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School Profile

EA AT A GLANCE

1785	1,300	206	13	136	100%
year founded	student enrollment	faculty	average class size	senior class enrollment	graduates admitted to 4-year colleges

IN THE UPPER SCHOOL:

35%	36%
receive financial aid	students of color

CLASS OF 2025 NATIONAL MERIT:

13	12
Finalists	Commended Students

THE EA MISSION: *Challenging and nurturing Mind, Body, and Spirit, we inspire boys and girls to lead lives of purpose, faith, and integrity.*

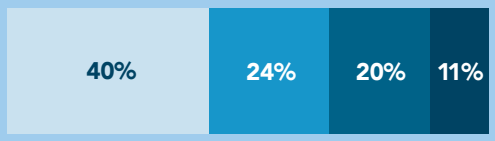
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

19.5 credits, including successful completion of:

- **English:** 4 credits
- **Mathematics:** 3 credits
- **Science:** 3 credits (six semesters) of laboratory science
- **World language:** 2 credits in one language
- **History:** 3 credits
- **Religion:** 1 credit
- **Arts:** 2 credits dance, music, theatre, and visual
- **Computer science:** .5 credit

Academics

The Episcopal Academy has moved to an unweighted 4.0 GPA scale. EA does not rank students. At the end of every academic year, a GPA is calculated using year-end grades and includes only grades earned at EA.



Number of AP and Honors Courses taken through Upper School per Student

0-5 6-11 12-17 18-23

All classes are considered college preparatory. We offer 85 AP and Honors courses. Honors and AP courses have academic prerequisites and require teacher recommendations.

Due to the structure of curriculum and scheduling parameters, a limited number of students take more than one AP class prior to junior year.

GRADING SCALE *Please note: Passing grade is a D- or above.*

A+ 4.0	A 4.0	A- 3.7	B+ 3.3	B 3.0	B- 2.7	C+ 2.3	C 2.0	C- 1.7	D+ 1.3	D 1.0	D- 0.7

REVERSE SIDE: *Athletics, Community & Inclusion, Highest-Level Courses, Science Curriculum, and Signature Programs & Leadership Opportunities*

CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

Science

The science department aims to expose all students to a well-rounded foundational experience in the natural sciences. We believe that students should become scientifically literate global citizens.

All intro and honors science courses are semester-long. AP courses are year-long. Students may not take a Level 1 and a Level 2 course in the same discipline during the same school year. In order to enroll in an AP Science course, students must have completed at least two Level 1 courses and be concurrently enrolled in a third Level 1 course.

Our graduation requirements consist of:

- Biology 1, Chemistry 1, Environmental Science 1, and Physics 1 equaling 2.0 credits.
- One additional credit for a total of 3.0 credits (or six semesters) of science courses

Highest-Level Courses

ART
Ceramics Intensive, Honors 2D V, Honors 3D Design V, Honors Advanced Photography V, Honors Woodworking Design and Fabrication V

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE
Honors Greek 4, Honors Latin 5
AP COURSE: AP Latin

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
Honors Advanced Data Structures, Honors Artificial Intelligence, Honors Cybersecurity
AP COURSES: Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A: Java

ENGLISH
NOTE: NO AP CLASSES OFFERED
Honors American Literature (Grade 11), Honors English Language and Storytelling (Grade 12)

HISTORY
Honors African American History
AP COURSES: Art History, Economics, European History, Human Geography, US Government and Politics, US History, World History

MATH
Honors Abstract Algebra, Honors Calculus-Based Stats, Honors Differential Equations, Honors Linear Algebra, Honors Multivariable Calculus Honors Non-Euclidean Geometry & Topology

MATH, *CONT'D.*
AP COURSES: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

MODERN LANGUAGE
AP COURSES: French, Mandarin, Spanish Language and Culture

MUSIC
Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Chamber Orchestra

SCIENCE
Honors Organic Chemistry
AP COURSES: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1 & 2, Physics C

THEATER
Honors Acting

Community and Inclusion

EA strives to create an environment in which all people and perspectives are respected and valued, and our full engagement with this diversity benefits every facet of teaching, learning, and community life.

Our Episcopal roots encourage us to learn and live by the values of inclusion, equity, and justice. Consistent with our mission and school motto, Esse Quam Videri ("To Be, Rather Than To Seem To Be"), we strive to instill in each student an authentic sense of curiosity, kindness, and moral obligation toward others; and our graduates enter college ready to extend, deepen, and apply their learning in thoughtful and relevant ways.

Athletics

At The Episcopal Academy, all students must participate in interscholastic or intramural athletics.

- EA offers 30 varsity sports across three seasons
- 9th-11th graders must participate in three seasons of athletics
- 12th graders must participate in two seasons of athletics
- One season of athletics may be substituted with Community Service, Theater, Robotics, or Fitness.

Signature Programs & Leadership Opportunities

EQV
Named after our school motto, Esse Quam Videri (EQV) is a student leadership group made up of 12 EA seniors who are elected by their peers and the Upper School faculty on the basis of leadership potential and proven qualities of integrity, honesty, and respect. The group seeks to cultivate a positive and inclusive culture in the school community and nurtures the leadership capacities of EQV members.

MAY TERM
May Term is a two-week, interdisciplinary program at the end of the second semester. Students take one intensive course on or off campus. Courses are hands-on, experiential and/or project-based.

LILLEY FELLOWSHIPS AND INDEPENDENT STUDY
Established in fall 2018, the Lilley Fellowship Fund awards fellowships to students who exemplify academic curiosity, intellectual rigor, and scholarly passion. Students are chosen through an intensive application process, which includes defending their proposals before a faculty committee.

The Lilley Fellowship Program offers two research opportunities to Upper Schoolers who work with faculty mentors. With the traditional, ungraded **Fellowship interdisciplinary project,** students curate their own project/initiative from January to August, and later present to their peers. The **Advanced Independent Study** is a graded, honors-level course that allows students to explore a topic deeply within a particular discipline for a semester or entire year.

PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (PJAS)
Students select a topic of their choice and spend an entire school year outside of school hours conducting research which is presented at regional and state competitions.

VESTRY
The Vestry provides spiritual leadership for the student body. The 18 elected members plan and conduct Chapel services throughout the academic year in partnership with the chaplain.