

2025-2026

# School Profile



CHARLOTTE  
COUNTRY DAY  
SCHOOL

At Charlotte Country Day School, education is not simply the acquisition of knowledge – it is a purposeful journey of intellectual curiosity, personal growth and meaningful engagement with the world. From our earliest learners in Junior Kindergarten to students undertaking the rigor of Advanced Placement and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, we foster a dynamic learning environment that inspires inquiry, empowers students to explore deeply and think critically, and fosters principled character and a responsibility to serve the community and the broader world.

## By the Numbers

**14** grades served (Junior Kindergarten – 12)

**1,745** Total Enrollment

**548** Upper School Enrollment

**14%** International Students

**22%** Students of Color

**20%** Students receiving financial aid (\$9.2 Million)

**7:1** Student to Faculty ratio in Upper School



**72** Sports Teams across Middle & Upper School

**87%** of Students participating in a Middle or Upper School athletic team

**18** Student-athletes from the Class of 2025 continuing their sport at the college level

**61** Student-athletes from the last four classes continuing their sport at the college level

**50+** Arts performances and events per year



Charlotte Country Day was the first school in North Carolina to offer the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program**. Approximately 20 students enroll in the full IB program in their junior year. Over the last five years, our IB students have had an average diploma pass rate of 88%. The IB Diploma Program is designed to establish a standard for international education and cultivate the skills necessary to succeed at the university level. The two-year program provides juniors and seniors with a well-rounded curriculum, promotes international mindedness, and emphasizes service learning.



**Senior Externships** equip students with real-world experience through shadowing and mentorship, helping them develop professional competencies aligned with their career interests while building connections with nearly 175 employers and organizations.



**International Experiences** A wide range of immersive global travel programs are available to Upper School students, allowing them to deepen cultural understanding, pursue academic passions, and build global citizenship through real-world experiences.



Every April since 1984, the Upper School takes a two-day break from classes to host the **Special Olympics** Mecklenburg County Spring Games. Students serve as buddies, timekeepers, and event assistants at this special event. Our students walk away with a new appreciation for the power of inclusion, acceptance, and respect.



A summer **Science Outreach Program** gives motivated students opportunities to serve as researchers at college labs, and a state-of-the-art math and science building delivers innovative, hands-on curriculum and lab work for all students.



**Weddington Farm** provides a 330-acre living classroom where students and teachers engage in hands-on outdoor and experiential learning, and outdoor leadership education. The farm includes produce, livestock, beekeeping, mushroom farming, and an ten-mile trail system. The diverse landscape offers integrated educational programming in sustainable agriculture, ecology, biology, environmental science, and entrepreneurship.

Significant leadership opportunities are available for students across 45 different clubs and activities, including Honor Council, Student Government, Affinity Groups, Athletics, Theatre Arts, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and more.

### Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Southern Association of Independent Schools

### Selected Memberships & Academic Organizations

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)  
North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS)  
Cum Laude Society  
Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)  
The College Board  
International Baccalaureate Diploma Program  
Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools  
National Association for College Admission Counseling  
Southern Association for College Admission Counseling  
National Art Honor Society  
National Honor Society  
Tri-M Music Honor Society  
National Junior Honor Society

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## Upper School Faculty at a Glance

**83** administrative and teaching staff



**100%** engage in professional development each year

**82%** hold advanced degrees



AP exam readers, Klingenstein Fellows, National Board graders, National Board Certified, Arts and Science grant winners, World Affairs Council grant winners

## College Scholarships

**\$13 Million** in total scholarships were offered to the class of 2025 based on academic merit, athletic abilities and special talents.

**National Merit:** The Class of 2025 included 2 Finalists, 2 Semifinalists, and 5 Commended Scholars.

**Notable awards for recent graduates:** Coca Cola Scholar; Jefferson Scholar; Jack Kent Cooke Scholar; Military Academy Appointments; Morehead-Cain Scholars; QuestBridge College Match Scholar; Ron Brown Scholar

## The Advanced Placement Program

Charlotte Country Day recognizes the profound impact of the AP program on student development. By having the opportunity to engage with sophisticated concepts, students sharpen their critical thinking skills and gain early exposure to the rigor of college-level coursework. Our comprehensive AP offerings empower students to delve deeply into their passions and strengths, encouraging them to take charge of their educational journey and explore their academic interests with greater depth and confidence.

As a school, we value the opportunity for reflection as students select the areas in which they want to engage with highest rigor, balancing challenge with intentionality.

### AP Results

In 2025, 238 Upper School students took 530 AP exams.

### RESULTS BY DISCIPLINE

Discipline	Tests Scoring 3+	Tests Scoring 4 or 5
 English	97%	77%
 Fine Arts	81%	36%
 History/Social Science	99%	89%
 Math	88%	67%
 Modern & Classical Languages	82%	44%
 Science	87%	66%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>74%</b>

## Academic Achievements

**GPA Medians Class of 2025 (141 seniors)** Represents grades earned only at Charlotte Country Day as of the end of junior year.

Quintile	Median Weighted Cumulative GPA	Median SAT	Median ACT
1st	4.472	1470	33
2nd	4.140	1360	32
3rd	3.877	1290	30
4th	3.513	1220	27
5th	2.991	1110	24

# Curricular Highlights and Grading Policy

Charlotte Country Day offers 25 Advanced Placement courses, Honors options in 17 subject areas, and a full International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

## Graduation Requirements

Each Upper School student earning a Charlotte Country Day School diploma will have successfully completed a minimum of 21 academic credits in a series of required courses and electives, based on individual interests and needs. Full-year courses earn 1.0 academic credits and semester courses earn 0.5 academic credits. Those 21 total credits must include the following:

English Language & Literature	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Sciences	3 credits
History & Social Studies	3 credits
Modern & Classical Languages	2 credits
Fine Arts	1.5 credits

## MOST RIGOROUS COURSES BY DISCIPLINE:

	Honors	AP/IB	Post-AP
<b>English</b>		AP English Language & Composition AP English Literature IB English 11 IB English 12	
<b>Mathematics</b>	H Geometry H Algebra II H Algebra II/ Precalculus H Precalculus	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science A AP Statistics IB Applications SL IB Analysis SL	Advanced AP Statistics with R and R Studio Calc III/IB Analysis HL
<b>Sciences/ Technology</b>	H Chemistry H Physics H Engineering (.5)	AP Biology IB Biology (SL/HL) AP Environmental Science AP Chemistry IB Chemistry (SL/HL) AP Physics	Organic Chemistry (.5) Physical Computational Biochemistry (.5)
<b>History and Social Studies</b>	H Economics H Modern World History	IB Digital Society IB World History AP United States History IB History of the Americas AP Psychology IB Psychology AP Human Geography AP European History AP US/Comparative Government & Politics IB Theory of Knowledge	
<b>Modern and Classical Languages</b>	H Chinese I, II, III, IV, V H French II, III, IV H Spanish II, III, IV H Latin II, III, IV	IB Chinese AP French Language & Culture IB French HL AP Spanish Language & Culture IB Spanish HL AP Latin IB Latin	
<b>Fine Arts</b>	H Chamber Choir H Concert Choir H Symphonic Band H Orchestra	AP Music Theory AP Studio: 2D Art IB Art I & II (SL, HL) AP Studio: Design/Photography AP Studio: Sculpture AP Art History IB Theater Arts (SL, HL)	

AP courses are generally not available until the junior year. We recommend students take no more than three APs each year, but we do not limit.

Grade	Range
A+	100-98
A	97-93
A-	92-90
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C	76-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-67
D	66-63
D-	62-60
F	59-0

## Weighted Courses:

0.5 is added to the GPA calculation for Honors courses. 1.0 is added for AP/IB courses.



- 85% of Upper School students take at least one advanced course (includes Honors, AP, or IB) before graduation.
- 81% of the Class of 2026 enrolled in at least one AP class during Upper School.
- The Class of 2026 took the following number of AP classes throughout Upper School (excludes students in the IB program):  
0-2: 42 students  
3-5: 47 students  
6+: 53 students

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Ready.

# College Acceptances 2022–2025

Bold indicates schools enrolling one or more members of the Class of 2025

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Appalachian State University**  
Belmont Abbey College  
Campbell University  
Catawba College  
**Davidson College**  
**Duke University**  
East Carolina University  
Elizabeth City State University  
**Elon University**  
Fayetteville State University  
Gardner-Webb University  
Greensboro College  
Guilford College  
**High Point University**  
Johnson & Wales University  
Lees-McRae College  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Mars Hill University  
Meredith College  
**North Carolina A&T State University**  
**North Carolina Central University**  
**North Carolina State University**  
North Carolina Wesleyan University  
Queens University of Charlotte  
Saint Augustine's University  
University of North Carolina at Asheville  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**University of North Carolina at Charlotte**  
**University of North Carolina at Greensboro**  
University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
**University of North Carolina Wilmington**  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Western Carolina University**  
Wingate University  
Winston-Salem State University

## SOUTHEAST

Albany State University  
**Anderson University**  
**Auburn University**  
Belmont University  
Brenau University  
Clark Atlanta University  
**Clemson University**  
Coastal Carolina University  
**College of Charleston**  
**Columbus State University**  
Eckerd College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
**Emory University**  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
**Florida Atlantic University**  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
**Furman University**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Georgia State University  
Jacksonville University  
Lipscomb University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lynn University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Mississippi State University  
**Morehouse College**  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Presbyterian College  
Rhodes College  
Rollins College  
Samford University  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
South Carolina State University  
**Spelman College**  
Tennessee State University  
Tulane University  
**University of Alabama**  
University of Central Florida  
University of Florida  
**University of Georgia**  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
University of Memphis  
University of Miami  
University of Mississippi  
**University of South Carolina**  
University of South Florida  
**University of Tampa**  
**University of Tennessee**  
Vanderbilt University  
Winthrop University

## Wofford College

Xavier University of Louisiana

## MID-ATLANTIC

Allegheny College  
American University  
Arcadia University  
Bridgewater College  
Bryn Mawr College  
**Bucknell University**  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Christopher Newport University  
College of William & Mary  
**Delaware State University**  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Hampden-Sydney College  
**Hampton University**  
Haverford College  
Howard University  
**James Madison University**  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Liberty University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
**Marymount University**  
Muhlenberg College  
Penn State University  
Point Park University  
Radford University  
Randolph-Macon College  
Roanoke College  
Saint Joseph's University  
Sweet Briar College  
Temple University  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Delaware  
University of Lynchburg  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Maryland  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
**University of Virginia**  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Wesleyan University  
**Washington and Lee University**  
**NORTHEAST**  
Bard College  
**Barnard College**  
Bates College  
Boston College  
Boston Conservatory at Berklee  
**Boston University**  
Brandeis University  
**Brown University**  
Clark University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College  
**Cornell University**  
**Dartmouth College**  
Drew University  
Emerson College  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Fisher College  
Fordham University  
Hamilton College  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University  
Ithaca College  
Long Island University  
**Manhattan School of Music**  
Marist University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Middlebury College  
Molloy University

Montclair State University  
**New York University**  
**Northeastern University**  
Olin College of Engineering  
Pace University  
**Parsons School of Design at The New School**  
Pratt Institute  
**Princeton University**  
Providence College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University  
Saint Michael's College  
Sarah Lawrence College  
St. Lawrence University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
**Syracuse University**  
Tufts University  
**United States Military Academy at West Point**  
University of Connecticut  
University of Hartford  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Massachusetts - Boston  
University of Massachusetts - Lowell  
University of Vermont  
Wagner College  
**Wesleyan University**  
**Williams College**  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
**Yale University**  
**MIDWEST**  
**Ball State University**  
Butler University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Central Michigan University  
College of Wooster  
**Columbia College Chicago**  
**Denison University**  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Earlham College  
Indiana University  
Kenyon College  
Loyola University Chicago  
Marquette University  
Marshall University  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio University  
Otterbein University  
Purdue University  
Roosevelt University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
The Ohio State University  
University of Chicago  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri

University of Nebraska  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Wisconsin  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Webster University  
West Virginia University  
West Virginia Wesleyan College  
Xavier University  
**WEST**  
Arizona State University  
Art Center College of Design  
**Brigham Young University**  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
Hawai'i Pacific University  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
Metropolitan State University of Denver  
Montana State University  
Occidental College  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pepperdine University  
San Diego State University  
**Santa Clara University**  
Stanford University  
University of Arizona  
**University of California - Berkeley**  
University of California - Davis  
University of California - Irvine  
University of California - Los Angeles  
University of California - San Diego  
University of California - Santa Barbara  
University of California - Santa Cruz  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
University of Denver  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of Oregon  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
**University of Southern California**  
University of Utah  
University of Washington  
University of Wyoming  
Zaytuna College  
**SOUTHWEST**  
**Baylor University**  
Oklahoma City University  
**Oklahoma State University**  
Rice University  
**Southern Methodist University**  
Texas A&M University  
**Texas Christian University**  
Texas State University  
University of Arkansas  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Texas at Austin  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
Duke Kunshan University  
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University of Edinburgh  
University of Glasgow  
University of St Andrews  
University of Toronto

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