



TIFTAREA ACADEMY

Academic Profile

2025-2026

Bill Shelnutt, Head of School

Heather Fletcher, Director of Counseling

Howard DuVall, Upper School Principal

Shelly Butler, Lower School Principal

Chance Benson, Athletic Director

GRADING

- Tiftarea Academy holds its students to a high standard throughout the academic year. In keeping with our philosophy of college preparatory education, we require end-of-semester exams that are worth 20% of the semester grade.

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
F = 69 and below

- 100 pt GPA Scale
- A weight of .5 is added to Advanced and/or Dual Enrollment courses.

SCHOOL CODE: 110680

Our School

Founded in 1970, Tiftarea Academy is a coeducational college preparatory school, enrolling 702 students from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. Tiftarea Academy is accredited jointly by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a member of the Georgia Independent Schools Association and the College Board.

Our Mission

Tiftarea Academy believes strongly in its motto, "Committed to Excellence," by creating a Christian learning environment and promoting lifelong learning through academics, physical fitness, and school activities that enrich the curriculum.

Academic Information

Tiftarea Academy uses a semester system, with grades reported mid-January and mid-June.

The TA transcript reports class rank and reflects credit for Dual Enrollment courses as well as all courses taken at Tiftarea Academy.

Graduation Requirements

Tiftarea Academy requires 24 credits, including successful completion of:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Mathematics
- 4 units of Science
- 4 units of Social Studies
- 2 units of the same Foreign Language
- 1 unit of Health and Personal Fitness
- 5 units of elected study

****All students in grades 9-11 are required to take English, Math, Science, and Social Studies each semester. In Grade 12, students must complete a unit of each within the academic year.**



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Available Courses

Tiftarea Academy offers (2) Advanced Science Courses that can be taken during the Sophomore Year*. Additionally, we offer (1) Advanced Pre-Calculus class to be taken in the Junior year. During the Senior year, we offer (1) Honors Calculus and (1) Honors Physics course. Tiftarea Academy also partners with (3) colleges to provide our students with access to (13) courses with which they can earn Dual Enrollment credit. These courses include:

- Spanish 201 & 202
- US & World Histories
- English 1101, 1102, & 205
- Math 1111 & Math 1113
- Economics 1101
- Political Science 1101
- Communications 1110
- Arts 1100 (added fee)

*Scheduling issues within the class of 2026 during Sophomore year.

Extracurricular Activities

Tiftarea Academy works to provide opportunities outside the classroom for our students to involve themselves.

- We participate competitively in the following athletics at the Varsity level: Football, Baseball, Basketball, Wrestling, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Clay Target Shooting, Soccer, Cheerleading, Softball, Cross Country and Track and Field.
- In addition, we have several clubs and academic activities for students to join. These include: Key Club, Excel Club, Beta Club, One Act Play, Literary, Student Council, Chick-fil-a Leader Academy, National Honor Society, and National Hispanic Honor Society.

Standardized Test Scores

SAT Class of 2025: Mid-50% Composite 920-1310

ACT Class of 2025: Mid-50% Composite 17-31

2022-2025 Common Destinations

- ABAC
- Auburn University
- Berry College
- Brenau University
- Clemson University
- College of Charleston
- College of Coastal Georgia
- Elon University
- Erskine College
- Florida State University
- Georgia College & State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia Southern University
- Indiana University
- Kennesaw State University
- Louisiana State University
- Mercer University
- Millsaps College
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Shorter University
- Thomas University
- Troy University
- University of Alabama
- University of Georgia
- University of Kentucky
- University of Mississippi
- University of North Georgia
- Valdosta State University
- Young Harris College