



CAPE FEAR ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE **2022-2023**

CAPE FEAR ACADEMY;

founded in 1967, is a college preparatory, non-sectarian, independent coeducational day school located in Wilmington, North Carolina, enrolling students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve.

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ENROLLMENT

740

Total Enrollment

238

Upper School (9-12)

190

Middle School (6-8)

312

Lower School (LE-5)

% Students Representing Minority Ethnicity:
12% with 8% of student population not reporting

% Students Receiving Need-Based Financial Assistance: 9%

MISSION

Cape Fear Academy is a learning community committed to discovering and developing individual potential, preparing each student for success in college and life.

CORE PRINCIPLES

CFA believes strongly in the value of every student and maintains high expectations for each student's success that are guided by our four Core Principles:

COMMUNITY • ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE • CHARACTER • OPPORTUNITY

Cape Fear Academy believes that strength of character is essential to success. We foster good decision making, interacting with others with compassion and empathy, tackling challenges with optimism and diligence, delivering on commitments, and taking responsibility for actions.

STATEMENT OF HONOR

The Cape Fear Academy standard is that each student will live as a responsible person, one whose word is their bond, whose work is always their own, and around whom the well being and property of others is safe.

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

CFA is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and is a member of both the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS).

REMOTE LEARNING PERIOD

Due to COVID-19, Cape Fear Academy operated via remote learning March - May 2020. All upper school classes continued, and teachers taught via synchronous and asynchronous lessons using online platforms. Teachers and students followed a consistent, weekly schedule. Students completed courses in which they were enrolled, and all students that were enrolled in an AP course took their AP exam. The graduation requirements for Cape Fear Academy did not change. Final grades for year-long courses that appear on a student's final transcript were calculated using the current grading scale.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar is organized on a semester system and the academic week is made up of seven periods with each class meeting for 230 minutes per week.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Community Engagement

In addition to their academic schedule, students are required to complete 4 community engagement units per semester. Cape Fear Academy views community engagement as an integral part of becoming an active and productive member of society. Examples of this might be: attending a religious service outside of a student's faith tradition, attending a city council meeting, attending a school board meeting, participating in a community service activity, attending a local play, musical, or theatrical performance, etc.

Engineering Certificate Program

The Engineering Certification Program is designed for students considering a career or college major in STEM that want to supplement their high school education with focused coursework towards their interests, goals, and passion. The program consists of required courses in engineering and physics topics, electives from an approved list, an engineering design requirement, and an engineering experiential component outside the classroom. The Advanced Engineering Certificate is a calculus-based program.

Quality Point Equivalencies

A+	4.33	98-100	C+	2.33	78-79
A	4.00	93-97	C	2.00	73-77
A-	3.67	90-92	C-	1.67	70-72
B+	3.33	88-89	D+	1.33	68-69
B	3.00	83-87	D	1.00	63-67
B-	2.67	80-82	D-	0.67	60-62
NP	0.00	Below 60	0.5 points added for Honors; 1.0 point added for AP Any grade less than a C in an A.P. course receives no boost in GPA.		

Grades are weighted, although unweighted GPAs are available and published to each transcript. All CFA courses are included in the GPA. A Senior's mid-year GPA is available to colleges if requested. Cape Fear Academy does not include previous school grades on the transcript, nor does it use dual enrollment or online coursework when computing GPA.

GPA	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	NP
Class of 2023 62 students	100-98 4.33+	97-93 4.32-4.0	92-90 3.99-3.67	89-88 3.66-3.33	87-83 3.32-3.0	82-80 2.99-2.67	79-78 2.66-2.33	77-73 2.32-2.0	72-70 1.99-1.67	69-68 1.66-1.33	67-63 1.32-1.0	62-60 .99-.67	59-90 .66-0
Unweighted Grade Distribution as of June 2022	0%	11.6%	41.6%	25%	6.6%	8.3%	6.6%	Grade distribution is cumulative for grades 9-11. Cape Fear Academy does not rank students. This chart should be used to determine a student's competitiveness with respect to their peers.					

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students academic load should be reasonable with regard to honors and AP classes scheduled. A scheduling waiver must be signed by a parent, the student, the student's advisor, a college counselor, and Upper School Director to take four or more Advanced Placement courses during an academic year. CFA encourages a healthy balance of academics, athletics, and the arts.

Placement into AP classes is contingent upon meeting a grade prerequisite set for each class as well as teacher recommendation. All AP students are required to complete the AP exam in order to earn the AP grade weight in their GPA. In cases in which a student completes the most advanced AP-level course prior to their senior year, students take dual-enrollment courses at either Cape Fear Community College or the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

2022 AP EXAM STATISTICS

STUDENTS	EXAMS	SCORE: 3 or Higher	SCORE: 4 or 5
164	428	87%	51%

CLASS OF 2022 AP COURSE STATISTICS

AVERAGE PER STUDENT	RANGE	MAJORITY OF CLASS TOOK
7	0-15	4-10

Class of 2022 Statistics

CLASS OF 2022	STUDENTS	COLLEGE BOUND	MEAN GPA (Unweighted)	MEAN GPA (Weighted)	GPA Range (Weighted)	GPA MID-50% (Weighted)
	63	100%	3.59	4.13	2.81- 4.92	3.77- 4.55

ACT (36)

		Math	Science	English	Reading	Composite
Class of 2022 (23 Tested)	Average	26	27	28	31	28
	Mid 50%	24-28	25-30	24-33	29-35	25-30

SAT (1600)

		EBRW (800)	Math (800)	Total Score
Class of 2022 (49 Tested)	Average	646	656	1302
	Mid 50%	600-710	600-710	1220-1400

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Academic Offerings for Grades 9-12

Required credits to graduate shown in parentheses.

Cape Fear Academy expects students to graduate with a minimum of **23 credits but recommends 26 credits**.

English (4)

- ▶ English 9,10
- ▶ Honors English 9,10
- ▶ English 11/12 Art and Science
- ▶ English 11/12 The Art of Memoir Writing †
- ▶ English 11/12 The Spoken Word- Speech and Communication †
- ▶ English 11/12 Sports Literature †
- ▶ English 11/12 Contemporary Literature †
- ▶ English 11/12 Environmental Justice †
- ▶ English 11/12 Power to the People †
- ▶ English 11/12 Literacy and Voice: Speaking Up *
- ▶ English 11/12 21st Century Literature: Signs of the Times *
- ▶ English 11/12 Writing for the 21st Century: Truth and Style *
- ▶ AP English Language & Composition
- ▶ AP English Literature & Composition

Math (4)

- ▶ Algebra 1
- ▶ Geometry
- ▶ Honors Geometry
- ▶ Algebra 2
- ▶ Honors Algebra 2
- ▶ Advanced Algebra & Trig
- ▶ Discrete Math
- ▶ Honors Pre-Calculus
- ▶ AP Statistics
- ▶ AP Calculus AB
- ▶ AP Calculus BC

Science (3)

(Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Required)

- ▶ Biology or Honors Biology
- ▶ AP Biology
- ▶ Anatomy and Physiology
- ▶ Botany †
- ▶ Genetics †
- ▶ Marine Science
- ▶ Earth and Space Science †
- ▶ Chemistry or Honors Chemistry
- ▶ AP Chemistry
- ▶ AP Environmental Science
- ▶ Introduction to Engineering and Physics
- ▶ Advanced Topics Physics: Coastal Engineering
- ▶ Advanced Topics: Engineering and Design *
- ▶ Advanced Topics: EM and Circuits *

- ▶ Honors Physics *
- ▶ AP Physics 1 †
- ▶ AP Physics C (Mechanics)
- ▶ AP Physics C (E & M) *
- ▶ River to Shore: Protecting Wilmington's Water Resources †
- ▶ Zoology †

Social Sciences (3)

- ▶ Civics and Economics or Honors
- ▶ World History
- ▶ AP World History
- ▶ U.S. History
- ▶ AP U.S. History
- ▶ AP Human Geography
- ▶ AP U.S. Government and Politics
- ▶ AP Psychology
- ▶ AP Macroeconomics *
- ▶ AP Economics (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics) †
- ▶ AP Seminar
- ▶ AP Research

World Language (2)

- ▶ Spanish I, II
- ▶ Honors Spanish III, IV
- ▶ Advanced Topics: Spanish Conversation *
- ▶ AP Spanish Language and Culture
- ▶ AP Spanish Literature and Culture
- ▶ Mandarin I, II
- ▶ Honors Mandarin III, IV, V
- ▶ AP Chinese Language and Culture

Fine Arts (1)

- ▶ 2D Art Fundamentals
- ▶ Honors 2D Art Fundamentals
- ▶ 3D Art Fundamentals
- ▶ Honors 3D Art Fundamentals
- ▶ Drawing and Painting
- ▶ Honors Drawing and Painting
- ▶ Ceramics and Sculptures
- ▶ Honors Ceramics and Sculptures
- ▶ AP Studio Art
- ▶ Acting and Directing
- ▶ Theater Applications †
- ▶ Honors Theater Applications †
- ▶ Independent Study in Theater Arts
- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Honors Publications
- ▶ Filmmaking
- ▶ The Art of Filmmaking †

- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Honors Photography
- ▶ Technical Theater and Design
- ▶ Honors Technical Theater Design
- ▶ Vocal Ensemble
- ▶ Honors Vocal Ensemble
- ▶ Band
- ▶ Honors Band
- ▶ Advanced Topics: Music Composition *
- ▶ AP Music Theory †
- ▶ Sewing and Fashion Design

Computing, Innovation and Design

- ▶ Entrepreneurship - Design and Fabrication
- ▶ Robotics I, II
- ▶ Virtual Reality
- ▶ Cyber Security and Web Design
- ▶ AP Computer Science A
- ▶ AP Computer Science Principles
- ▶ Advanced Topics in App Development

Physical Education (1)

- ▶ Fitness and Conditioning
- ▶ Fitness and Weight Training †

Students may earn their P.E. credit by participating in three (3) seasons of an Upper School sport or a combination thereof.

Electives (6)

In addition to the credits listed above, all students must have completed a minimum of six(6) credits that can be considered electives to graduate.

Miscellaneous

CFA offers online courses for elective courses not taught on campus.

CFA Faculty Statistics

74 # full-time instructors	21 # of part-time instructors
35 # of whom hold advanced degrees	9:1 Student to faculty ratio

KEY: † Course no longer available * Courses added in '22-'23 school year

CAPE FEAR ACADEMY COLLEGE CHOICES

Application Statistics for the Class of 2022

Average: 7 apps per student

Matriculation Statistics: Out of State 44% / North Carolina 56%

Students were accepted into the following colleges and universities:

American University	Hampden-Sydney College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Michigan
Appalachian State University	Hawaii Pacific University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Mississippi
Auburn University	High Point University	Simmons University	University of New England
Bates College	James Madison University	Skidmore College	University of New Hampshire
Birmingham-Southern College	Limestone University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Boston University	Loyola Marymount University	Stony Brook University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Bucknell University	Marshall University	SUNY at Purchase College	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Campbell University	Marymount Manhattan College	Syracuse University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Cape Fear Community College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Temple University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Chapman University	Mercer University	Texas A&M University	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Clemson University	Meredith College	Texas Christian University	University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)
Coastal Carolina University	Methodist University	The College of William and Mary	University of South Carolina
College of Charleston	Miami University (Oxford)	The Ohio State University	University of Southern California
Drexel University	Middle Tennessee State University	The University of Tampa	University of St Andrews
East Carolina University	Mount Holyoke College	The University of Texas at Dallas	University of Vermont
Eckerd College	New York University	The University of the Arts	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Elon University	North Carolina State University	University of California (Davis)	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	Northeastern University	University of California (Irvine)	Villanova University
Emerson College	Oberlin College	University of California (Riverside)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Fairfield University	Oglethorpe University	University of California (San Diego)	Wake Forest University
Florida Atlantic University	Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus)	University of California (Santa Barbara)	Washington and Lee University
Florida Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University (World Campus)	University of California (Santa Cruz)	Washington University in St. Louis
Florida International University	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Colorado Boulder	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Florida State University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Colorado Denver	Western Carolina University
Fordham University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Delaware	Western University
Franklin & Marshall College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Denver	William Peace University
Furman University	Roanoke College	University of Florida	Wingate University
George Mason University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Georgia	Winthrop University
George Washington University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Hartford	
Georgetown University	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of Hawaii at Manoa	
Georgia Institute of Technology	San Diego State University	University of Maryland (College Park)	
Georgia Southern University	San Jose State University	University of Miami	
Georgia Southwestern State University	Savannah College of Art and Design		
Guilford College			

**COLLEGE
COUNSELING
MEMBERSHIPS**

NACAC
National Association for
College Admission Counseling

SACAC
Southern Association
for College Admission Counseling

ACCIS
Association of College Counselors
in Independent Schools

Disclosure Policy

Cape Fear Academy will report any significant changes in a candidate's status or qualifications between the time of recommendation and graduation. Cape Fear Academy will report major infractions, disciplinary actions, and all out-of-school suspensions. Students who commit infractions are held accountable in the hope that they will grow from their mistakes. We encourage students to disclose these growth experiences in their applications.

**CFA does not report minor or intermediate (with exception of resulting disciplinary actions resulting in OSS) disciplinary infractions.*