



McCallie School

2025-26 PROFILE

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DESCRIPTION Founded in 1905, McCallie is a private school serving boys in grades 6-12. Approximately 249 boys attend the middle school (grades 6-8) and 737 attend the upper school (grades 9-12). About 50% of upper school boys from 25 states and 29 countries are boarding students. Close to 50% of students receive tuition assistance. McCallie is located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, a growing city of 190,000 with a metropolitan population of 550,000.

MISSION McCallie School, grounded in Christian principles, shapes and transforms boys— heart, soul, mind and body—and prepares them for life. Through academic excellence, intentional development of faith, character, and leadership, and a school community distinguished by deep relationships and enduring brotherhood, McCallie is unparalleled and life-changing.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- ▶ McCallie students represent a wide range of abilities, interests and aspirations. As a result, they attend colleges and universities of all types and sizes in a wide variety of locations. The 184 members of the class of 2025 attend 100 different colleges in 26 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Scotland, Switzerland, Mexico, and Finland. 64 students (35% of the class) are the only McCallie seniors heading to their school.
- ▶ Over the last five years, McCallie students have matriculated to over 250 different colleges and universities.
- ▶ Faculty-to-student ratio is 1:8; average class size is 14. McCallie’s 120+ full- and part-time faculty have earned 68 masters degrees and 13 doctoral degrees.
- ▶ Students choose from 30 Fine Arts and Performing Arts courses in Upper School. 125 students are in Upper School music courses. There will be three stage productions this year, all in coordination with sister school GPS.
- ▶ McCallie students may create an independent study course in conjunction with a faculty member in order to further explore an academic passion.
- ▶ Tornado Term or “T-Term” is inspired by the belief that a valuable education includes exploration, contemplation, reflection, experimentation, and perspiration. For eight days in the winter, students take non-traditional, hands-on courses with outside speakers, project-based learning and off-campus travel. Seniors, with the guidance of a faculty advisor, complete an internship during T-Term.

CLASS OF 2026 WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The bar graph below shows the distribution of the Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average of current seniors (Class of 2026) at the conclusion of the junior year. **The grading system at McCallie is: A+ (4.3), A (4.0), A- (3.7), B+ (3.3), B (3.0), B- (2.7), C+ (2.3), C (2.0), C- (1.7), F (0.0).**



STANDARDIZED TESTING MIDDLE 50% SCORE RANGES

Test score ranges for recent graduating classes:

SAT ERBW	550-700
SAT Math	570-710
ACT	23-30

COURSE OF STUDY

McCallie challenges students to achieve at their highest levels in individually-tailored courses of study.

Each student must enroll each semester in at least 4 core courses from English, Math, History, World Languages, and Science. Students must also enroll in a fifth course: an additional core course or a course in Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Bible, and Computer Science. Students who complete grades 9-12 at McCallie are required to take two courses in Bible and two courses in Fine/Performing Arts.

McCallie does not rank its students. Courses are calculated to arrive at the Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average, posted on the transcript. Grades earned in Honors and Advanced Placement courses are raised by 1/3 of a letter grade. Only courses and grades completed at McCallie are included on the transcript and in the GPA calculation.

ADVANCED WORK

Enrollment in honors and Advanced Placement classes depends on a student's performance in previous classwork. In general, students are encouraged to pursue advanced work in areas of interest and aptitude, with thoughtful attention to the balance of their overall schedule and activities.

McCallie offers 22 Advanced Placement courses, though they do not necessarily represent the highest academic level in some disciplines. For example, a number of students progress beyond the Calculus BC course to college-level classes like Multivariable Calculus and others. In English, juniors may enroll in AP English Literature and Composition; senior courses include an array of advanced electives.

ENGLISH

9: Responding to Literature/
Honors

10: World Literature/**Honors**

11: American Literature

11: **AP English Literature and Composition**

12: Senior Electives:

African American Literature*

American-Immigrant Literature*

British Literature*

Justice, Revenge, and the

Personal Code of Honor*

Literary Journalism:

Humans of McCallie*

Literary World of the Inklings*

Literature of American Human

Rights Movements*

Literature of Horror*

Literature of the Absurd*

Literature of the Appalachian

South*

Religious Thought in Literature*

The Essay as Guidepost for a

Changing Nation*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1/Accelerated

Geometry/**Honors**

Algebra 2/Accelerated

Algebra 2 & Trigonometry Honors

Precalculus/**Honors/AP**

Probability, Statistics &

College Algebra

Calculus/**Honors**

AP Calculus AB/BC

Statistics/**AP Statistics**

Beyond AP Curriculum:

Advanced Mathematical Proofs*

Multivariable Calculus*

Differential Equations*

Linear Algebra*

Graph Theory and Combinatorics*

Numerical Analysis*

HISTORY

World History

AP World History

US History/**Honors**

AP US History

AP European History

AP Art History

AP Microeconomics*

AP Macroeconomics*

African American History*

American Government*

Contemporary World Issues*

History of the Sixties*

How the World Works*

Introduction to Economics*

Introduction to Philosophy*

Seminar in Psychology*

The American West*

SCIENCE

Intro to Scientific Thinking
and Research

Biology: General/**Honors**

AP Biology

Chemistry: General/**Honors**

AP Chemistry

Introduction to Physics

Physics: General/**Honors**

AP Physics 1

AP Physics C: Mechanics

AP Physics C: Mechanics*

AP Physics C: Electricity

and Magnetism*

AP Environmental Science

Engineering from First Principles*

Advanced Engineering*

Anatomy and Physiology*

Advanced Anatomy and

Physiology*

Astronomy*

Ecology*

Seminar in Bioethics*

The Science of Building Design*

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish 1-4/**Honors**

AP Spanish Language and Culture

Spanish Literature

Chinese 1-4

AP Chinese Language and Culture

Latin 1-4/**Honors**

AP Latin

German 1-4

BIBLE

Introduction to Biblical Ethics*

New Testament*

Seminar in World Religions*

Life Worth Living*

History of Western Religious

Thought*

Difficult Questions for People

of Faith*

COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science Principles*

AP Computer Science A*

Cybersecurity: Networking

Essentials*

Introduction to Computer Science*

Introduction to Computer Systems*

Introduction to Game Design*

Intermediate Computer Science*

Robotics*

FINE ARTS

AP Art History

Art 1: 2-D Foundations*

Art 1: 3-D Foundations*

Art 1: Photography*

Art 1: Visual Storytelling*

Art 1: Filmmaking*

Art 1: Graphic Design

Foundations*

Art 2: Intermediate 2-D*

Art 2: Intermediate 3-D*

Art 2: Intermediate Photography*

Art 2: Intermediate Filmmaking*

Art 2: Intermediate Graphic Design*

Art 3: Advanced 2-D*

Art 3: Advanced 3-D*

Art 3: Advanced Filmmaking*

3D Modeling and Fabrication*

Design Thinking Studio*

PERFORMING ARTS

Beginning Guitar

Intermediate Guitar

Advanced Guitar

Beginning Strings

Intermediate Strings

Men's Chorus

Wind Ensemble

Handbells

History of Rock Music*

Music Theory*

Theater & Drama*

Theater Tech and Design*

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Health & Leadership*

Courses added in 2025-26: AP Art History, AP Precalculus

**Semester Course*

McCallie considers the best, ethical practices for conducting the admissions process are empowered by NACAC's Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission. McCallie School supports all applicable anti-discrimination laws and does not unlawfully discriminate in its admission policies, hiring practices, educational policies, or any other program, policy, or practice.