take Honors courses in core subjects during all four years of high school. To qualify, the student must have had a B average or better in the subject or a recommendation from a teacher. Students receive one extra quality point in GPA for honors courses.

Honors and College Prep course list:

Algebra I and II	Freshman Literature and Composition
American Literature & Composition	Geometry
Biology	Pre-Calculus
British Literature & Composition	Spanish I and II
Chemistry	US History I* and II
Civics and Economics*	World History
Discrete Math (no Honors option)	World Literature & Composition
Environmental Science*	

Dual Enrollment - Arborbrook partners with Ocean County College (OCC) in Ocean County, New Jersey to offer embedded courses on our campus, taught by our teachers. Students must apply and be approved to take dual enrollment courses. English 151 & 152 have the SAT benchmark requirement of 500 verbal. Students receive two additional quality points for dual enrollment courses. Most are one semester courses, except for DE Anatomy & Physiology and DE US History, which are full year courses.

DE Courses for 10th - 12th grade students:

DE US History II (History 174 – US History from 1877)

DE Courses for 11th - 12th grade students:

DE Psychology (Psychology 172)
DE Sociology (Sociology 181)
DE Spanish 1 & 2 (Elementary Spanish 1 & 2)
DE Economics – (Economics 151 - Macroeconomic Principles)*
DE Government – (Political Science 161 - American Federal Government)*

DE Courses for 12th grade students only:

DE Anatomy & Physiology (Biology 130 w/Lab)
DE English 1 (English 151)
DE English 2 (English 152)

New this year: Juniors and Seniors may take additional courses on-line through OCC, upon approval of the Guidance Counselor.

Electives - Arts Track, Technology Track, and General Electives are offered during two 50-minute class periods per week, per semester. Electives include Archery, Art, Fitness, Forensics, Painting, Printmaking, Programming: Java, Technology Design: Raspberry Pi. Due to continued restrictions related to COVID19, Band will not be offered this year. Each elective is worth .5 credits.

Auxiliary Courses - Auxiliary courses are required classes that meet one block every two weeks throughout the school year – PE/Health (9th), Worldview (10th), Apologetics (11th), Junior Seminar (11th), and Leadership (10th or 12th). Auxiliary courses receive .5 credits. Bible is also required for 9-12th grades, but meets three blocks within a two-week period. Bible became a one-credit course in 2017-2018.

*courses not offered in the current academic year.

Grading Policy during Spring Semester 2019-2020 – Response to Restrictions due to COVID-19

In response to the NC Governor’s State of Emergency order on March 10, 2020, Arborbrook launched classes on-line on Wednesday, March 18th in core subjects (English, Foreign Language, History, Math and Science) using a combination of Zoom and Google Classroom. Students continued to receive grades in core subjects. Elective classes were not able to meet, so students received a Pass or Fail for the semester based on his/her grade at the time of the lock down. Bible and Auxiliary classes began to meet for a 30-minute block each week in April, but students had the choice to take a grade or Pass/Fail for the semester. If a student failed a class during 2nd Semester, the student is allowed to retake the class during the 2020-2021 school year and replace the failed grade. This is an exception to the previous school policy, which states that both grades show up on the transcript. The current Seniors (’21) did not have the opportunity to take the SAT at school last Spring due to the COVID restrictions.

RANK & GRADING SCALE

Arborbrook does not rank students due to small class sizes. Historically, graduating classes range from 12 to 25 students. The Class of 2019** W-GPA range was 5.030 – 2.982.

Arborbrook is on a two-semester system, with modified block scheduling. High School classes taken in 8th grade will show on the transcript.

[**Data is based on the Class of 2019, due to COVID restrictions potentially adversely affecting the Class of 2020. The Class of 2019 had 17 students.]

Grade	Scale	Un-Weighted	Honors	Dual Enroll.
A+	98-100	4.3	5.3	6.3
A	93-97	4.0	5.0	6.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.7	5.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3	5.3
B	83-86	3.0	4.0	5.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.7	4.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3	4.3
C	73-76	2.0	3.0	4.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.7	3.7
D	60-69	1.0	1.0	2.0
F	59-0	0.0	0.0	0.0

ATHLETICS

Basketball (Boys/Girls), Cross Country (Boys/Girls), Soccer (Boys/Girls), Golf (Co-Ed), and Volleyball (Boys/Girls)

Varsity Conference Champions:

Boy’s Basketball 2015-2016, 2018-2019
 Girl’s Basketball 2015-2016, 2018-2019
 Cross Country 2013-2014
 Boy’s Soccer 2018-2019
 Girl’s Soccer 2017-2018, 2018-2019
 Girl’s Volleyball 2018-2019, 2019-2020

***ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Arborbrook has extra graduation requirements for the students that are completed outside the classroom. These reflect the school’s values.

Service Hours - Every student entering the high school in 9th grade must complete an average of 15 service hours per year for a total of 60 hours. This encourages students to consider and serve people who may have fewer resources or opportunities.

Internship Hours - During Junior or Senior year, students must get an internship in a career of their choice and complete 50 internship hours prior to graduation. Internships help students identify their own strengths and weaknesses, interests, and abilities while exploring a career.

Outdoor Ed Days - To ensure our students are spending time in nature, which is an Arborbrook value, students must complete 17 days of outdoor experiences such as hiking, rock climbing, kayaking/canoeing, skiing, mountain biking, camping, etc. The goal is to encourage an appreciation for nature, disconnect from technology and develop outdoor skills.

Edu-Trips - Students must take three trips of an educational nature during his/her high school career. This could be day trips to museums, monuments, art galleries, historical sites, or even college tours.

Mission Trips - Students must complete two mission trips (international or domestic) prior to graduation. The school sponsors these trips every year during Spring Term. Students may also participate with church groups or family. The goal is to encourage worldwide understanding, appreciation of other cultures, and service to those with fewer resources.

Students are required to track and describe all hours/days/trips through our Student Information System. Service hours show on the transcript.

SPRING TERM

Every year, Arborbrook takes a week off of regularly scheduled classes for Spring Term. During this week, students actively engage in an intensive experience of community service by partnering with non-profit organizations locally and/or overseas. National Honor Society students help create a plan for the infrastructure of the week and assist with the leadership and organization of student teams. All students may be involved by raising funds, implementing the plan, and promoting their work. They have helped underserved people in Charlotte, NC, Ft. Wayne, IN, Clarkston, GA, as well as internationally in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

QUICK GLANCE - COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES for students from the graduating classes of 2011 - 2020:

Anderson University
 Appalachian State University
 Asbury University
 Auburn University
 Baylor University
 Belmont University
 Berry College
 Biola University
 Boston University
 Bryan College
 Cedarville University
 Centre College
 Charleston Southern University
 Clemson University
 College of Charleston
 East Carolina University

Elon University
 Guilford College
 Hampden Sydney College
 Liberty University
 Lynchburg College
 Moody Bible Institute
 North Carolina State University
 North Greenville University
 Oregon State University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Queens University of Charlotte
 Regent University
 Salem College
 Samford University
 Savannah College of Art & Design

Southeastern University
 The King’s College
 University of Alabama
 University of Arizona
 University of Mississippi
 University of North Carolina
 - Asheville
 - Chapel Hill
 - Charlotte
 - Greensboro
 - Wilmington
 University of Richmond
 University of South Carolina
 University of Tennessee
 Westmont College

and many more...

89% of students from the Class of 2019** attended a 4-year college; 11% attended a 2-year college.
 More than half went to colleges out of state. Arborbrook has a 100% graduation rate.