



2022-2023 PROFILE

MISSION

Cannon School nurtures relationships at the heart of learning and engages the learner in a journey of growth.

CORE VALUES

Courage | Teamwork | Passion | Respect | Integrity | Kindness

CAPTURING CANNON

OWNERSHIP:

A hallmark of the Upper School experience is a four-year study in **self-exploration**, which includes several assessments to understand learning styles, decision-making preferences, individual strengths, personalities, and career aptitudes. Students graduate with a deep knowledge of who they are as people, can comfortably communicate with others, and own their personal actions.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Cannon's educational philosophy of **adaptive expertise** fosters habits of autonomy, creativity, curiosity, risk-taking, metacognition, and reflection. Our students learn to take risks and decide for themselves how they will meet challenges in academic and daily life.

PARTNERSHIPS:

Cannon students' sense of commitment and personal responsibility have resulted in deep **community engagement**. Although service is not a graduation requirement, our students collectively complete almost 10,000 service hours each year through school-wide projects and individual efforts.

RELATIONSHIPS:

Using advisory groups as the foundation, Cannon School's **House system** offers leadership opportunities, peer tutoring, community outreach, and social activities throughout four years. The House system allows students to build unique relationships with adult advisors and fellow students.

CITIZENSHIP:

Honor as a way of life is important to all members of our community. By signing the **Honor Code** each year, our students pledge to tell the truth, to respect the property of others, and to do all their own work. Our student-elected Honor Council is a model of community governance and integrity.

FAST FACTS

Established: 1969

Enrollment (JrK-Grade 12): 1048

Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 435

Class of 2023: 108

Number of Zip Codes Represented: 35

Students of Color: 28%

\$2.2M in Financial Aid Awarded to
19% of Students

Full Time Faculty in Upper School: 45
With Advanced Degrees: 60%

CLASS OF 2022

Attending Four-Year Colleges: 99%

Attending Two-Year Colleges: 1%

Our commitment to inquiry and mastery is represented by our peer-school affiliations and our assessment practices. Cannon School is a member of The National Network of Schools in Partnership and the Independent Curriculum Group (ICG).

Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). Awarded a Cum Laude chapter in 2005. Selected additional memberships: ACCIS, CSEE, NAIS, NCAIS, NACAC, SACAC.

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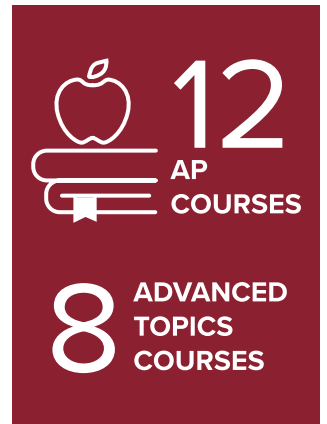
ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GPA: Our Advanced Topics (AT) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are weighted with a 1.0 quality point. Honors and Honors Accelerated courses are not weighted. The cumulative weighted and unweighted GPAs for each student are calculated using final grades from courses taken at Cannon School.

CALENDAR: Cannon School operates on a trimester system. Trimesters end in November, February, and May. *Grade reports for Trimester 1 are automatically sent for all seniors; grade reports for Trimester 2 are sent upon request.*

COURSE LOAD: Students carry an academic load of six courses unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise. Currently, all classes are taught as full-year courses.

RANK AND REPORTING POLICY: Cannon School does not rank students. The College Counseling office reports out-of-school suspensions and expulsions through time of graduation to any colleges and universities that request this information.



STATEMENT OF GRADING & INSTRUCTION

In 2021-2022 Cannon School returned to full-time on campus learning, with virtual options offered for students whose medical situations prevented their presence on campus. We retained a modified schedule from COVID (fewer, longer-blocks per day), reinstated final exams, and had full sports seasons. We continue to ask our students to share their time and resources with those in less fortunate situations.

**Given the shift in test optional admission review, we support our students' right to choose whether they will submit scores with their application. Therefore, test scores for the Class of 2023 are not reported.*

GRADING SCALE

A	93-100	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.00
D-	60-62	.67
F	Below 60	0

GPA DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2023

(CUMULATIVE FOR GRADES 9-11)

WEIGHTED GPA

High	4.28
Mid-50%	3.61-4.09

UNWEIGHTED GPA

High	4.0
Mid-50%	3.56-3.95

SIGNATURE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Student-driven choice and inquiry define Cannon's signature learning experiences. Students collaborate with one another and their teachers to define a research topic, problem or project. While signature learning experiences unfold differently depending on the course, they all culminate with students publicly demonstrating competencies in their respective fields. Selected examples include:

Portfolio Defense: In Advanced Topics: American Language and Literature, students design and present digital portfolios featuring multiple drafts of projects written throughout the junior year.

Symposium: In Advanced Topics: US History, students choose, trace and develop an original argument about an historical topic, which they defend in the spring of junior year.

BIOREX: With these **B**iological **R**esearch **E**xperience projects, juniors develop a scientific hypothesis, test it, analyze results with statistical methods and present their findings to a committee of faculty, science professionals, and local business leaders.

Independent Study and Senior Seminar: Seniors who wish to pursue a topic in greater depth can petition to work alongside a faculty member, develop course content and assessment rubrics, and produce an end-of-year artifact that represents and explains their coursework.

Senior Capstones: These service projects allow seniors to immerse themselves in a philanthropic cause for which they are passionate. Culminating presentations to faculty, staff, and peers allow time for reflection and questions.

OTHER NOTABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Cannon School offers Honors, Honors Accelerated, Advanced Topics (AT), and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Our AT and AP courses are the most rigorous courses we offer in each discipline, and students in AT/AP classes have the option of sitting for the appropriate AP exam.

SUBJECT AND REQUIREMENT			
ENGLISH 4 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors English I Honors English II Honors English III *Advanced Topics: American Language and Literature	Honors English IV *Advanced Topics: English Literature and Composition	Honors The Voice: Poetry and Fiction Writing Honors Film Studies
MATHEMATICS 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Algebra I Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Accelerated Algebra II	Honors Precalculus Honors Accelerated Precalculus Honors Calculus Honors Discrete, Probability and Finance Honors Functions, Modeling and Trigonometry	Honors Statistics *AP Calculus AB *AP Calculus BC *AP Statistics *Advanced Topics: Calculus with Applications
SCIENCE 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Physics Honors Accelerated Physics Honors Chemistry Honors Accelerated Chemistry	Honors Biology Honors Marine Science Honors Anatomy and Physiology Honors Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Science	*AP Biology *AP Chemistry *AP Physics C *AP Physics 1 *Advanced Topics: Environmental Science
SOCIAL STUDIES 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors World History I Honors Accelerated World History I Honors World History II *Advanced Topics: World History II	Honors U.S. History *Advanced Topics: U.S. History Honors Psychology *AP Psychology	Honors Economics, Law, and Politics *Advanced Topics: U.S. Government
WORLD LANGUAGE 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Chinese I, II, III, IV, V *AP Chinese Language and Culture	Honors French I, II, III, IV, V *AP French Language and Culture	Honors Spanish I, II, III, IV, V *AP Spanish Language
FINE ARTS 2 YEARS REQUIRED	Visual Foundations Studio Arts I Honors Studio Arts II, III *AP Studio Arts Media Arts I, II Media Arts Senior Seminar	Media Productions Acting I, II Technical Theater Theatre in Performance String Ensemble I Honors String Ensemble II	Concert Chorus Jazz Combo Upper School Band Music Technology I, II Creative Design and Engineering I, II, III, IV Yearbook
GENERAL ELECTIVES	Honors Coding & Computer Science	*Advanced Topics: Coding and Computer Science	Global Education Senior Colloquium: Leadership Senior Practicum: Education

Bold indicates most demanding coursework in that discipline per appropriate grade level

Asterisks (*) indicate courses that are weighted with 1.0 quality point

2020-2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Bold indicates institutions to which members of the Class of 2022 enrolled

Agnes Scott College	Flagler College	Montreat College	Stetson University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
American University	Florida Atlantic University	Morehouse College	Stonehill College	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Appalachian State University	Florida Gulf Coast University	Morgan State University	Suffolk University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Arizona State University (Main Campus)	Florida International University	Mount St Mary's University	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Auburn University	Florida Southern College	Muhlenberg College	Susquehanna University	University of Northern Colorado
Austin Peay State University	Florida State University	New York University	Sweet Briar College	University of Notre Dame
Barry University	Fordham University	North Carolina A & T State University	Syracuse University	University of Oklahoma
Bates College	Full Sail University	North Carolina Central University	Temple University	University of Oregon
Baylor University	Furman University	North Carolina State University	Tennessee Technological University	University of Pennsylvania
Belmont Abbey College	Gardner-Webb University	North Greenville University	Texas A&M University	University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)
Belmont University	George Mason University	Northeastern University	Texas Christian University	University of Portland
Berklee College of Music	George Washington University	Northwestern University	The College of William and Mary	University of Puget Sound
Berry College	Georgetown University	Nova Southeastern University	The Ohio State University (Main Campus)	University of Richmond
Boston College	Georgia Institute of Technology (Main Campus)	Oglethorpe University	The University of Alabama	University of Rochester
Boston University	Georgia Southern University	Ohio University (Main Campus)	The University of Montana	University of San Francisco
Bowling Green State University (Main Campus)	Georgia State University	Ohio Wesleyan University	The University of Tampa	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Bradley University	Gettysburg College	Old Dominion University	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	Trinity College
Brandeis University	Gonzaga University	Oral Roberts University	Tulane University of Louisiana	University College Dublin
Bridgewater College	Grand Canyon University	Oregon State University	University of Alabama in Huntsville	University of Arizona
Brigham Young University (Hawaii)	Guilford College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Arkansas	University of Birmingham
Bucknell University	Hamline University	Penn State University (University Park)	University of Bristol	University of British Columbia
Butler University	Hampden-Sydney College	Pepperdine University	University of California Irvine	University of California (San Diego)
California State University (Bakersfield)	Hampton University	Pratt Institute	University of California (San Diego)	University of Central Florida
Campbell University	Hartwick College	Presbyterian College	University of Central Florida	University of Charleston
Cape Fear Community College	Hawaii Pacific University	Princeton University	University of Chicago	University of Colorado Boulder
Case Western Reserve University	High Point University	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Dayton	University of Denver
Catawba College	Hofstra University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of East Anglia	University of Evansville
Central Piedmont Community College	Hollins University	Quinnipiac University	University of Florida	University of Georgia
Chapman University	Houston Baptist University	Radford University	University of Illinois at Chicago	University of Indianapolis
Charleston Southern University	Howard University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Kentucky	University of Louisville
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Lynchburg	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
Clark Atlanta University	Iowa Wesleyan University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Mary Washington	University of Maryland (College Park)
Clemson University	Jacksonville University	Roanoke College	University of Massachusetts (Boston)	University of Miami
Coastal Carolina University	James Madison University	Robert Morris University	University of Michigan	University of Michigan
College of Charleston	John Cabot University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	University of Mississippi
Colorado College	John Carroll University	Roger Williams University	University of Nevada (Reno)	University of Mount Olive
Colorado School of Mines	Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)	Rollins College	Washington and Lee University	University of Nevada (Reno)
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Kenyon College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Washington University in St. Louis	University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
Columbus College of Art and Design	Knox College	Royal Holloway, University of London	Wellesley College	University of New Haven
Concord University	La Salle University	Saint Augustine College	Wesleyan University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Concordia University (Saint Paul)	Lafayette College	Saint Edward's University	West Virginia University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Connecticut College	Lehigh University	Saint Leo University	Western Carolina University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Cornell University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Saint Louis University	Western New England University	
Davidson College	Liberty University	Saint Mary's College	Wheaton College	
Denison University	Longwood University	Salem State University	Widener University	
DePaul University	Louisiana State University	Salisbury University	William Penn University	
DePauw University	Loyola University Chicago	San Diego State University	Wingate University	
Drew University	Loyola University Maryland	Santa Clara University	Winthrop University	
Drexel University	Marist College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wofford College	
Duke University	Mars Hill University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	
East Carolina University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Seton Hall University	Xavier University	
East Tennessee State University	McDaniel College	Sewanee: The University of the South		
Eckerd College	McGill University	Siena College		
EDHEC Business School	Mercer University	Skidmore College		
Elon University	Meredith College	Southeastern University		
Emerson College	Methodist University	Southern Methodist University		
Emory & Henry College	Miami University (Oxford)	Spelman College		
Emory University	Michigan State University	St. Bonaventure University		
Endicott College	Michigan Technological University	St. John's University (New York)		
Fairfield University	Middle Tennessee State University	St. Lawrence University		
Fisk University	Middlebury College	Stanford University		
	Mississippi State University			
	Missouri Valley College			
	Monmouth University			
	Montana State University			