

2023-2024

# 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

1,747 (including 258 students from 63 countries, approximately 15% of our student population)

### Average Student/Faculty Ratio

8:1 (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/85% Middle and Upper School participation  
12 student-athletes from the Class of 2023 will continue their sports careers at the college level.

### Arts

70+ performances and events each year

### Tuition Assistance

\$8.6 million (20% of student body)

## UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY AT A GLANCE

**78**

administrative and teaching staff

**100%**

engage in professional development each year

**76%**

hold advanced degrees

AP exam readers, Klingenstein Fellows, National Board graders, National Board Certified, Arts and Science grant winners, World Affairs Council grant winners

## Key Information for College Admission Officers

- For the 2023-2024 academic year, 556 students are enrolled in the upper school and 135 in the Class of 2024.
- Both AP courses and the IB diploma are available to students. It is rare for students to take AP courses on top of pursuing the IB diploma.
- Approximately 20 students enroll in the full IB program each year.
- Several courses are considered AP/IB equivalents or beyond. These are marked with an asterisk on our course listing.
- Students are not ranked, but a GPA distribution is provided.
- Students are expected to report any disciplinary infractions that result in an out of school suspension.
- 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.
- A deep and varied international travel program offers students the chance to participate in global service, academic, and cultural immersion experiences on five continents.
- Weddington Farm, located 10 miles from the CCDS campus, offers a 360 acre dynamic resource for students and teachers to get hands-on experience in sustainable agriculture, exploration and co-curricular programming.

## Connect with Us

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# Academic Achievements

## Cumulative GPA Distributions Class of 2024 (135 seniors)

Represents grades achieved while enrolled at Country Day, as of the end of the junior year:

Quintile	Range	Mean
Top	4.731 – 4.186	4.402
2nd	4.180 – 3.865	4.022
3rd	3.833 – 3.549	3.721
4th	3.546 – 3.221	3.393
5th	3.203 – 2.138	2.925

## Distribution of SAT Scores Class of 2023

Middle 50% score range:

Evidence Based Reading & Writing	610 – 700
Math	590 – 720
Total	1210 – 1420

## Distribution of ACT Scores Class of 2023

Middle 50% score range:

English	25–34
Math	25–31
Reading	26–35
Science	25–33
Composite	26–32



# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$7.7 MILLION** total scholarship offers to the class of 2023 based on academic merit, athletic abilities and special talents.

**Notable awards for recent graduates:** Coca Cola Scholar; Jack Kent Cooke Scholar; Military Academy Appointments; Morehead-Cain Scholars; QuestBridge College Match Scholar; Ron Brown Scholar

The Class of 2023 included 2 National Merit Scholars, 6 National Merit Finalists, 6 National Merit Semifinalists, 2 National Merit College-Sponsored Scholars, and 8 Commended Scholars.

## Advanced Placement Scores: Spring 2023

**92% scored 3 or higher; 63% scored a 4 or 5.**

Exam/Scores	1	2	3	4	5	Total Exams
2-D Art and Design			3	3	3	9
3-D Art and Design				2		2
Art History			6	1		7
Biology		2	4	21	14	41
Calculus AB	1	12	10	7		30
Calculus BC		1	13	9	9	32
Chemistry			6	15	7	28
Computer Science A	5	2	4	1		12
Drawing		1	1			2
English Language and Composition		3	9	19	12	43
English Literature and Composition	1	2	5	23	20	51
Environmental Science				1	5	6
European History			1	4	8	13
French Language and Culture		1	4			5
Human Geography		2	12	28	29	71
Latin			1	1		2
Music Theory				1		1
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	1	2	3	6	3	15
Physics C: Mechanics		4	1	8	2	15
Psychology	3	4	13	17	16	53
Spanish Language and Culture			2	11	15	28
Statistics		2	7	15	14	38
United States Government and Politics			4	1	7	12
United States History		4	11	6	7	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>544</b>

# Curricular Highlights and Grading Policy

24 Advanced Placement courses, Honors options in 14 subject areas, and a full International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

**AP Courses:** Generally not available until junior year. We suggest a maximum of three APs each year, but we do not limit.

## Grading Scale

A	100–90
B	89–80
C	79–70
D	69–60
F	59 and below

**Weighted Courses:** 0.5 is added to the GPA calculation for Honors courses. 1.0 is added for AP/IB courses.

**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 0.5 credits.

Subject and Requirements	AP, IB, and Honors Advanced Course Offerings.		
	Courses considered AP/IB equivalent or beyond are indicated by an *. 82% of Upper School students take advanced courses.		
<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 Honors Algebra II/Precalculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics	IB Analysis and Approaches IB Applications and Interpretation Advanced Math* Advanced AP Statistics with R*	<i>Advanced Math is for students who have completed AP Calculus AB or BC.</i>  <i>Advanced AP Statistics with R is an accelerated course in which students simultaneously learn data analysis and computer programming in R/RStudio.</i>
<b>Sciences/Technology</b> 3.0 Credits including Biology I (preferably 9th grade).	Honors Chemistry Honors Principles of Engineering Honors Physics AP Biology AP Chemistry	AP Computer Science A AP Environmental Science AP Physics IB Biology IB Chemistry Computational Biochemistry* Organic Chemistry*	<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 Modern World History AP European History AP Human Geography AP Psychology AP United States History	AP US/Comparative Gov't & Politics IB World History IB History of the Americas IB Psychology IB Digital Society	
<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	AP Latin Honors Spanish II, III, IV, V AP Spanish Language	<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 Art History AP Studio Art	AP Studio: Design AP Studio: Sculpture IB Art IB Theatre IB Music	<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 independent 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 98%, 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.

# College Acceptances 2020–2023

**Bold** indicates schools enrolling one or more members of the Class of 2023

## American University

Amherst College  
**Appalachian State University**  
Arcadia University  
Arizona State University  
**Auburn University**  
Augustana College  
Austin College  
Bard College  
Bates College  
**Baylor University**  
Belmont University  
Birmingham-Southern College  
**Boston College**  
Boston Conservatory at Berklee  
Boston University  
**Brandeis University**  
**Brown University**  
**Bucknell University**  
Cabrin University  
Calvin University  
Campbell University  
Canisius College  
Cape Fear Community College  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Carson-Newman University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Catawba College  
**Central Piedmont Community College**  
Centre College  
Chapman University  
Christopher Newport University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Clark Atlanta University  
Clark University  
**Clemson University**  
Coastal Carolina University  
Coker University  
**Colby College**  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
**College of the Holy Cross**  
College of William and Mary  
College of Wooster  
Colorado College  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
Connecticut College  
Cornell College  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
Dartmouth College  
**Davidson College**  
**Denison University**  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Duke Kunshan University  
**Duke University**  
Durham University  
East Carolina University  
Eckerd College  
**Elon University**  
**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**  
Emerson College  
**Emory University**  
Fairfield University  
Fisk University  
Flagler College  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Florida Atlantic University

Florida International University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
**Furman University**  
Gardner-Webb University  
George Mason University  
**George Washington University**  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia State University  
Gonzaga University  
Greensboro College  
Guilford College  
Hamilton College  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Hampton University  
Harvard University  
Haverford College  
Hawai'i Pacific University  
Hendrix College  
**High Point University**  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
**Indiana University**  
Ithaca College  
Jacksonville University  
**James Madison University**  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kent State University  
**Kenyon College**  
King's College London  
La Salle University  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
Lehigh University  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Limestone University  
Lipscomb University  
Longwood University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Maryland  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lynn University  
Marquette University  
Mars Hill University  
Marshall University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Maryville College  
Meredith College  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Middlebury College  
Mississippi State University  
Montana State University  
Muhlenberg College  
**New York University**  
**North Carolina A & T State University**  
North Carolina Central University  
**North Carolina State University**  
North Carolina Wesleyan University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
**Occidental College**  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio University  
**Olin College of Engineering**  
Oxford College of Emory University  
Pace University  
Pacific Union College

## Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University  
Pfeiffer University  
Pratt Institute  
Presbyterian College  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
**Purdue University**  
Queens University of Charlotte  
Radford University  
Reed College  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Richmond American University London  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Rollins College**  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
**Rutgers University**  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Augustine's University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Michael's College  
Samford University  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Scripps College  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
**Sewanee: The University of the South**  
Shenandoah University  
Skidmore College  
**South Carolina State University**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
Spelman College  
St. Andrews University  
St. John's University  
St. Lawrence University  
Stanford University  
Stetson University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
Swarthmore College  
Sweet Briar College  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
**Texas Christian University**  
The New School  
The Ohio State University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
**Tulane University**  
**United States Military Academy**  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
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  
University of Central Florida  
University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Florida  
**University of Georgia**  
University of Glasgow  
University of Hartford  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
University of Lynchburg  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Massachusetts (Boston)  
University of Memphis  
**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan**  
University of Minnesota  
University of Mississippi  
**University of Missouri**  
University of Nebraska  
University of Nevada  
University of North Carolina Asheville  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**University of North Carolina Charlotte**  
University of North Carolina Greensboro  
**University of North Carolina Pembroke**  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
**University of North Carolina Wilmington**  
**University of Notre Dame**  
University of Oregon  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
**University of San Diego**  
University of San Francisco  
University of Scranton  
**University of South Carolina**  
University of South Carolina-Upstate  
University of South Florida  
**University of Southern California**  
**University of St Andrews**  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Texas  
University of Texas at Dallas  
University of Toronto  
**University of Vermont**  
**University of Virginia**  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
**Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wagner College  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Washington and Lee University**  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Waynesburg University  
Wellesley College  
Wesleyan University  
West Virginia University  
**West Virginia Wesleyan College**  
Western Carolina University  
Western University  
William Peace University  
Wingate University  
Winston-Salem State University  
**Winthrop University**  
**Wofford College**  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
**Xavier University**  
Xavier University of Louisiana  
**Yale University**  
**Zaytuna College**