



2024-2025 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.

ENGAGEMENT:

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 around 15,000 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 and Unity Pledge** each year, our students pledge to tell the truth, to respect the property of others, to do all their own work, and to treat others with kindness and respect. Our student-elected Honor Council is a model of community governance and integrity.

FAST FACTS

Established: 1969

Enrollment (JrK-Grade 12): 1040

Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 427

Class of 2024: 111

Number of Zip Codes Represented: 44

Students of Color: 32%

\$2,700,000 in Financial Aid Awarded to 23% of Students

Full Time Faculty in Upper School: 60

With Advanced Degrees: 87%

CLASS OF 2024

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, 2024-2025

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 2024-2025 school year, we will offer 2 options:

- Varsity Chorus, offered Pass/Fail
- Varsity Orchestra, offered Pass/Fail

NEW COURSES:

AP European History, AT Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship + Honors Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship Lab (2 credits), The Business of Esports, Creative Design & Engineering Studio

SUMMER TERM:

These classes meet during the summer, in addition to being offered during the regular school year. In the 2024 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), Esports, Global Education 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 2025 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	
Top 10%	4.22-4.28
Mid-50%	3.67-4.11
UNWEIGHTED GPA	
Top 10%	3.96-4.0
Mid-50%	3.57-3.94

*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			
ENGLISH 4 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors English I Honors English II Honors English III *Advanced Topics: American Language and Literature	Honors English IV *Advanced Topics: English Literature and Composition	Honors The Voice: Poetry and Fiction Writing Honors Film Studies
MATHEMATICS 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Algebra I Honors Geometry Honors Accelerated Geometry ^Geometry Acceleration Honors Algebra II Honors Accelerated Algebra II	Honors Precalculus Honors Accelerated Precalculus Honors Calculus Honors Discrete, Probability and Finance Honors Functions, Modeling and Trigonometry	Honors Statistics *AP Calculus AB *AP Calculus BC *AP Statistics *Advanced Topics: Calculus with Applications
SCIENCE 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Physics Honors Accelerated Physics ^Honors Chemistry Honors Accelerated Chemistry	^Honors Biology Honors Accelerated Biology Honors Marine Science Honors Anatomy and Physiology Honors Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Science	*AP Biology *AP Chemistry *AP Physics C *AP Physics 1 *Advanced Topics: Environmental Science
SOCIAL STUDIES 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors World History I Honors Accelerated World History I Honors World History II *Advanced Topics: World History II	Honors U.S. History *Advanced Topics: U.S. History Honors Psychology *AP Psychology *AP European History	Honors Economics, Law, and Politics *Advanced Topics: U.S. Government
WORLD LANGUAGE 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Chinese I, II, III, IV, V *AP Chinese Language and Culture	Honors French I, II, III, IV, V *AP French Language and Culture	Honors Spanish I, II, III, IV, V *AP Spanish Language
FINE ARTS 2 YEARS REQUIRED	Visual Foundations Studio Arts I Honors Studio Arts II, III *AP Studio Art 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 Orchestra Concert Chorus #Varsity Chorus	Jazz Combo Upper School Band Music Technology I, II Creative Design and Engineering I, II, III Creative Design & Engineering Studio Yearbook
GENERAL ELECTIVES	Honors Coding and Computer Science	The Business of Esports Honors Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship Lab *Advanced Topics: Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship	Glocal Perspectives Senior Colloquium: Leadership Wellness and Long-Term Athletic Development

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 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.

2022-2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Bold indicates institutions to which members of the Class of 2024 enrolled

Agnes Scott College	Florida International University	North Carolina Central University	Texas A&M University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
American University	Florida State University	North Carolina State University	Texas Christian University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Appalachian State University	Fordham University	North Greenville University	The New School	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Arizona State University (Tempe)	Franklin & Marshall College	Northeastern University	The Ohio State University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Auburn University	Furman University	Nova Southeastern University	The University of Alabama	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Austin Peay State University	Gardner-Webb University	Oberlin College	The University of Edinburgh	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Babson College	George Mason University	Old Dominion University	The University of Montana	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Barton College	George Washington University	Oxford College of Emory University	The University of Tampa	University of North Georgia
Baylor University	Georgetown University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	University of North Texas
Belmont Abbey College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Parsons School of Design at The New School	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	University of Oklahoma
Belmont University	Georgia Southern University	Penn State University (University Park)	Tufts University	University of Oregon
Bentley University	Gettysburg College	Penn State University (World Campus)	Tulane University of Louisiana	University of Pennsylvania
Boise State University	Gonzaga University	Pepperdine University	Union College	University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
Boston College	Goucher College	Point Loma Nazarene University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Puget Sound
Boston University	Grace College	Point Park University	University College Dublin	University of Rhode Island
Bowdoin College	Grand Canyon University	Portland State University	University of Aberdeen	University of Richmond
Brevard College	Guilford College	Pratt Institute	University of Alabama	University of Rochester
Brown University	Hamilton College	Presbyterian College	University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of San Francisco
Bryn Mawr College	Hampden-Sydney College	Providence College	University of Alabama in Huntsville	University of South Carolina
Bucknell University	Harvey Mudd College	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Arizona	University of South Carolina (Aiken)
Butler University	High Point University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Arkansas	University of South Florida (Main Campus)
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)	Hofstra University	Quinnipiac University	University of California (Berkeley)	University of Southern California
California State University (Bakersfield)	Hollins University	Radford University	University of California (Davis)	University of St Andrews
Campbell University	Howard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California (Irvine)	University of Tampa
Cape Fear Community College	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Rice University	University of California (Los Angeles)	University of Toronto
Carnegie Mellon University	James Madison University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of California (San Diego)	University of Utah
Case Western Reserve University	Johns Hopkins University	Roanoke College	University of California (Santa Barbara)	University of Virginia (Main Campus)
Catawba College	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Central Florida	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Catholic University of America	Juniata College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Charleston	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Central Piedmont Community College	Kansas State University	Rollins College	University of Chicago	Vanderbilt University
Chapman University	Kenyon College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)	Vassar College
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Lafayette College	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	University of Colorado Boulder	Villanova University
Clemson University	Lehigh University	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of Connecticut	Virginia Commonwealth University
Coker University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Saint Louis University	University of Dayton	Virginia Military Institute
Colgate University	Liberty University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Delaware	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Charleston	Limestone University	Salisbury University	University of Denver	Virginia Wesleyan University
Colorado School of Mines	Longwood University	Samford University	University of Florida	Wake Forest University
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Louisiana State University	San Diego State University	University of Georgia	Washington & Jefferson College
Columbia College	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Clara University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Washington and Lee University
Concord University	Lynn University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Illinois at Chicago	Washington University in St. Louis
Cornell University	Macalester College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Davidson College	Marist College	Seton Hall University	University of Kentucky	Wesleyan University
Denison University	Mars Hill University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Louisville	West Virginia University
DePauw University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University	University of Lynchburg	Western Carolina University
Drew University	McGill University	Spelman College	University of Maryland (College Park)	Wheaton College - IL
Drexel University	Merrimack College	St. Bonaventure University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)	Wheaton College - MA
Duke University	Methodist University	St. John's University	University of Miami	William & Mary
East Carolina University	Miami University (Oxford)	Stanford University	University of Michigan	Wingate University
East Tennessee State University	Michigan State University	Stetson University	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	Winston-Salem State University
Eastern Michigan University	Michigan Technological University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Mississippi	Winthrop University
Eckerd College	Middle Tennessee State University	Stony Brook University	University of Nebraska (Lincoln)	Wofford College
Elon University	Middlebury College	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Emerson College	Milligan University	Syracuse University	University of North Carolina at Asheville	Xavier University
Emory & Henry College	Mississippi State University	Temple University		
Emory University	Monmouth University	Tennessee Technological University		
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	Montana State University			
Fashion Institute of Technology	Muhlenberg College			
Flagler College	New Jersey Institute of Technology			
Florida Atlantic University	New York University			
Florida Gulf Coast University	North Carolina A & T State University			