



HENDERSON COLLEGIATE

HIGH SCHOOL

2025-SCHOOL 2026 PROFILE

OUR SCHOOL

Henderson Collegiate (HC) is a K-12 public charter school focused on closing the achievement gap with a targeted college prep curriculum and instruction for historically underserved students. Henderson Collegiate High School (HCHS) offers grades 9-12 and is ranked in the top 24 high schools in all of North Carolina by US News & World Report. In 2025, our students outperformed the local district and state average on the ACT for 11th grade. Most recently, Henderson Collegiate High School ranks in the top 4% of US high schools according to US News & World Report (2025).

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower students with the character traits, academic skills, social experiences, and love of learning necessary for them to shape their own destinies, attend and graduate from the college of their choice, and become world-changing problem solvers.

OUR PROGRAM

High Expectations

Our staff believes that every student can successfully go to and graduate from college.

Cultural Emphasis

We follow a 51:49 approach. 51% of our emphasis is on character development and 49% on academics. We believe that becoming better people is even more important than becoming better students.

College Preparatory Curriculum

Content is designed to build students' critical thinking skills and to prepare them for the rigor of college courses.

OUR VALUES

PRIDE | RESPONSIBILITY | INTEGRITY |
DETERMINATION | ENTHUSIASM

OUR STUDENTS

HCHS opened in 2015 with its first class of 9th graders. Since then, HCHS has graduated seven Prides. 100% of them were accepted to a 4-year college or university.

398

CURRENT HS
ENROLLMENT

86%

FREE/REDUCED
LUNCH

96%

STUDENTS
OF COLOR

84

CLASS OF 2026
ENROLLMENT

7%

SPECIAL
EDUCATION

10%

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
LEARNERS

2% ASIAN

60% BLACK OR
AFRICAN
AMERICAN

29% HISPANIC

<1% AMERICAN
INDIAN OR
ALASKAN
NATIVE

4% 2 OR MORE
RACES

<1% NATIVE
HAWAIIAN/
PACIFIC
ISLANDER

4% WHITE

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive an HCHS diploma, students must successfully complete a minimum of 25 credits.

SUBJECT	YEARS / CREDITS
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Humanities	4
World Languages	2
Physical Educatic	1
Health	1
Fine Arts	1
Technology	1
Electives	4

In addition, students must also complete:

- Acceptance to a four year college or university
- Senior Research Project
- 60 hours of community service
- CPR training
- 1 summer enrichment program
- 2nd summer program recommended

GRADING SCALE

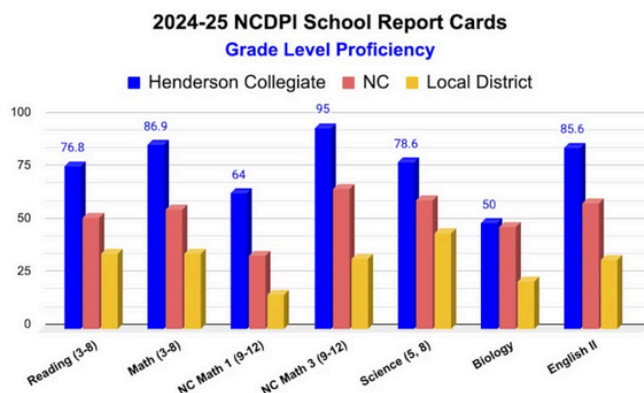
In accordance with state requirements, HCHS uses the NC grading scale and GPA weighted formula.

SCORE	GRADE	QUALITY POINTS	HONORS	AP
90-100	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
80-99	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
70-79	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
60-69	D	1.0	0.0	0.0
<60	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

A student who earns a D or F must complete tutoring and remediation, participate in our Summer Remediation program, or repeat the course to earn a 70 average or higher. Note that at HCHS, unlike traditional NC schools, a "D" is a failing grade; earning a D does not earn course credit.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Henderson Collegiate students continue to outperform local and state peers on standardized assessments. In 2025, Henderson Collegiate earned a "B" grade with a composite score of 82% and ranked #1 among all North Carolina charter schools for academic growth. Our most recent results show that we outperformed 91.3% of all NC public schools in School Performance Grade, 97.9% in Academic Growth, 92% in Academic Proficiency, and 84.1% in College & Career Readiness.



ACADEMIC COURSES

Traditionally, students attend class from 7:50am-3:15pm with tutoring integrated during the day. Due to the length of the school day, and rigor of the curriculum, most students are advised not to take more than three AP courses per year. In addition, students take College Readiness courses beginning Junior year.

ALUMNI

100% of the HCHS Alumni were accepted into a 4-year college or university. Last year, 73% of the Pride of 2025 were accepted into a competitive Tier I-III institution. The Pride of 2025 also had 3 students match with the Questbridge Match Scholarship, the seventh consecutive year that our school has had at least one Questbridge scholar. The Pride of 2025 was also offered \$20.28 million in merit scholarships.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Our AP program has grown steadily since starting with only one AP offering. We currently offer 15 AP courses, including: AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus (AB & BC), AP Computer Science A, AP US History, AP World History, AP Statistics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Spanish, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Psychology, and AP Music Theory.

100% of HCHS students take AP World History in their sophomore year and AP Environmental Science in their junior year. All graduates will have taken at least two AP courses.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

Students will take the ACT and SAT a minimum of one time each, with most students taking each exam twice.

100%
HCHS STUDENTS
TAKING ACT & SAT

19
AVERAGE
ACT SCORE

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

HCHS students are responsible for initiating clubs and organizations on campus with support from staff—an integral part of our school culture. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in:

Clubs	Varsity Sports
Band	Basketball
Chess	Cheerleading
Debate	Cross Country
Drama	Golf
Drumline	Soccer
Sports	Tennis
Key Club	Track & Field
Yearbook	Volleyball
	National Honors Society
	Spanish
	Step Team
	Student Government
	Auxiliary Team
	Pride Ambassadors

College Matriculation Prides of 2019-2025



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American University
Barton College
Belmont College
Boston College
Boston University
Cape Fear Community College
Central Carolina Community College
Chowan University
Davidson College
Denison University
Delaware State University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Fayetteville State University
Florida State University
Forsyth Community College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Guilford College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Johnson C. Smith University
Meredith College
Methodist University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
PennWest University
Pfeiffer University
Princeton University
Queens University of Charlotte
Salem University
Santa Clara University
Santa Fe College
St. Augustine's University
University of Chicago
University of Mt. Olive
University of North Carolina - Asheville
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina - Charlotte
University of North Carolina - Greensboro
University of North Carolina - Pembroke
University of North Carolina - Wilmington
University of West Georgia
Vance Granville Community College
Wake Forest University
Wake Tech Community College
Western Carolina University
William Peace University
Wingate University
Winston Salem State University

Colleges in bold are the Tier I-III colleges to which students have matriculated.