



# 2023-2024 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): 1052

Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 432

Class of 2024: 101

Number of Zip Codes Represented: 50

Students of Color: 30%

\$2,592,807 in Financial Aid Awarded to  
21% of Students

Full Time Faculty in Upper School: 59

With Advanced Degrees: 77%

### CLASS OF 2023

Attending Four-Year Colleges: 98%

Attending Two-Year Colleges: 2%

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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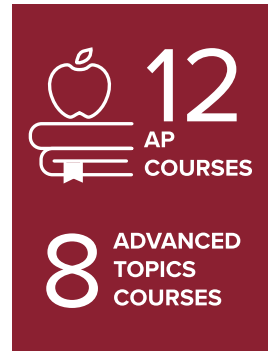
## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**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.



### CURRICULUM UPDATES, 2023-2024

We're excited to announce that Cannon has made several updates to our Upper School schedule and curriculum. They are as follows:

#### ZERO HOUR:

These classes meet MWF before the school day starts. In the 2023-2024 school year, we will offer 3 options:

- **Varsity Chorus**, offered Pass/Fail
- **Varsity Strings**, offered Pass/Fail
- **Economics, Law & Politics (ELP)**, offered for a grade

#### CORE Electives:

These classes meet during CORE time. In the 2023-2024 school year, we will offer 1 option:

- **The Ink: Cannon's Literary Arts Magazine**, offered Pass/Fail

#### SUMMER TERM:

These classes meet during the summer, in addition to being offered during the regular school day. In the 2023 Summer Term, we offered 3 options:

- **Geometry Acceleration**, offered Pass/Fail  
Based on performance in the course, students taking Geometry Acceleration will move into Honors Algebra II or Honors ACC Algebra II for the following school year.
- **Honors Biology**, offered for a grade
- **Honors Chemistry**, offered for a grade  
Students taking Honors Biology or Honors Chemistry in the Summer Term may opt to either take a course load of 5 classes during the school year OR take an additional elective course, which will be offered to them Pass/Fail.

### 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:** 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

**The Mill (and additional Makerspaces), E-sports, Global Studies Certificate, Jazz Combo, and Technical Theater**

*\*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 2024 are not reported.*

#### GRADING SCALE

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

#### GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2024

(CUMULATIVE FOR GRADES 9-11)\*

##### WEIGHTED GPA

High	4.28
Mid-50%	3.5-4.06

##### UNWEIGHTED GPA

High	4.0
Mid-50%	3.46-3.89

\*GPAs for transfer students are not included in the class distribution.

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

# indicates courses offered in our new **Zero Hour** (before school) block

+ indicates courses offered as a **CORE elective**

^ indicates courses offered during the **Summer Term** (in addition to during the school year)

Courses taken in the Summer Term will be designated as such on the transcript.

# 2021-2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

**Bold indicates institutions to which members of the Class of 2023 enrolled**

Agnes Scott College	Florida Southern College	North Greenville University	Syracuse University	<b>University of North Carolina at Asheville</b>
<b>American University</b>	Florida State University	Northeastern University	Temple University	<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b>
<b>Appalachian State University</b>	Fordham University	Northwestern University	Tennessee Technological University	<b>University of North Carolina at Charlotte</b>
<b>Arizona State University (Main Campus)</b>	<b>Franklin &amp; Marshall College</b>	Nova Southeastern University	Texas A&M University	<b>University of North Carolina at Greensboro</b>
Auburn University	Furman University	Oberlin College	<b>Texas Christian University</b>	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Austin Peay State University	Gardner-Webb University	Oglethorpe University	<b>The College of William and Mary</b>	<b>University of North Carolina Wilmington</b>
<b>Aveda Institute of Cosmetology</b>	George Mason University	Ohio University	<b>The New School</b>	<b>University of North Georgia</b>
Babson College	George Washington University	Ohio Wesleyan University	The Ohio State University	University of Northern Colorado
Barry University	Georgetown University	Old Dominion University	The University of Alabama	University of Notre Dame
Bates College	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	Oral Roberts University	The University of Montana	University of Oklahoma
Baylor University	Georgia Southern University	Oxford College of Emory University	<b>The University of Tampa</b>	University of Oregon
<b>Belmont Abbey College</b>	Georgia State University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	<b>The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
Belmont University	Gettysburg College	Parsons School of Design at The New School	Tufts University	University of Pittsburgh
Berklee College of Music	Gonzaga University	<b>Penn State University (University Park)</b>	<b>Tulane University</b>	University of Puget Sound
<b>Boston College</b>	Grace College	Penn State University (World Campus)	<b>United States Air Force Academy</b>	University of Richmond
Boston University	Grand Canyon University	Pepperdine University	University College Dublin	University of Rochester
Brandeis University	Guilford College	Point Park University	<b>University of Aberdeen</b>	<b>University of South Carolina (Aiken)</b>
Bridgewater College	Hampden-Sydney College	Presbyterian College	University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of South Florida (Main Campus)
Brigham Young University (Hawaii)	Hampton University	Purdue University	University of Alabama in Huntsville	<b>University of Southern California</b>
Bucknell University	Hawai'i Pacific University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Arizona	University of the Virgin Islands
Butler University	<b>High Point University</b>	Radford University	University of Arkansas	University of Toronto
California State University (Bakersfield)	Howard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Birmingham	University of Utah
Campbell University	Indiana University	Rice University	University of Bristol	<b>University of Vermont</b>
Cape Fear Community College	Iowa Wesleyan University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of California (Davis)	<b>University of Virginia</b>
Case Western Reserve University	Jacksonville University	Roanoke College	University of California (Irvine)	<b>University of Washington</b>
Catholic University of America	James Madison University	Robert Morris University	<b>University of California (Los Angeles)</b>	<b>University of Wisconsin</b>
Chapman University	John Cabot University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California (San Diego)	University of York
Charleston Southern University	Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)	Rollins College	University of California (Santa Barbara)	<b>Vanderbilt University</b>
Citadel Military College	Kansas State University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Central Florida	<b>Vassar College</b>
Clark Atlanta University	Kenyon College	<b>Rowan-Cabarrus Community College</b>	University of Charleston	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>Clemson University</b>	La Salle University	Royal Holloway, University of London	University of Colorado Boulder	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b>
Coastal Carolina University	Lafayette College	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of Connecticut	Virginia Military Institute
<b>Coker University</b>	Lehigh University	Saint Leo University	University of Delaware	<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</b>
<b>College of Charleston</b>	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Saint Louis University	University of Denver	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
Colorado College	Liberty University	Salem State University	University of East Anglia	Washington & Jefferson College
<b>Colorado School of Mines</b>	Longwood University	Salisbury University	<b>University of Florida</b>	Washington and Lee University
Colorado State University	<b>Louisiana State University</b>	Samford University	<b>University of Georgia</b>	Washington University in St. Louis
Concord University	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Clara University	University of Illinois at Chicago	Wellesley College
Concordia University (Saint Paul)	Loyola University Chicago	<b>Savannah College of Art and Design</b>	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Wesleyan University
Cornell University	Marist College	Seton Hall University	University of Indianapolis	West Virginia University
Davidson College	Mars Hill University	<b>Sewanee: The University of the South</b>	University of Kentucky	Western Carolina University
Denison University	McDaniel College	Siena College	University of Louisville	Western New England University
Drexel University	McGill University	Skidmore College	University of Lynchburg	Wheaton College - MA
<b>Duke University</b>	McGill University	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	University of Maryland (College Park)	Widener University
<b>East Carolina University</b>	Mercer University	Spelman College	<b>University of Miami</b>	William Penn University
East Tennessee State University	<b>Miami University (Oxford)</b>	St. Bonaventure University	University of Michigan	Wingate University
Eckerd College	Michigan State University	St. John's University	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	Winston-Salem State University
<b>Elon University</b>	Michigan Technological University	<b>Stanford University</b>	University of Missouri (College Park)	Winthrop University
Emory & Henry College	Mississippi State University	Stetson University	<b>University of Missouri (Kansas City)</b>	<b>Wofford College</b>
Emory University	Missouri Valley College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Nebraska (Lincoln)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Endicott College	Monmouth University	Stonehill College	University of New Hampshire	Xavier University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	Montana State University	Suffolk University	University of New Haven	
Fashion Institute of Technology	Montreat College	SUNY University at Buffalo		
Flagler College	Muhlenberg College			
Florida Atlantic University	New York University			
Florida Gulf Coast University	North Carolina A & T State University			
Florida International University	North Carolina Central University			
	<b>North Carolina State University</b>			