



2023-2024

HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ACADEMIC PROFILE

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About Our School

HHCA is a Christ-centered, K-12 educational community, built on inquiry-based, student-driven learning. Established in 1979, HHCA has grown to a student population of over 600 since the move to a new, innovative campus in 2021. Ranked among the top private K-12 schools in South Carolina and voted the #1 K-12 school in Bluffton in 2023, HHCA boasts a 95% retention rate.

HHCA's learning model focuses on outcomes that matter, a culture that empowers, teaching that engages, and technology that enables in a distinctively Christian environment. Students have the opportunity for deeper learning through practical application, giving them real-world experience that prepares them for success in their desired field. Along with academic excellence, HHCA offers award-winning fine arts and athletic programs. HHCA graduates are ready to impact the world.

Admissions

Students are considered for enrollment based on admissions testing, interviews, personal character and academic performance.

Financial Aid

Need-based tuition assistance is available upon review by FACTS Tuition Management. 33% of students receive financial aid.

Student Body Numbers

Class of 2024..... 71 students
High School (9th-12th)..... 241 students
Middle School (6th-8th)..... 171 students
Lower School (K-5th)..... 217 students
Total Student Body..... 629 students

Graduation Requirements

Twenty-four credits are required for graduation.

Academic Requirements*

English.....4 credits
Mathematics.....4 credits
Science.....4 credits
Bible.....4 credits
History.....3 credits
World Language.....2 credits
Technology.....1 credit
Physical Education.....1 credit
Fine Arts.....1 credit

*Personal Finance (0.5 credit) will be required beginning with the Class of 2027.

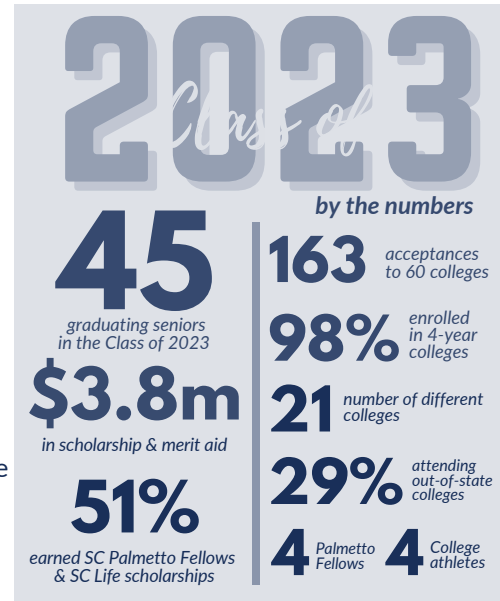
Non-Academic Requirements

Community Service.....20 hrs/year

HHCA 9th-12th graders accumulated nearly 8,000 hours of community service in 2022-2023, with 18 students earning the Mayor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards for over 50 hours of community service.

Accreditations & Memberships

Cognia | ASCA | PSSCA | SCISA
SAIS | PAIS | NACAC | SACAC



South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy

HHCA utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy. Both a weighted SCUGP GPA as well as an unweighted (4.0) GPA are shown on transcripts.

Letter/Numerical	GPA-CP	GPA-Honors (+.5)	GPA-AP & DE (+1.0)
A: 90-100	4.0-5.0	4.5-5.5	5.0-6.0
B: 80-89	3.0-3.9	3.5-4.4	4.0-4.9
C: 70-79	2.0-2.9	2.5-3.4	3.0-3.9
D: 60-69	1.0-1.9	1.5-2.4	2.0-2.9
F: 0-59	0.0-0.9	0.0-1.4	0.0-1.9

Class rank is determined based upon cumulative GPA in all high school courses and posted to final transcripts.

Class of 2024 Grade Distribution



Hilton Head Christian Academy
AP 2023 School Honor Roll

	unweighted GPA	(weighted GPA)
Top Decile.....	4.0-4.0	(5.14-5.25)
Top Quartile.....	3.90-4.0	(4.91-5.13)
2nd Quartile.....	3.61-4.0	(4.61-4.90)
3rd Quartile.....	3.29-3.88	(3.83-4.60)
4th Quartile.....	2.05-3.21	(2.50-3.76)

Standardized Testing Profile

Class of 2024	Classes of 2021-2023 (avg)
SAT ERW Avg.....553	SAT ERW Avg.....557
SAT Math Avg.....524	SAT Math.....525
ACT Comp Avg.....24	ACT Comp Avg.....23
Top 10% Avg.....1325/28	Top 10% Avg.....1380/32
Top 25% Avg.....1270/27	Top 25% Avg.....1281/28

AP Testing 2023

69 AP students/99 exams
67% scored 3+ on one or more exams; 3.17 avg score
15 AP Scholars
1 AP Scholar w/Honor
1 AP Scholar w/Distinction

to know Christ and make Him known

Academic Schedule

HHCA operates on a hybrid block schedule of 45-, 60-, and 90-minute classes. Most 90-minute classes run semester-long; most 45- and 60-minute classes run year-long.

Course Offerings

All academic core courses (English, history/social studies, mathematics, and science) are offered at College Preparatory (CP) and Honors (H) levels, with the exceptions of Algebra 3 (CP only), Precalculus (H only), and Spanish 1 & 2 (CP only).

AP courses are capped at a maximum of four and run year-long. This year, 97 students are taking 182 AP courses. AP offerings include*:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB and BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Music Theory
- AP Psychology
- AP Seminar
- AP US History

**AP Research will be added in 2024-25, along with the AP Capstone Diploma. APs not offered this year: AP European History, AP Statistics, AP Spanish Language and Culture, and AP Spanish Literature and Culture.*

Dual Enrollment

Juniors and seniors with a 3.0 unweighted GPA may pursue dual enrollment opportunities with the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, Technical College of the Lowcountry, and online university programs. There are 78 juniors and seniors enrolling in 130 dual-credit courses this year.

Diploma with Distinction

This graduation honor is bestowed upon students who complete an independent research project culminating in a written and verbal defense of their thesis.

Elective Courses

Students may choose from a variety of fine arts, technology, physical education, and interest-based electives, including: Art, Ceramics, Theater Production, Theater Design, Chorus, Band, Yearbook, Graphic Design, PLTW Computer Science, Strength & Fitness, Sports Medicine, PLTW Biomedical Science, Personal Finance, Senior and Junior Seminars, Teacher Aide, and Internships.

Academic Resource Center

HHCA's NILD-certified staff provides academic support for students with documented learning challenges, aiming to produce confident, passionate and purposeful achievers prepared for college, career, and life.

Internships

Fifty-three HHCA juniors and seniors are currently interning in the community, gaining experience in their field of interest. HHCA students have completed internships in dance, law, medicine, marketing, real estate, physical therapy, marine biology, interior design, engineering, architecture and more.

Clubs, Organizations & Programs

A/V Club (*new 2023-24*)
Battle of the Books
Bluffton Youth Council
"The Cage" Student Leadership Team
HHI-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Jr Leadership Chess Club
"The Crest" Student News /Journalism Club
Eagle Ambassadors
Engineering Club (*new in 2023-24*)
Environmental Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
HOSA - Future Health Professionals (*new 2023-24*)
Interact Club (*new 2023-24*)
International Thespian Society
Jazz Band
Junior Beta Club (6th-8th grade)
Mayor's Youth Service Awards
Model UN (*new 2023-24*)
National Honor Society
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos
Pep Band
Pickleball Club (*new 2023-24*)
Robotics Club (4th-12th grade)
Sailing Club
Saxophone Quartet (*new 2023-24*)
Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
Student Council
Teens for Healthy Youth
Wellness Club (*new 2023-24*)
Worship Leadership Team
Youth in Government
Zonta Z-Club

Athletics

HHCA offers 30 athletic teams, including 17 varsity sports, with over 80% of high school students participating. More than 60 state championship titles have been earned throughout school history. Each year, a number of HHCA athletes go on to play collegiate sports (4 in 2023; 5 in 2022).

Since 2015, HHCA has earned 14 SCISA State Championship titles: Girls Basketball (5), Boys Golf (3), Boys Soccer (2), Football (2), and Girls Soccer (2).

In 2022-23, state championships were earned in Girls Basketball (5th in a row), and Boys Golf.

Fine Arts

Over 70% of students participate in HHCA's award-winning Fine Arts programs, which include theater, music, and visual arts.

HHCA theater students have been recognized by Broadway World SC for recent stage productions and performances. This year, student actors will present *Aristocats KIDS* (K-5th), *Little Women* (9th-12th), and *The Music Man* (6th-12th). HHCA draws students from around the country to its annual summer Jazz Camps. Band students may perform in jazz combos and ensembles, pit orchestra, and other unique musical offerings during the year. Budding artists often exhibit their work in our local arts community.

College Acceptances

A sampling of the institutions HHCA seniors have been accepted to in the past five years (2023 enrollments in bold):

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural Col.
Anderson University

Appalachian State University

Arizona State University
Auburn University/Honors
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berry College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Charleston Southern University
The Citadel
Clemson University/Honors
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston/Honors
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Davidson College
Denison College
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Southern University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia Southern University

High Point University
Jacksonville University
Lehigh University
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University-Chicago/Honors
Marymount Manhattan College
Mercer University
Miami University, Ohio
Michigan State University
Mississippi State Univ./Honors
New York University
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University
Pepperdine University
Presbyterian College
Purdue University
Rice University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Savannah Col. of Art and Design
Sewanee, University of the South
Shaw University
Southern Methodist Univ./Honors
Technical Col. of the Lowcountry
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
U.S. Military Academy

U.S. Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
Univ. of California/Los Angeles
Univ. of California/Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Michigan
UNC Chapel Hill, Asheville,
Charlotte, Greensboro, **Pembroke,**
School of the Arts, Wilmington
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
Univ. of South Carolina,
Columbia/Honors, **Beaufort**
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
West Virginia University
Wheaton College
Winthrop University
Wofford College