



2025-2026

HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ACADEMICPROFILE

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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 nearly 700 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 private school in Bluffton in 2024. HHCA boasts a 94% retention rate.

HHCA's learning model is set within a distinctly Christian environment that focuses on outcomes that matter, a culture that empowers, teaching that engages, and technology that enables. 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 2026..... 55 students
High School (9th-12th)..... 242 students
Middle School (6th-8th)..... 179 students
Lower School (K-5th)..... 269 students
Total Student Body..... 690 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) required beginning with the Class of 2027.

Non-Academic Requirements

Community Service.....20 hrs/year

HHCA 8th-12th graders accumulated over 9,000 hours of community service in 2024-2025, 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**

2025
Class of

by the numbers

54

graduating seniors
in the Class of 2025

240+ acceptances
to over 75 colleges

96% enrolled
in 4-year colleges

\$6.8m

in scholarship & merit aid

27 number of different
colleges attending

59%

earned SC Palmetto Fellows
& SC Life scholarships

39% attending
out-of-state colleges

6 Palmetto
Fellows

5 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.

<u>Letter/Numerical</u>	<u>GPA-CP</u>	<u>GPA-Honors (+.5)</u>	<u>GPA-AP & DE (+1.0)</u>
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 2024 School Honor Roll

	unweighted GPA	(weighted GPA)
Top Decile.....	4.0-4.0	(5.2-5.5)
Top Quartile.....	3.92-4.0	(4.94-5.5)
2nd Quartile.....	3.71-3.91	(4.56-4.93)
3rd Quartile.....	3.41-3.7	(4.2-4.53)
4th Quartile.....	2.61-3.41	(3.1-4.08)

Standardized Testing Profile

Class of 2025

SAT ERW Avg.....600
SAT Math Avg.....557
ACT Comp Avg.....22

Classes of 2022-2024

SAT ERW Avg.....561
SAT Math Avg.....532
ACT Comp Avg.....24

AP Testing Spring 2025

- 97 AP students/181 exams
- 86% scored 3+ on one or more exams; 3.5 avg score
- 49 AP Scholars
- 21 AP Scholars w/Distinction
- 12 AP Scholars w/Honor

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, 111 students are taking a combined total of 186 AP classes. AP offerings include*:

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

*Not offered 2025-2026 school year

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 79 juniors & seniors are enrolled in over 187 dual-credit courses for 2025-2026.

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, such as: *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

For the 2025-2026 school year, 63 HHCA juniors and seniors are 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
A/V Club
Battle of the Books
Bluffton Youth Council
Book Club
"The Cage" Student Leadership Team
HHI-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Jr Leadership
Chess Club
Eagle Ambassadors
Environmental Club
Equestrian Club (K-12th)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
HOSA - Future Health Professionals
International Thespian Society
Jazz Band
Junior Beta Club (6th-8th)
Life on Life (Mentorship Club)
Mayor's Youth Service Awards
Model UN
National Honor Society
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos
Pep Band
PEP Club (Special Needs Outreach)
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 33 athletic teams, including 14 sports, with 75% of high school students participating. Over 67 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 and 5 from the Class of 2025. Since 2015, HHCA has earned 23 SCISA State Championship titles: Girls Golf (2), Girls Basketball (7), Girls Soccer (3), Football (3), Boys Soccer (2), Boys Golf (4), Baseball (2).

Fine Arts

Over 70% of students participate in HHCA's award-winning Fine Arts programs. The theater department took first place at SCISA's state One Act competition in 2022, 2023, and 2024. In 2024, HHCA's high school cast of **Big Fish** was named State Champion and the Middle School Theater class won the State Championship title for **Annie Jr.** Several students also received individual awards, including Best Actor and Best Actress-High School and Best Actress-Middle School.

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 six years (2025 enrollments in bold):

Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Auburn University/Honors
Ball State University
Baylor University/Honors
Belmont University
Berry College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Charleston Southern University
Citadel, Military College of SC
Clemson University/Honors
Coastal Carolina University/Honors
Coker University
College of Charleston/Honors
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Davidson College
Drexel University
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Flagler University
Florida Atlantic University/Honors
Florida International University
Florida Southern University
Florida State University
Furman University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Grand Canyon University

High Point University/Honors
James Madison University
John Cabot University - Rome
Louisiana State University
Loyola University-Chicago/Honors
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville College
Mercer University
Miami University, Ohio
Mississippi State University
Montreat College
Montana State University
New York University
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University
Ohio State University
Pepperdine University
Piedmont University
Presbyterian College
Purdue University - Engineering
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rollins College
Rice University
Samford University
Savannah Col. of Art and Design
Sewanee, University of the South
Southern Methodist Univ./Honors
Southern Wesleyan University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
University of Alabama
University of Alabama-Huntsville

University of Central Florida
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois (UIUC-Engineering)
University of Kentucky
Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Missouri
Univ of North Carolina-Charlotte
Univ of North Carolina-Pembroke/Honors
University of Pittsburg
University of Richmond
Univ. of South Carolina/Honors
Univ. of South Carolina-Beaufort/Honors
University of South Florida
University of Tampa/Honors
University of Tennessee
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univ.
Virginia Tech
Wesleyan University (17% acceptance rate)
West Virginia University
Wheaton College
Winthrop University
Wofford College