



2024-2025

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 650 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. 34% of students receive financial aid.

Student Body Numbers

Class of 2025..... 55 students
High School (9th-12th)..... 245 students
Middle School (6th-8th)..... 175 students
Lower School (K-5th)..... 244 students
Total Student Body..... 664 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 8th-12th graders accumulated nearly 10,000 hours of community service in 2023-2024, with several 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

2024

Class of

71

graduating seniors
in the Class of 2024

\$5.65m

in scholarship & merit aid

61%

earned SC Palmetto Fellows
& SC Life scholarships

by the numbers

300+ acceptances
to 114 colleges

94% enrolled
in 4-year colleges

29 number of different
colleges attending

30% attending
out-of-state colleges

11 Palmetto
Fellows

13 College
athletes

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 2025 Grade Distribution



Hilton Head Christian Academy
AP 2023 School Honor Roll

	unweighted GPA	(weighted GPA)
Top Decile.....	4.0-4.0	(5.12-5.39)
Top Quartile.....	3.87-4.0	(4.83-5.39)
2nd Quartile.....	3.59-3.91	(4.53-4.82)
3rd Quartile.....	3.34-3.81	(3.94-4.53)
4th Quartile.....	2.83-3.39	(3.45-3.93)

Standardized Testing Profile

Class of 2025	Classes of 2022-2024 (avg)
SAT ERW Avg.....588	SAT ERW Avg.....561
SAT Math Avg.....552	SAT Math.....532
ACT Comp Avg.....22	ACT Comp Avg.....24
Top 10% Avg.....1415/28	Top 10% Avg....1364/31
Top 25% Avg.....1314/25	Top 25% Avg....1290/27

AP Testing 2024

97 AP students/181 exams
86% scored 3+ on one or more exams; 3.5 avg score
1 AP International Diploma
7 AP Scholars w/Distinction
14 AP Scholars w/Honor
22 AP Scholars

to know Christ and make Him known

Academic Schedule

HHCA operates on a hybrid year-long schedule of 45-minute classes/2 days per week; 90-minute classes/2 days per week; and 50-minute classes/Fridays.

Course Offerings

Most 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), Statistics (CP & AP only) and Spanish 1 & 2 (CP only).

AP courses are year-long and capped at a maximum of four. This year, 125 students are taking a combined total of 244 AP classes. AP offerings include*:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP European History
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Precalculus (new 2024-25)
- AP Psychology
- AP Research (new 2024-25)
- AP Seminar
- AP Spanish Language and Culture (online)
- AP Statistics
- AP US History

*The first AP Capstone Diploma Candidates will be presented in May 2025. APs not offered this year: AP Music Theory 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 and/or the Technical College of the Lowcountry. Approximately 45 juniors & seniors are enrolled in over 100 dual-credit courses for 2024-2025.

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, Theater Production, Theater Design, Chorus, Band, Strings, Yearbook; Forensic Science, Intro to Business, Journalism, Mock Trial; PE & Wellness, Strength & Fitness; PLTW courses: Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Human Body Systems; Sports Medicine, Personal Finance, 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

Forty-eight 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

Agape Latte Club (new 2024-25)
A/V Club
Battle of the Books
Bluffton Youth Council
Book Club (new 2024-25)
"The Cage" Student Leadership Team
HHI-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Jr Leadership
Chess Club
Eagle Ambassadors
Environmental Club
Equestrian Club (K-12th) (new 2024-2025)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
HOSA - Future Health Professionals
International Thespian Society
Jazz Band
Junior Beta Club (6th-8th)
Life on Life (Mentorship Club) (new 2024-25)
Mayor's Youth Service Awards
Model UN
National Honor Society
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos
Pep Band
PEP Club (Special Needs Outreach) (new 2024-2025)
Robotics Club (4th-12th)
Sailing Club
Saxophone Quartet
Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
Student Council
Teens for Healthy Youth
Wellness Club
Worship Leadership Team
Youth in Government
Zonta Z-Club

Athletics

HHCA offers 31 athletic teams, including 18 varsity sports, with 75% of high school students participating. Over 65 state championship titles have been earned throughout school history. Each year, a number of HHCA athletes go on to play collegiate sports, including 13 from the Class of 2024.

Since 2015, HHCA has earned 21 SCISA State Championship titles: Girls Basketball (7), Girls Soccer (3), Girls Golf (2), Football (3) Boys Soccer (2), Boys Golf (3), and Baseball (1).

In 2023-24, state championships were earned in Girls Basketball, Football and Baseball, along with individual athletic accolades.

Fine Arts

Over 70% of students participate in HHCA's award-winning Fine Arts programs. HHCA's theater department took first prize at SCISA's state One Act competition in 2023 and 2022, along with several individual top honors. This year, student actors will present *101 Dalmatians KIDS* (2nd-7th), *Big Fish the Musical* (9th-12th), *Willy Wonka Jr* (4th-12th) and *Annie Jr* (6th-8th).

HHCA draws students from around the country to its annual summer Jazz Camps. Band students perform in jazz combos and ensembles, pit orchestra, and other 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 (2024 enrollments in bold):

Anderson University	Lehigh University	Univ. of California Los Angeles, Santa Barbara
Andrew College	Lenoir-Rhyne University	University of Cambridge (UK)
Appalachian State University	Liberty University	University of Central Florida
Auburn University/Honors	Louisiana State University	University of Connecticut
Baylor University/Honors	Loyola University-Chicago/Honors	University of Florida
Belmont University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Georgia
Berry College	Mercer University	University of Kentucky
Boston University	Miami University, Ohio	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bucknell University	New York University	University of Miami
Cedarville University	North Carolina State University	University of Michigan
Charleston Southern University	North Greenville University	University of Mississippi
Citadel, Military College of SC	Oberlin College	University of Missouri
Clemson University/Honors	Penn State University (Univ Park)	Univ of North Carolina Chapel Hill,
Coastal Carolina University/Honors	Pensacola State College	Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro,
Coker University	Presbyterian College	School of the Arts, Wilmington
College of Charleston/Honors	Purdue University	University of Pittsburgh
College of William and Mary	Queens University	University of Richmond
Colorado State University	Radford University	Univ. of South Carolina,
Cornell University	Reed College	Columbia/Capstone; USC Beaufort
Davidson College	Rhodes College	University of South Florida
Denison University	Rollins College	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Drexel University	Rice University	University of Tampa
Eckerd College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.	University of Tennessee
Elon University	Samford University	University of Vermont
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Santa Clara University	University of Virginia
Flagler University	Savannah Col. of Art and Design	Vanderbilt University
Florida Southern University	Seton Hall University	Villanova University
Florida State University	Sewanee, University of the South	Virginia Commonwealth University
Fordham University	Southern Methodist Univ./Honors	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Furman University	Texas A&M University	West Virginia University
Georgetown University	Texas Christian University	Wheaton College
Georgia Institute of Technology	U.S. Naval Academy	Whitman College
Georgia Southern University	University of Aberdeen (Scotland)	Winthrop University
Gettysburg University	University of Alabama	Wofford College
High Point University	University of Arizona	