



Cardinal Newman School

Redefining Excellence: In the Classroom - On the Field - In the Community - For Their Futures

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MISSION STATEMENT

Cardinal Newman School is a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston. As a Catholic middle school and high school, its mission is to provide an academically rigorous Christian educational program to young men and women of diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, who value and embrace the traditions of an education deeply rooted in faith. Students are challenged to embrace truth, pursue academic excellence, act with integrity, lead courageously, work for justice and engage in generous service. Within the Cardinal Newman School community, every student is known, the dignity of all is appreciated, and apparent and potential gifts are explored and developed in mind, body and spirit.

Accreditation & Affiliations

- Cognia Accreditation and Certification
- National Catholic Educational Association
- College Board
- South Carolina Independent School Association

About Cardinal Newman School

Founded in 1858 by the Ursuline sisters, Cardinal Newman School originally opened as the Ursuline High School for Young Women on the grounds of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia, SC. After several moves, the school became accredited in 1938 as the Ursuline High School. The school moved to its Forest Drive location in 1961, where it remained until the development of a state of the art, 50 acre campus in Northeast Columbia. Today, Cardinal Newman School is a co-educational, college preparatory institution providing a comprehensive education for students in grades seven through twelve, including a wide range of athletics, fine arts, extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Cardinal Newman School does not discriminate on the basis of color, national or ethnic origin in any of its policies, practices or procedures. Cardinal Newman School welcomes students of all faiths.

2023-2024 School Population

Student enrollment: 558 = 296 male/262 female

Seniors	92	Catholics	56%
Juniors	86	Teaching faculty	47
Sophomores	96	Religious	1
Freshmen	86	Holds advanced degrees	55%
Eighth graders	105	Teacher/Student ratio	1:12
Seventh graders	93		

Curriculum

Cardinal Newman School provides a diverse, college preparatory curriculum that is aligned with the State of South Carolina and National Educational Standards. Students choose from content area courses that are instructionally designed to promote rigorous instruction at a variety of levels, including college preparatory, honors, dual enrollment and Advanced Placement. 2023-2024 saw a new academic schedule, moving from eight classes a year to seven classes a year. This also resulted in a change in credits required for graduation, reducing required credits in theology, world languages and electives.

Theology I-IV	3 credits
English	4 credits
Introduction to Research & Speech	0.5 credit
Personal Finance	0.5 credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Laboratory Science	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Social Studies	3.5 credits
World Languages (all two in the same language)	2 credits
Technology	1 credit
Physical Education/Health	1 credit
Electives	1.5 credits

Total minimum required for graduation - 25 credits plus successful completion of the senior social justice exit project.

Community Service

Integral to the formation of the total student, Cardinal Newman requires students to perform community service outside of the scope of their commitments to the school on an annual basis.

Seventh: 15 hours	Ninth: 20 hours	Eleventh: 40 hours
Eighth: 15 hours	Tenth: 30 hours	Twelfth: 40 hours

AP Capstone Diploma School

In 2020, Cardinal Newman became one of the first private schools in the South Carolina Midlands to offer an AP Capstone Diploma, a College Board program focused on helping students to develop independent research, collaborative teamwork and communication skills.

Class of 2023 Test Scores

SAT	
Average	1145
Median	1145
Top quintile average	1413

The Class of 2023 by the Numbers

- 73 graduates in the Class of 2023**
- Attending 28 colleges in 17 states**
- 90% of graduates qualified for State of SC Academic Scholarships**
- \$1,314,000 in State of SC Academic Scholarships**
- \$12,182,858 in merit and talent based scholarships and grants**
- \$13,496,858 total award value for the Class of 2023**
- 2 graduates appointed to United States Service Academies**
- 11 graduates with college athletic signings**
- 2 graduates with college marching band signings**

Grading System

Under South Carolina state guidelines, the cumulative GPA reported on the final transcripts of students attending colleges and universities in the state of South Carolina are calculated using the South Carolina Uniform 10-Point Grading Scale, which is used to determine each student's eligibility for the SC Lottery-funded scholarship program.

South Carolina 10-Point Grading Scale

GRADE	CP	HONORS	AP/COLLEGE CREDIT
A: 90-100	4-5	4.5-5.5	5-6
B: 80-89	3-3.9	3.5-4.4	4-4.9
C: 70-79	2-2.9	2.5-3.4	3-3.9
D: 60-69	1-1.9	1.5-2.4	2-2.9
F: 59 & below	0-0.9	0-1.4	0-1.9

Class Rank and Grade Point Average (GPA)

Class rank is determined by the cumulative GPA calculated at the end of the academic year during students' ninth through twelfth grade years. All high credit courses are used in calculating the GPA, including any high school course credits achieved while the student was in seventh or eighth grade. Because of the size and academically competitive nature of the student body, class ranking is not disclosed to colleges during the college application process.

Current Dual Enrollment Course Offerings

(Dual Enrollment is new for 2023-2024)

English 101/102	Intro into Music MUSC 110
French 109/110	Fundamentals of Acting THEA 170

Current Advanced Placement Course Offerings

AP Biology	AP Research
AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish Language
AP Calculus BC	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP US Government & Politics
AP English Literature & Comp.	AP US History
AP Human Geography	AP World History
AP Language & Composition	AP 2-D Art & Design
AP Microeconomics	AP 3-D Art & Design
AP Psychology	

Current Honors Course Offerings

Honors Algebra I, II	Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Biology	Honors Musical Theatre
Honors Pre-Calculus	Honors Physics I
Honors Calculus	Honors Piano Studio
Honors Cardinal Chorale	Honors US History
Honors Chamber Orchestra	Honors World History
Honors Chemistry	Honors Latin III
Honors Drama III	Honors Mandarin IV
Honors English (9-12)	Honors Organist Academy
Honors French III	Honors Spanish III, IV
Honors Geometry	

99% of our graduates attend college

Class of 2023 College Acceptances*

Austin College
 Anderson University
 Appalachian State University
Augusta University
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
 Benedict College
 Berry College
Boston College
 Boston University
 Catawba College
 Central Methodist University
 Centre College
The Citadel
 Clafin University
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clarkson University
Clemson University
Clemson University Honors College
Clemson University Life Program
Coastal Carolina University
 Columbia University
College of Charleston
 College of Charleston *Honors College*
 College of William & Mary
 Converse University
 Coppin State University
 Cornell University
 Cumberland University
Denison University
 DePaul University
 Duke University
 Duquesne University
 East Carolina University
 Elizabethtown College
 Elon University

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emory University
Erskine College
Florida A&M University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida Southern College
 Florida State University
 Francis Marion University
 Full Sail University
Furman University
 Gardner-Webb University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Georgia State University
 Hampton University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 High Point University
 Howard University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Indiana University
 Jackson State University
 Jacksonville University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Lander University
 Lenoir-Rhyne University
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University Maryland
 Mercer University
 Miami University
Midlands Technical College
 Morgan State University
 Morehouse College
 Mount Saint Mary College
Newberry College
 New York University Shanghai

Norfolk State University
 North Carolina A&T State University
 North Carolina A&T State University *Honors College*
 North Carolina Central University
 North Carolina State University
 North Greenville University
 The Ohio State University
 Pace University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pennsylvania State University- Greater Allegheny
 Presbyterian College
 Providence College
 Queens University
 Saint Anselm College
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Seton Hall University
Sewanee - The University of the South
 South Carolina State University
 Spelman College
 Tennessee State University
 Texas A&M University
Tri-County Technical College
United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Coast Guard Academy
 University of Alabama
 University of Arizona
University of Delaware
 University of Georgia
 University of Hartford
University of Kentucky
 University of Louisville
 University of Miami
 University of Minnesota
 University of Mississippi
 University of North Carolina Charlotte

University of Oregon
University of South Carolina
University of South Carolina Honors College
 University of South Carolina Beaufort *Honors College*
 University of South Carolina Upstate
 University of Tennessee
 University of Texas at Arlington
 University of Utah
University of Wisconsin
 Virginia Military Institute
 Washington & Lee University
 Washington University in St. Louis
Western Carolina University
 Wilberforce University
 Wingate University
 Winthrop University
 Winston-Salem State University
Wofford College
 Xavier University of Louisiana

*bold indicates a school where a 2023 graduate enrolled