



2025-2026 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

Established in 1969 in Concord, N.C., Cannon School is a nationally accredited, independent, coeducational college preparatory school serving students from junior kindergarten through Grade 12. Recognized across the Charlotte region, Cannon blends academic excellence with meaningful opportunities in the arts, athletics, leadership, and character development. Committed to nurturing the whole child, the school offers a rigorous academic program within a supportive community where each student is known, valued, and empowered to grow. As a result, students grow into confident, capable learners prepared to thrive in college and beyond.

OWNERSHIP:

Students graduate with a deep knowledge of who they are as people, who can confidently communicate with others, and who own their personal actions.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Cannon's educational philosophy of adaptive expertise fosters habits of autonomy, creativity, curiosity, risk-taking, metacognition, and reflection. *Accredited by Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). Awarded a Cum Laude chapter in 2005. Selected additional memberships: ACCIS, CSEE, NAIS, NCAIS, NACAC, SACAC.*



FAST FACTS

CANNON SCHOOL

Established 1969

STUDENTS

Enrollment (JrK-Grade 12): 1055

Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 423

Students of Color: 34%

Number of Zip Codes

Represented: 46

\$3,000,000 in Financial Aid

Awarded to 24% of Students

CLASS OF 2025

Graduating Seniors 2025: 111

Attending Four-Year Colleges: 98%

Attending Two-Year Colleges: 2%

CLASS OF 2026

Maximum AP/AT Courses for the Class of 2026

9th: 0 10th: 1 11th: 4* 12th: 6*

**For 11th and 12th grade, math placement affects whether a student can reach the maximum level of AP/AT courses.*

FACULTY

Full Time Faculty in Upper School: 60

with Advanced Degrees: 85%

CONNECT WITH CANNON SCHOOL

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Mike Drew

HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Dr. Fabio A. Hurtado

ADMISSION DIRECTOR

William D. Diskin

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Courtney Brayboy

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Associate Director

Connie Stavrakas

Associate Director

Clay Morrell

College Counseling Coordinator

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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.

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 2025-2026

ZERO HOUR:

These classes meet MWF before the school day starts.

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

SUMMER TERM:

- Geometry Acceleration offered Pass/Fail
- Honors Biology offered for a grade
- Honors Chemistry offered for a grade

SIGNATURE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Student-driven choice and inquiry define Cannon's signature learning experiences. Students collaborate with peers and teachers to define a research topic, problem or project, which they publicly defend in their respective fields. Selected examples include:

Portfolio Defense: In Advanced Topics: American Language and Composition, students design and present digital portfolios featuring multiple drafts of projects.

Symposium: In Advanced Topics: US History, students choose, trace and develop an original argument about an historical topic.

BIOREX: With these **B**iological **R**esearch **E**xperience projects, students in Honors Biology 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. (Not offered during Honors Biology Summer Term.)

Independent Study: Students who wish to pursue a topic in greater depth can work alongside a faculty member, 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 about which they are passionate. Culminating presentations to faculty, staff, and peers and members of the community allow time for reflection and questions.

OTHER NOTABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Mill (and additional Makerspaces), Esports, Global Education Certificate, Jazz Combo, Technical Theater, and Recording Studio

AP STATS

CLASS OF 2025

Total Students	197
Number of Exams	425
Students with Scores 3+	92.39%

GPA DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2025

(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.

TESTING DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2025

ACT

Top 10%	33-36
Mid-50%	25-31

SAT

Top 10%	1470-1590
Mid-50%	1220-1380

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Cannon School offers 21 Advanced courses, 13 AP courses, and 8 Advanced Topics (AT) 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 II: Reading and Discourse~ Honors English II: The Art of Process~ Honors English III	*Advanced Topics: American Language and Composition 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 and Finance	Honors Statistics *AP Calculus AB *AP Calculus BC *AP Statistics
SCIENCE 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Physics Honors Accelerated Physics ^Honors Chemistry Honors Accelerated Chemistry Principles of Chemistry and Physics	^Honors Biology Honors Marine Science Honors Anatomy and Physiology Honors Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Science	*AP Biology *AP Chemistry *AP Physics C Mechanics *AP Physics 1 *Advanced Topics: Environmental Science
SOCIAL STUDIES 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors World History I Honors Accelerated World History I *Advanced Topics: World History II	Honors Civics: Foundations of Democracy and Citizenship Honors U.S. History *Advanced Topics: U.S. History Honors Psychology *AP Psychology	Honors Economics, Law, and Politics *Advanced Topics: Microeconomics: Politics and Policy *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	Honors Visual Foundations Honors Studio Arts I Honors Studio Arts II, III *AP Studio Art Honors Studio 2D Honors Studio 3D Honors Media Arts I, II	Honors Theatre in Performance Honors String Ensemble I, II Honors String Ensemble III, IV #Varsity Orchestra Concert Chorus #Varsity Chorus Modern Ensemble	Jazz Combo Upper School Band Honors Music Technology I, II Creative Design and Engineering I, II, III Creative Design & Engineering Studio Honors Yearbook
GENERAL ELECTIVES	*AP Computer Science The Business of Esports	Honors Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship Lab *Advanced Topics: Design Thinking for 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.

+ indicates courses available to the **Classes of 2026 and 2027**

~ indicates courses available to the **Classes of 2028 and 2029**