



Davidson Day School Profile

2025–2026

Mission Statement

Together, we empower students to embrace challenge, live with character, and lead with purpose.

Statement of Belonging

Davidson Day School is committed to maintaining a welcoming, supportive, learning environment that values belonging. We respect individual differences in ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, ability, and socioeconomic status. Collaborative, inclusive, and diverse communities are essential to helping students appreciate differences, become ethical citizens, and develop as leaders for positive change.

School Facts

- Davidson Day School is a coeducational, independent, non-sectarian, college preparatory day school enrolling students from age 2 through grade 12.
- Located on 750 Jetton Street in Davidson, NC, a suburban town of 15,000 residents located about 25 minutes north of Charlotte. The town of Davidson is home to Davidson College, a highly selective liberal arts college that is 1 mile away from the Davidson Day campus.
- In Spring 2009, Davidson Day School graduated its first class of 10 students.
- Our curriculum includes collegiate choices throughout all departments, and we challenge students with Advanced Placement (AP) courses in English, Math, Science, History, World Language, Technology and the Arts. Students at Davidson Day are expected to utilize a sense of inquiry, deconstruct sophisticated material, and fuel class discussion with cogent commentary.

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Accreditation And Memberships

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC)
- Educational Records Bureau (ERB)
- North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS)
- North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISAA)
- College Board
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)



Grading Scale

B + = 87-89 (3.33)
 C + = 77-79 (2.33)
 D + = 67-69 (1.33)
 F = 59 and below

A = 93-100 (4.0)
 B = 83-86 (3.0)
 C = 73-76 (2.0)
 D = 63-66 (1.0)

A - = 90-92 (3.67)
 B - = 80-82 (2.67)
 C - = 70-72 (1.67)
 D - = 60-62 (.67)

	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP
ENGLISH	English I, II, III, IV, English Composition	English I, II, III, IV, Creative Writing**, Modern Song Lyrics*	English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition
MATHEMATICS	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, Topics in Math**	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II/ Trigonometry, Precalculus**, Financial Literacy*, Calculus	Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Precalculus, Precalculus w/ CalcA**, Calculus III (Post AP)
SCIENCE	Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, Biology	Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy/ Physiology**, Forensics, Zoology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics I, Physics II**, Environmental Science
HISTORY	Big History**, US History, Anthropology, Civics, World History	Big History**, US History, Anthropology, Entrepreneurialism**, Civics, World History	Macroeconomics, Microeconomics**, Psychology, US History, World History, Government and Politics, European History
WORLD LANGUAGE	Spanish I/II/III, French II	Spanish III/IV/V, French III/IV/V	Spanish Language, Spanish Literature**, French Language
YEARBOOK	Journalism Yearbook I	Journalism Yearbook II	
TECHNOLOGY	Intro to Computer Science, Computer Aided Design (CAD), Intro to AI**		Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A
FINE ARTS	3D Animation**, Ceramic Sculpture, Drawing/Painting, Film Studies and Production, Film II**, Film III**, Illustration, Modern Music, Photo I, II, Portfolio, Photoshop		Studio Art
	Band, Theatre Arts, Contemporary Ensemble, Performance Ensemble (audition required)		
PERFORMING ARTS			
PE & HEALTH	Health/Physical Education**, Weight Training, Intro to Sports Medicine*		

Minimum Graduation Requirements:
 22.5 Credits

English: 4.5 credits
 (0.5 credit in Composition)

Math: 4 credits minimum sequence:
 Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II,
 and 1 credit beyond Algebra II

Science: 3 credits
 of lab science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

History: 3 credits

World Language: 3 credits
 (in the same language)

Fine Arts: 1 credit

Physical Education and Health: 1 credit

Electives: 3 credits

School Information

Total Enrollment: 541

Upper School Enrollment: 198

Class of 2026: 47

Upper School Teaching Faculty: 30

Testing at Davidson Day

Due to the popularity of test-optional policies, we will not be providing the testing profiles for the Class of 2026.

Class of 2025 Highlights

- The 53 members were offered more than \$7.4 million in merit awards.
- 100% matriculated to a 4-year institution.
- The Class of 2025 included 11 NCAA student-athletes and 28 NHS members.

Class of 2026 GPA Distribution*

Highest	Median	Lowest
4.60	3.96	2.49

* GPAs for transfer students are not included in the distribution

Academic Information

- Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted (.5 and 1 point respectively). Calculus III is also weighted 1 point.
- Grade point averages reflect only courses taken at Davidson Day School.
- The following courses are not factored into the GPA: transfer courses, Upper School courses taken during Middle School, Independent Studies, and any course taken online.
- Davidson Day does not rank its students.
- If a student enters Davidson Day School with credits from another high school, a transcript from the previous school will be enclosed with the transcript sent to colleges.
- .5 credit per season can be earned for participation in school athletics or approved off-campus fitness activity.

*New course for 25-26, **Course not offered in 25-26.

Global Studies Diploma Program

Over a quarter of Davidson Day School students participate in international research. The **Global Studies Diploma** allows those students to expand upon those experiences and quantify their hard work into a tangible diploma. In addition to completing all Davidson Day minimum graduation requirements, Global Studies Diploma students are required to complete specific coursework with a global perspective, including the same world language in all four years of upper school. Students must also complete a minimum of two weeks of international field research (either through Davidson Day School's International Research Projects that are outlined below or another approved international research program) and a capstone paper that disseminates the results of their specific research topic. An additional transcript and profile will be sent for students who are receiving this diploma.



International Research Projects

Davidson Day has led full-scale ongoing archaeological research with the **American Foreign Academic Research**, more commonly recognized as AFAR, organization in Belize since 2009, Spain since 2014, Greece since 2017, and Portugal since 2018. Each of the programs partner with top-level colleges, universities, and government agencies to execute authentic scientific research at historically significant sites. Our students are given opportunities to disseminate their findings through publications and participation at international conferences.

Varsity Athletic Teams

Baseball (B)**	Lacrosse (G)
Basketball (B, G)	Soccer (B, G)
Cheerleading (G)	Swim (B, G)
Crew (B,G)	Tennis (B, G)
Cross Country (B, G)	Track & Field (B, G)
Football (B)**	Volleyball (G)
Golf (B, G)	

**In partnership with SouthLake Christian Academy

Fine Arts

- Annual Improv Comedy Showcase
- Annual Musical Theatre Review
- Annual Student Written and Directed Short Play Showcase
- Contemporary Ensemble
- Performance Ensemble (Outdoor Theatre, Shakespeare, Greek Theatre, Musical Theatre, Contemporary Theatre)

Honor Code

Davidson Day School has established the following Honor Code to guide its students, faculty and administration: "I will not lie, cheat, steal, or plagiarize, nor will I tolerate the dishonorable behavior of others."



Community Engagement

Our Learn-Serve-Reflect approach to Community Engagement inspires high-impact learning through nonprofit partnerships in every Division. Our students not only volunteer but uplift and empower local, regional, and global communities through acts of kindness and support. Davidson Day students, through community-based experiences, graduate as locally connected, informed citizens who have contributed to positive global impact. Service is encouraged, but not required.

COVID Statement

2022-2023: The school year began on time with in-person instruction and optional masking.

2024-2025 PATRIOTS Review

4 STATE Championships

Boys & Girls Soccer, Volleyball, and Boys' Tennis

1 200+ Student Athletes

(Middle & Upper School)

20 All-STATE Individual Selections

11 COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

From the Class of 2025

2 INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Matthew Doty(2x)

ADDITIONAL ATHLETICS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Wolter Field Improvements & Rededication

Yates Gym Scoreboard & Sound System Upgrade

Inaugural Patriot Athletic Hall of Fame Class

Upgraded and Branded Weight Room Equipment

FAST FACTS

7:1

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

13

AVERAGE UPPER SCHOOL CLASS SIZE

340-971

CEEB Code

Colleges Accepting Davidson Day Students | 2021 – 2025

AMDA College of the Performing Arts (Los Angeles)	Furman University	Pratt Institute	University of Georgia
Agnes Scott College	Gardner-Webb University	Presbyterian College	University of Iowa
Alabama A&M University	George Mason University	Providence College	University of Kentucky
Allegheny College	George Washington University	Purdue University	University of Lynchburg
American University	Georgetown University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Mary Washington
Appalachian State University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Quinnipiac University	University of Maryland
Auburn University	Georgia Southern University	Radford University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Bard College	Georgia State University	Randolph College	University of Miami
Barry University	Gettysburg College	Randolph-Macon College	University of Michigan
Baylor University	Gonzaga University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Belmont Abbey College	Greenville University	Rhodes College	University of Mississippi
Belmont University	Guilford College	Richmond American University London	University of Missouri
Benedictine University	Hamline University	Roanoke College	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Bentley University	Hampden-Sydney College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Berry College	High Point University	Rollins College	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Boston College	Hofstra University	Rutgers University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Boston University	Hollins University	Salve Regina University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Brandeis University	Indiana University Bloomington	Samford University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Brevard College	Iowa State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Bridgewater College	Ithaca College	Seton Hill University	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Brown University	Jacksonville University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of North Carolina at Raleigh
Butler University	James Madison University	Siena University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
California State University Long Beach	John Cabot University	Smith College	University of North Carolina at Winston-Salem
Carnegie Mellon University	Johnson & Wales University Charlotte	Southern Methodist University	University of North Dakota
Case Western Reserve University	Juniata College	Southwest Minnesota State University	University of North Florida
Catawba College	Kenyon College	Spalding University	University of Pittsburgh
Centre College	Lenoir-Rhyne University	St. Lawrence University	University of Richmond
Christopher Newport University	Liberty University	Stetson University	University of Rochester
Clark University	Lincoln Memorial University	Stevenson University	University of San Francisco
Clemson University	Louisiana State University	Suffolk University	University of South Carolina Beaufort
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola Marymount University	Susquehanna University	University of South Carolina
Colby College	Loyola University Chicago	Swarthmore College	University of South Florida
Colgate University	Lynn University	Sweet Briar College	University of Toronto
College of Charleston	Manhattan School of Music	Syracuse University	University of Utah
Colorado College	Marist University	Temple University	University of Vermont
Colorado School of Mines	Marquette University	Texas A&M University	University of Virginia
Colorado State University	Mars Hill University	The College of Wooster	University of Washington
Columbia College Chicago	Marymount Manhattan College	The Ohio State University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Connecticut College	Mercer University	The University of Alabama	University of Wyoming
Cornell University	Merrimack College	The University of Edinburgh	Vanderbilt University
Dartmouth College	Methodist University	The University of Manchester	Vassar College
Davidson College	Miami University	The University of Montana	Villanova University
DePaul University	Michigan State University	The University of Tampa	Virginia Commonwealth University
Denison University	Middlebury College	The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Drexel University	Montana State University	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Virginia Wesleyan University
Duke University	Mount Holyoke College	Tulane University of Louisiana	Wake Forest University
East Carolina University	Muhlenberg College	Tusculum University	Warren Wilson College
East Tennessee State University	Nazareth University	United States Air Force Academy	Wartburg College
East Texas A&M University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	United States Military Academy at West Point	Washington State University
Eastern Mennonite University	North Carolina State University	University College London	Washington University in St. Louis
Eckerd College	Northeastern University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Washington and Lee University
Elon University	Northwestern University	University of Arizona	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach	Notre Dame College	University of California, Davis	West Virginia University
Emerson College	Nova Southeastern University	University of California, Merced	Western Carolina University
Emmanuel College	Oberlin College	University of California, Santa Cruz	Western New England University
Erskine College	Ohio University	University of Charleston	Westmont College
Fairfield University	Oklahoma City University	University of Chicago	Wheaton College (MA)
Fisk University	Old Dominion University	University of Colorado Boulder	Widener University
Flagler College	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Colorado Denver	William & Mary
Florida Atlantic University	Pace University	University of Connecticut	Williams College
Florida Southern College	Penn State Berks	University of Copenhagen	Wingate University
Florida State University	Penn State University	University of Dayton	Winston-Salem State University
Fordham University	Pepperdine University	University of Denver	Wofford College
Fort Lewis College	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Florida	Woodbury University
	Point Park University		Xavier University