



Cardinal Newman School

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

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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 began as the Ursuline High School for Young Women on the grounds of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia, SC. After several relocations, it became an accredited school in 1938. In 1961, it moved to Forest Drive, where it remained until the opening of a state-of-the-art, 50-acre campus in Northeast Columbia. Today, Cardinal Newman is a co-educational, college preparatory school serving grades 7–12, offering a comprehensive education that includes athletics, fine arts, and a wide range of extracurriculars. The school does not discriminate based on color, national, or ethnic origin and welcomes students of all faiths.

2025–2026 School Population

Student enrollment: 524 = 276 male/248 female

Seniors	85	Catholics	61%
Juniors	71	Teaching faculty	41
Sophomores	100	Religious	2
Freshmen	96	Holds advanced degrees	56%
Eighth graders	93	Student ratio/Teacher	12:1
Seventh graders	79		

The Class of 2025 by the Numbers

73 graduates in the Class of 2025 attending 37 colleges throughout the United States and Europe

97% of graduates qualified for State of SC Academic Scholarships

\$1,403,000 awarded in State of South Carolina Academic Scholarships

\$6,465,314 in merit and talent based scholarships and grants

\$7,868,314 total award value for the Class of 2025

1 graduate recognized as National Merit Finalist

9 graduates secured college/university athletics signings

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.

Theology I-IV	4 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	3 credits
<i>(all three in the same language)</i>	
Technology	1 credit
Physical Education/Health	1 credit
Electives	4.5 credits

Total minimum required for graduation - 30 credits plus successful completion of the senior social justice exit project.
*Applies to students with YOG of 2027 or later.

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

Class of 2025 Achievement Scores

SAT		ACT	
Top 10% Scoring Average	1420	Top 10% Scoring Average	29
Top 20% Scoring Average	1360	Top 20% Scoring Average	28
Fifty-percent Average Score	1247	Fifty-percent Average score	25

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.

Cardinal Newman 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: 66-69	1.6-1.9	2.1-2.4	2.6-2.9
F: 65 & below	0-1.5	0-2.0	0-2.5

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 through University of South Carolina 2025 - 2026)

DE English - USC ENG 101

DE English - USC ENG 102

DE Beginning Spanish - USC SPAN 109

DE Beginning Spanish - USC SPAN 110

DE Beginning French - USC FREN 109

DE Beginning French - USC FREN 110

Current Advanced Placement Course Offerings

AP Biology

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Chemistry

AP English Literature & Comp.

AP Environmental Science

AP Human Geography

AP Language & Composition

AP Microeconomics

AP Spanish

AP Statistics

AP US Government & Politics

AP US History

AP World History

AP 2-D Art & Design

AP 3-D Art & Design

Current Honors Course Offerings

Honors Algebra, II

Honors Biology

Honors Pre-Calculus

Honors Calculus

Honors Cardinal Chorale

Honors Chamber Orchestra

Honors Chemistry

Honors Drama III

Honors English (9-12)

Honors French III

Honors Geometry

Honors Human Anatomy &

Physiology

Honors Musical Theatre

Honors Physics I

Honors Spanish II, III, Pre-AP

Honors US History

Honors US Government

Honors Economics

Honors World History

Recent College Acceptances

*bold indicates a school where a 2025 graduate enrolled

Allen University	Franklin & Marshall College	Oral Roberts University	University of Kentucky
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Furman University	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
American University	George Mason University Honors College	Presbyterian College	University of Miami
Anderson University	Georgia State University	Purdue University	University of Mississippi
Appalachian State University	Gettysburg College	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Montana <i>Honors College</i>
Auburn University	Greensboro College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Nebraska
Azuza Pacific University	Hampton University	Rhodes College	University of North Carolina Charlotte
Baylor University	Hampton - Sydney College	Institute of Tech <i>Honors Program</i>	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Belmont Abbey College	Hawaii Pacific University	<i>Savannah College of Art and Design</i>	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Boston College	High Point University	St. Louis University	University of Notre Dame
Boston University	Howard University	Saint Mary's College	University of Oregon
Brevard College	James Madison University	Seton Hall University	University of Pittsburgh
Catawba College	Kansas State University	Sewanee - The University of the South	University of South Carolina
Clafflin University	Kent State University	South Carolina State University	University of South Carolina <i>Honors College</i>
Clark Atlanta University	Lander University	Spartanburg Methodist University	University of South Carolina - Beaufort
Clarkson University	Lees McRae College	Spelman College	University of South Carolina - Sumter
Clemson University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	St. Andrews University	University of South Florida
Clemson University <i>Honors College</i>	Liberty University	St. Michael's College	University of Tampa
Coastal Carolina University	Louisiana State University	Temple University	University of Tennessee
College of Charleston <i>Honors College</i>	Loyola University	Texas A&M University	University of Washington
Colorado School of Mines	Marshall University	The Catholic University of America	University of Wyoming
Colorado State University	Maryland University	The Citadel	Valdosta State University
Columbia College	Marquette University	The Pennsylvania State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Converse University	Mars Hill University	The University of Alabama	Virginia State University <i>Honors College</i>
Creighton University	Masaryk University, Czech Republic	The University of Tulsa	Virginia Tech
Davidson College	Midlands Technical College	The University of Warwick, UK	Virginia Wesleyan University
Dean College	Mississippi State University	Tulane University	Wake Forest University
Denison University	Muhlenburg College	United States Military Academy West Point	West Virginia State University
Dickinson College	Murray State University	United States Coast Guard Academy	West Virginia University
Drexel University Honors College	North Carolina Wesleyan University	University of California Davis	Western Carolina University
Duquesne University	New York University	University of California Los Angeles	Westmont College
East Carolina University	Newberry College	University of California Irvine	William Peace University
Elon University	Norfolk State University	University of California San Diego	Winston-Salem State University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Dayton	Wingate University
Erskine College Honors Institute	North Carolina State University	University of Florida <i>Honors College</i>	Winthrop University
Florida ASM University	North Carolina State University <i>Honors College</i>	University of Georgia	Wofford College
Florida State University	North Greenville University	University of Greenwich, UK	Xavier University of Louisiana
Francis Marion University	Northwestern University	University of Houston	Xavier University
			Yale University