



CEEB Code: 340-649

# Woods Charter School 2024-25 School Profile

Woods Charter School is a lottery-based K-12 school outside of Chapel Hill, NC. The high school program offers a range of college preparatory courses that meet or exceed the graduation requirements for North Carolina. High school enrollment is 186, with each grade capped at 46.

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Students take six year-long standard, honors, and AP classes within a challenging academic program that builds a broad base of knowledge and emphasizes critical literacy and thought. Access to AP courses is not limited.

Individual advising complements the community-building focus of the advisory program, assuring each student's progress towards graduation and beyond. Senior advisors work with small cohorts to guide the college admissions process, with a focus on finding a "good fit" for each student.

Co-curricular programs include student government, an 8-week Enrichments cycle, a robust selection of student-run clubs, varsity athletics, service opportunities, peer mentoring and access to community college classes.

Woods Charter School is consistently rated as one of the top schools in the US by *US News*, *Newsweek*, the *Jay Matthews Challenge Index*, *The Washington Post*, and *Niche*.

**100% of 2024 graduates college-bound (76% 4-year, 24% 2-year)**

**98.5% graduation rate** 2021-24; 2024 rate 94%

**Annual 8-week experiential learning** and enrichment program

**Advisory cohorts** provide guidance and build community

**Demographics:** 73.2% White; 9.6% Hispanic/Latino; 6.1% Black; 5.7% 2 or more races; 4.7% Asian or Pacific Islander; .6% American Indian or Native Alaskan; .2% Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

## Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 22 credits to graduate. Each year-long course equals one credit.

## Student Accomplishments

Our students impact the world beyond Woods with their academic excellence and extracurricular commitments. The 46-member class of 2025 includes:

- 3 NMSQT semi-finalists
- 2 NC Governor's School scholars
- 1 US Senate Youth Program Award
- 1 Boys' Nation representative
- 1 College Board National Indigenous Recognition Program Awardee

**Dynamic, dedicated faculty** includes

- 1 AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award
- 1 Fulbright Distinguished Teacher
- 1 University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award
- 1 National Science Foundation Noyce awardee in Nanotechnology
- 2 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute scholars
- 3 National Board Certified Teachers
- 1 NC Environmental Teacher of the Year
- 2 NC Educators of Excellence
- 1 Award for Excellence in K12 Teaching from the American School of Classical Studies
- 2 Morehead-Cain Impact Educators
- 1 Go Global NC Teacher Fellow
- 89% of faculty hold advanced degrees

## Test Scores and GPA Range

### SAT score class of 2024

WCS | NC | US  
1294 | 1186 | 991

All North Carolina 11th grade students take the ACT. The 2024 composite average ACT score for the WCS class of 2025 was **25.4**

### End-of-Course Proficiency 2024

WCS | NC

Math 1 71% | 37%  
Biology 83% | 54%  
English II 93% | 60%  
Math 3 85% | 58%

### Class of 2025 GPA Range at the end of 11th grade

Quartile 1 | 4.763 - 4.33  
Quartile 2 | 4.194 - 3.944  
Quartile 3 | 3.917 - 3.333  
Quartile 4 | 3.176 - 1.455

## Course Selection

### Required Classes

#### English

4 credits  
Standard or Honors

English I, II, III PLUS  
English IV OR  
AP Literature & Composition

#### Math

4 credits  
Standard or Honors

Math 1, 2, 3 PLUS  
Math 4 OR Discrete  
Math OR Pre-calculus

#### World Language

3 credits  
Standard or Honors

French OR Spanish I, II,  
III OR American Sign  
Language (limited)

#### Science

3 credits  
Standard or Honors

Biology, Chemistry  
and Environmental  
Science OR AP  
Environmental  
Science

#### Social Studies

4 credits  
Standard or Honors

World History,  
Founding Principles of  
the US and NC: Civic  
Literacy, American  
History OR APUSH,  
Economics & Personal  
Finance

#### Health & Physical Education

1 credit

### Electives

3 credits  
Standard, Honors or AP

#### AP Capstone

Seminar, Research

#### 2D Visual Arts

Beginning;  
Intermediate;  
Advanced OR AP

#### Music Lab

French IV and V;  
AP French Language  
& Culture

Spanish IV and V,  
AP Spanish  
Language & Culture

#### Social Studies

AP Comparative Government  
& Politics  
AP European History  
History of Human Thought  
(Standard or Honors)  
AP Psychology

#### Advanced STEM

AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Biology + lab,  
AP Chemistry  
Honors Computer  
Science Principles  
AP Computer Science  
Principles  
AP Computer Science A  
Marine & Aquatic Science  
AP Physics 1  
AP Statistics

#### Journalism + Media

#### Student-designed Independent Study

## Highlights of the AP Program WCS 2024

- 19 available AP classes
- 93 students took a total of 235 AP exams
- 70% scored 3 or higher
- Average score of 3.61
- 43 students were named AP Scholars, including 15 with Distinction
- 1 International AP Scholar
- 2 Capstone Diplomas

**Class rankings** do not reflect an accurate measure of achievement in the graduating class. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction requires the inclusion of class ranking on transcripts.

## 4-point grade weighted grade scale

**A** = 90-100  
**B** = 80-89  
**C** = 70-79  
**D** = 60-69  
**F** = below 60

AP credit adds 1 point | Honors credit adds .5 points

## Representative College Acceptances 2021-2024

American University  
Appalachian State University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Campbell University  
Catawba College  
Clemson University  
Colorado State University  
Denison University  
Duke University  
East Carolina University  
Elon University  
Emory University  
Furman University  
George Washington University  
Guilford College  
Lewis & Clark University  
Macalester College  
McGill University  
Methodist University  
Meredith College  
NC State University  
Oberlin College  
Pace University  
Penn State University  
Purdue University  
Reed College  
Rutgers University

Savannah College of Art & Design  
SUNY-Cobleskill  
UMass Amherst  
UNC-Asheville  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
UNC-Charlotte  
UNC-Greensboro  
UNC-Wilmington  
New York University  
Pomona College  
University of South Carolina  
University of Vermont  
William Peace University  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Oregon  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of South Florida  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin  
US Military Academy at West Point  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Tech  
Warren Wilson College  
Wesleyan University  
Western Carolina University