



ELITE SCHOLARS ACADEMY

"Royal Knights"

Elite Scholars Academy

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School & Curriculum

Elite Scholars Academy (ESA) was established in 2009 as a public charter school serving grades 6-12 and transitioned to an Early College Magnet School in 2016. In 2018, ESA became a Cambridge International School and is the only 6-12 Cambridge International School in Georgia.

ESA provides a rigorous, accelerated academic program featuring Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International, and Dual Enrollment coursework. Students begin earning high school credits in middle school, preparing them for advanced high school and college-level study. In high school, students may simultaneously complete AP, Cambridge, and college courses through Dual Enrollment, creating opportunities to earn significant college credit, an associate degree or certificate, and potentially graduate early.

Through Cambridge Lower Secondary and the Cambridge AICE Diploma Program, students engage in internationally recognized coursework designed to develop advanced academic skills and strengthen college readiness. Students can earn the prestigious Cambridge AICE Diploma while completing ESA's rigorous 27-Carnegie-unit graduation program.

The academic program is organized on a traditional schedule. Six credits per school year is the maximum course load (unless a student participates in dual enrollment); students take six sixty-minute classes daily. Traditional classes are divided into semesters (1st and 2nd) to equal a full year credit. 0.5 credits per course for a total of 6 at the conclusion of the school year. All of the courses here are either honors, AP (Advanced Placement), or AICE Cambridge International.

SCHOOL THEME/MOTTO

**"We strive to develop learners
who are Confident, Responsible,
Reflective, Innovative, and
Engaged."**

COLORS:



MASCOT: ROYAL KNIGHT

Advanced Placement Courses Offered:

African-American Studies
Chemistry
Drawing
Environmental Science
Government & Politics
Human Geography
Language & Composition
Literature & Composition
Macroeconomics
Precalculus
Statistics
U.S. History
World History: Modern

Cambridge International Courses Offered:

9274 Classical Studies
8021 English General Paper
9093 English Language
9695 English Literature
8291 Environmental Management
9239 Global Perspectives & Research
9990 Psychology
8022 Spanish Language
0530 IGCSE Spanish 1
0530 IGCSE Spanish 2
9694 Thinking Skills





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Grading & Ranking

GPA is computed using the below quality points. Beginning in middle school while taking high school classes, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 27 credits is required for graduation. AP, Cambridge, and College Courses (Dual Enrollment) courses are weighted on a 5-point scale. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January and June. Our school participates in class ranking.

Honors Courses on a 4.0 Grading Scale			AP & Cambridge Courses on a 5.0 Grading Scale			Dual Enrollment (D.E.) College Courses Letter Grades Configuration, 5.0 Grading Scale		
A - Excellent	90-100	4	A - Excellent	90-100	5	A - Excellent	95	5
B - Above Average	80-89	3	B - Above Average	80-89	4	B - Above Average	85	4
C - Average	71-79	2	C - Average	71-79	3	C - Average	75	3
D - Below Average	70	1	D - Below Average	70	2	D - Below Average	70	2
F - Failure	0-69	0	F - Failure	0-69	0	F - Failure	0-65	0

Awards and Distinctions

- 2026 Magnet Schools of America Region 3 Principal of the Year
- 2025 Top Magnet School of Excellence
- 2023 National Magnet School of Excellence
- 2022, 2026 National Magnet School of Distinction
- 2024-2027 Cambridge International Showcase School
- #1 Middle School in Georgia (2025) – US News & World Report
- #5 High School in Georgia (2025) – US News & World Report
- 2026 AP Access & Support School, AP Challenge School
- 2026 AP School of Distinction
- 2026 AP STEM School & STEM Achievement School
- Top 2% of the Nation's Best High Schools for 2023 - US News & World Report
- Certified National Magnet School
- 2014 & 2021 USDOE National Blue Ribbon School
- 2012 Georgia School of Excellence
- Title 1 Distinguished School

Standardized Test Results - 2026

- 97.2% Proficiency in Algebra 1
- 91.9% Proficiency in Biology
- 96.3% Proficiency in Physical Science
- 96% Proficiency in Middle School Mathematics
- 94.4% Proficiency in Georgia Studies

2026 A.P. Exam Pass Rate = 79.67%
2026 Cambridge Exam Pass Rate: 77.8%





Class of 2026

- There were 89 graduates in the Class of 2026.
- 92% earned an overall 3.5 GPA or higher.
- 86% are honor graduates.
- 7 students graduated with Associate's Degree
- 97% Participated in Dual-Enrollment
- 36 Advanced Placement Scholars
- Over \$10 million in earned scholarships.

Advanced Placement Results

- In May 2026, a total of 428 AP exams were taken in 21 subjects.
- 341 of the exams (79.67%) received scores of 3 or higher.

Cambridge International Exam Results

- In the June 2026 Cambridge exam series, a total of 379 exams were taken in 8 subjects.
- 295 of the exams (77.8%) received scores of "e" or higher.



Colleges Attended by ESA Graduates

Agnes Scott College
Alabama A&M University
Albany State University
Albany State University
Art Institute of Atlanta
Augusta University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Clark Atlanta University
Clayton State University
Claremont McKenna College
Davidson College
Dillard University
Duke University
Emory University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Georgia College and State University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gordon College
Gordon State College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Howard University
John Hopkins University
Kennesaw State University

Liberty University
Life University
Louisiana State University (LSU)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Mercer University
Miles College
Morehouse College
North Carolina A&T University
Oglethorpe University
Paine College
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
Savannah State University
Spelman College
Stanford University
Saint George's University School of Medicine
Tuskegee University
University of Alabama
University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of South Carolina Beaufort
University of Southern California
University of West Georgia
University of West Georgia
Valdosta State University
Young Harris College

