Upper School Profile

THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Woodlands Christian Academy is an independent, Christ-centered college preparatory school that integrates learning with Biblical faith and spiritual growth, and challenges students to reach their highest potential – intellectually, creatively, physically and socially – for the glory of Jesus Christ.

SCHOOL HISTORY

Founded in 1993, Woodlands Christian is a Pre-K through 12th grade college preparatory day school on 40 wooded acres, 28 miles north of downtown Houston. Woodlands Christian has a selective admissions process and admits students with above-average to highly intelligent abilities. Integrating faith with academic rigor in the classroom, Woodlands Christian is known for its excellence in education. The first senior class graduated in May 2001.

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AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

9:1
STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

296
UPPER SCHOOL TOTAL ENROLLMENT 2025-26

62%
OF UPPER SCHOOL STAFF HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES

Student Organizations, Clubs and Academic Competition Teams

- Ambassadors
- Apologetics
- Bass Fishing Club
- Biotechnology Competition Team
- Computer Science Club
- Crochet Club
- DECA Business Club
- Interact Club
- International Club
- Girls Who Code
- Growing Godly Guys
- Growing Godly Girls
- HOSA
- Latin Club
- Mock Trial Team
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Honor Society
- National Science Honor Society
- Peer Mentors
- Robotics Competition Team
- Science Quiz Bowl Team
- Short Film Production
- Spanish Club
- Spanish National Honor Society
- Student Council
- TAPPS Fine Arts, Academics & Speech Competitions
- World Scholars Cup
- Worship Team

Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Sports Medicine
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

Grade Point Averages

Cumulative GPA is computed over all upper school courses. Numeric grades reported on transcripts are unweighted. Honors courses are weighted with .5 quality point and AP courses with 1 quality point in GPA calculation.

Grade Point System

Student GPA is weighted on a 5.0 scale.

Examples:

100%: AP = 6, Pre-AP/Honors = 5.5, College Prep = 5
95%: AP = 5.5, Pre-AP/Honors = 5, College Prep = 4.5
90%: AP = 5, Pre-AP/Honors = 4.5, College Prep = 4

Graduation Requirements Class of 2026

4	Christian Development
4	English
4	Creative Arts/Electives
2	Foreign Language
1	Speech/Health
4	History
4	*Mathematics
3	Physical Education
4	Science
1.5	College Readiness
31.5	Total Credits

*Four credits must be earned in upper school.

Memberships & Accreditations

College Board, NACAC, NACCAP, TACAC, TAPPS

CESA COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS & ACCOUNTABILITY

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ECFA ACCREDITED

ACSI ACCREDITED

The Woodlands Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at these schools. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and ethnic origin in administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

The Academic Program

Woodlands Christian maintains a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. 100% of our graduates are admitted to four-year colleges or universities. The curriculum in the upper school includes college preparatory, honors, Pre-AP and Advanced Placement courses. Students must maintain a minimum average grade of 85% in Honors and Pre-AP courses or 93% in a college prep course for AP course consideration. *The Woodlands Christian Academy is designated as an AP Gold Honor Roll School by College Board.

Pre-AP

- Pre-AP English I
- Pre-AP English II
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre-AP Chemistry
- Pre-AP Algebra I
- Pre-AP Geometry
- Pre-AP Algebra II
- Pre-AP Computer Science
- Pre-AP Spanish III
- Pre-AP Latin III

Honors

- Honors Anatomy
- Honors Bioengineering
- Honors Allied Health

AP

- AP U.S. History
- AP World History
- AP U.S. Government
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Precalculus
- AP Latin
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Psychology
- AP Macroecnomics
- AP Microeconmics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Spanish
- AP 2D Art & Design
- AP Environmental Science
- AP 3D Art & Design
- AP Drawing

Foreign Language

- Spanish
- Latin

Snapshot of the Class of 2025

87
Seniors

462
4-year college acceptances

$10,183,380
In merit-based scholarships offered
(Average $118,411 per senior)

SAT Averages
Class: 1184
Top 50% of Class: 1316
Top 25% of Class: 1378
National Average: 1028

ACT Averages
Class: 26
Top 50% of Class: 30
Top 25% of Class: 32
National Average: 20

1 National Merit Scholar
2 Commended Students

2024-2025 Advanced Placement Profile

98% of all AP tests taken earned passing scores (All students are required to take the AP exam at the conclusion of an AP course.)

63 AP Scholars (12 with honor, 33 with distinction)

Highlights of the Academic Program

- Students are required to take English, mathematics, science, and history all four years of upper school.
- Over half of our graduates complete at least one AP course.
- Project-based learning and Socratic methodology are integrated with curriculum.
- The Woodlands Christian Academy is an Apple Distinguished School for our use of technology to create a blended digital learning environment for our students in PreK-12th grade. The ADS designation is reserved for programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence and demonstrate Apple's vision of exemplary learning environments.
- We are a phone-free campus: supporting focused learning, interpersonal skill development, and stronger community engagement.

Notable College Acceptances

Abilene Christian University
Arizona State University
Art Institute of Houston
Auburn University
Barry University
Barton College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston University
California State Polytechnic University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Clemson University
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Dallas Baptist University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgia Tech University
Grambling State University
Greensboro College
Harding University
Hillsdale College
Houston Christian University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Kettering University
LeTourneau University
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola Marymount
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
Missouri University of Science & Tech
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
North Carolina State University
North Park University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oklahoma State University
Parson's School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rutgers University
Saint Edward's University
Sam Houston State University
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
Stephen F. Austin University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
Tarleton State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Wesleyan University
Texas Women's University
The Citadel
Trinity University
Tulane University
University of Arkansas
University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California at Los Angeles
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California San Diego
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Mary-Hardin Baylor
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Ohio
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business
University of Pittsburgh
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Tulsa
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
University of Wyoming
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy at Westpoint
United States Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University, St. Louis
West Virginia University
Wheaton College
Wiley College
William Jewel College
Yale University