CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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2026-2027 Profile

Christ Church Episcopal School is an independent, coeducational, non-discriminatory, college-preparatory day school serving students in grades Primer (K5) through 12. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition, the school nurtures each student's intellectual and spiritual growth, personal integrity, sense of community, and self-worth. It also fosters global understanding and an appreciation for diverse people and cultures through strong academic programs, a vibrant arts curriculum, and comprehensive athletics. Located in Greenville, South Carolina, a rapidly growing metropolitan area of over 559,000 residents, CCES is part of a thriving international community. More than 450 multinational companies from 30 countries, including BMW and Michelin, call Greenville home. The school draws many students from this global population, particularly through its International Baccalaureate (IB) program and close partnership with BMW.

Service and Experiential Learning is an integral part of what shapes CCES students to be responsive to the needs of both the Greenville community and the wider world. Our campus culture emphasizes core values such as respect, personal integrity, responsibility, and empathy. In addition to extracurricular clubs, off-site service learning projects provide meaningful opportunities for students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Each Upper School student must complete 15 hours of service per year. The Internship Program offers students real-world exposure to potential careers by leveraging partnerships within the Greenville community. Rising seniors may apply for one to two-week summer internships, during which professionals in fields of interest mentor them.

TIDE Term - New for the 2026-27 school year, CCES has implemented a TIDE Term comprising approximately 30 school-day hours of student-driven, educator-mentored projects across January and February. This addition bridges the school's strong legacies of Sophomore Project, Senior Capstone, and IB Diploma requirements with its initiative to develop TIDE (Technology, Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship) mindsets in all students. Students develop durable skills through intensive interdisciplinary group and individual inquiries that activate curiosity, practice empathy, fuel collaboration, require resilience through ambiguity, ignite creativity, and forge reflection and meaning. Each grade level experience is required, earns 1/4 academic credit designated as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory, and culminates in an exhibition before an authentic audience.

Athletics - Christ Church Episcopal School's Athletic Program was the #2-ranked program in the Class AAA division of the South Carolina High School League for the 2025-2026 school year. CCES has captured a total of 118 state championships since 1975, 86 since 2000. CCES offers eleven varsity boys' sports and eleven varsity girls' sports. Junior student-athletes can apply to the CCES Leadership Academy, a program that explores core values, extreme ownership, leadership styles, creating a vision statement, leaving a legacy, and effective team communication. Accepted students commit to two retreats, monthly group meetings, and three individual meetings with the program director to discuss content meaning and individual application. This year-long commitment culminates with students presenting to their peers about their leadership journey.

111 Students in Class of 2027

436 Upper School enrollment

11 Average Class Size

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Accreditations & Memberships

International Baccalaureate (IB) World School
National Association of Episcopal Schools
Palmetto Association of Independent Schools
Southern Association of Independent Schools
National Association of Independent Schools
Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association for College Admission Counseling
Global Online Academy
College Board
The Cum Laude Society

Honor Code and Disciplinary Infractions - The CCES Honor Code states: "As a member of the Christ Church Episcopal School community, I will respect the worth and dignity of all people, along with their ideas, work, and property. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, and I will encourage others to uphold this Honor Code." Upon request, students report any Honor Code or disciplinary violations resulting in probation, suspension, dismissal, or expulsion to colleges and universities, regardless of when the incident occurred.

Grading System - The school year has two 18-week semesters with a mid-semester report every nine weeks. Only semester grades are used to calculate Honor Roll and academic status. A student's final yearly grade on the official transcript is the average of both semester grades. CCES uses a 0–100 numerical grading scale with 10-point letter-grade bands. Individual course grades are rounded to the nearest whole number, but GPAs are not rounded. **To account for the rigor of AP, IB, and Honors courses, CCES adds a 3-point weight per Honors course and a 7-point weight per AP or IB course when calculating the GPA.** These weights apply only to the final GPA, not individual course grades. When reporting GPAs and grades for South Carolina state scholarships, CCES calculates them separately according to the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program - CCES is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, an inquiry-based, interdisciplinary two-year curriculum for highly motivated high school students. The program includes six subjects, externally assessed exams, the Theory of Knowledge course, and a Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirement involving extracurricular engagement. As part of the diploma, candidates must complete a 4,000-word Extended Essay, an independent research paper on a topic of interest presented to peers, teachers, and family. **Since the first IB graduating class in 2001, IB Diplomas have been awarded to 90% of the 497 candidates pursuing it. For comparison, the average global pass rate is 80%, the U.S. rate is 68%, and South Carolina's rate is 66%.**

Advanced Placement - In 2026, 196 CCES students took a total of 462 AP exams. 185 test takers (94%) achieved a passing score of 3 or higher. 104 CCES students were recognized as AP Scholars.

Global Online Academy (GOA) - CCES is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools dedicated to reimagining learning for a globally connected society. GOA schools develop strategies and tools to drive innovation, while faculty design rigorous courses that build relationships, share diverse global perspectives, and inspire a passion for learning. GOA courses equip students with the skills and strategies needed to succeed as modern learners. Students who complete three or more GOA courses can earn Global Learning Certification and may also earn a specialized Learning Pathway Certification by completing three or more courses within a specific pathway.

22 AP Courses Offered

4-5 Average AP Courses Completed

77 2023-2026 IB Diploma recipients

1224 Average SAT Score

26 Average ACT Score

19 2023-2026 National Merit Finalists

Higher Level Courses - To enroll in higher-level classes, students must meet criteria set by each department, including standardized test scores, minimum grades in prior courses, teacher recommendations, and departmental testing. **Most students do not take Advanced Placement (AP) courses in their freshman year. Typically, sophomores may take up to two AP courses, while juniors and seniors may take more.** All students enrolled in AP or IB courses are required to take the corresponding exams.

Units Required - All students are required to complete 24 high school units. These must include at least four units each in English and math; three units each in history (including U.S. History), laboratory science, and foreign language; and one unit each in fine arts, physical education, and religious studies; and corresponding TIDE Term projects during each school year enrolled.

GRADING SCALE

A+	97-100		C+	77-79
A	93-96		C	73-76
A-	90-92		C-	70-72
B+	87-89		D	65-69
B	83-86		F	<65
B-	80-82			

CCES does not report rank to colleges & universities.

	College Preparatory	Honors	AP/IB
ENGLISH	English I, II, III, IV Creative Writing* Print Publications Senior Capstone Journalism ESOL	English II, IV Honors	AP English Literature IB English A-Lit HL IB Extended Essay AP English Lang & Comp IB English A-Lang/Lit SL
MATH	Geometry Algebra I, II PreCalculus Math Applications Financial Math	Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors	AP PreCalculus AP Statistics IB Math Applications & Interpretations SL IB Math Analysis & Approaches SL, HL AP Calculus AB, BC
HISTORY	Ancient & Medieval History United States History Modern European History US Government* International Relations* Introduction to Sociology* World War II* Military History*+ Mock Trial* Economics*		AP US History AP US Government AP Comparative Government IB World History SL, HL IB Psychology SL, Year 1 HL IB Psychology SL, HL IB Economics SL AP European History AP Psychology
SCIENCE	Biology Chemistry Physics Environmental Science Human Anatomy & Physiology Forensic Science*	Biology Honors Chemistry Honors	AP Biology AP Environmental Science IB Biology SL, HL Year 1 IB Chemistry HL IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL AP Physics 1, 2 AP Chemistry IB Biology HL IB Physics SL, HL
LANGUAGES	Spanish I, II, III, IV Spanish IA, IB Spanish II Advanced German I, II, III, IV German for Native Speakers I, II, III, IV French I, II, III, IV Latin I, II, III, IV Chinese I, II, III, IV	Spanish III, IV, V Honors French III, IV, V Honors Latin III, IV Honors Chinese III, IV, V Honors	AP Spanish Language and Culture AP Latin IB Spanish B SL, HL IB German B SL, HL IB German A-Lit HL IB Latin SL, HL IB Chinese B SL, HL IB French B SL, HL
FINE ARTS	Fundamentals of Art I, II Band Concert Choir Orchestra Ceramics I, II* Sculpture & Crafts I, II* Public Speaking* Music Theory* Innovative Design I, II* Digital Design Media* Digital Photo Media I, II* Doc Film Studies* Theatre I* Film Appreciation* History of Rock & Roll* Drums**	Art Honors Band Honors Concert Choir Honors Orchestra Honors Theatre Honors	AP Studio Art AP Music Theory IB Visual Art HL Year 1 IB Visual Art HL IB Music SL, HL IB Theatre HL Year 1 IB Theatre HL
TIDE	Intro to Coding* Engineering Design* Entrepreneurial Innovations* Applied AI Innovation Advanced Technology Projects		AP Computer Science A IB Computer Science SL
RELIGION	Biblical Studies* World Spirituality & Ethics* Service Learning & Leadership*		IB Theory of Knowledge
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Foundations of Lifetime Fitness *(previously Physical Education I*)* Athletic Team Leadership & Management* Strength & Conditioning* The Pursuit of Happiness* Total Wellness*		Notes: *semester course **1/4 credit course IB HL=Higher Level IB SL=Standard Level +not offered annually

College Acceptance and Matriculation for Classes 2023-2026

Agnes Scott College
American University
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University-Tempe
Auburn University*
Averett University
Bates College
Baylor University*
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Berry College
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University*
Bowdoin College
Brevard College
Brigham Young University-Idaho
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo
Capital University
Case Western Reserve University
Catawba College
Centre College
Champlain College
Chapman University
Charleston Southern University
Chowan University
The Citadel
Clemson University*
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston*
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Columbia International University
Concordia University Ann Arbor
Connecticut College
Converse University
Cornell University
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg
Duke University
Earlham College
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emmanuel University
Emory University
Emory University - Oxford College
Endicott College
Ensign College
Erskine College
Fairfield University*
Flagler College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University*
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
FOM University of Applied Sciences for Economics and Management
Fordham University*
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University*
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Grambling State University
Greenville Technical College
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Indiana University-Bloomington*
James Madison University
Kennesaw State University
Kenyon College
Kettering University
Lafayette College
Lander University
Lees-McCrae College
Lehigh University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Limestone University
Long Island University - Brooklyn
Longwood University
Louisiana State University*
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Marist University
Mars Hill University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University
Methodist University
Miami University-Oxford*
Michigan State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Muhlenberg College*
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Newberry College
Nichols College
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University
North Central College
North Greenville University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oglethorpe University
Oklahoma State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Purdue University Northwest
Queens University of Charlotte
Radford University*
Randolph-Macon College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rheinisch-Westfalische Technische Hochschule Aachen
Rhode Island College
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Roanoke College
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Louis University - Madrid Campus
Salem College
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Sewanee: The University of the South
Southern Methodist University
Southern Virginia University
Spartanburg Methodist College
Spelman College
Spring Hill College
St. John's College
Stetson University
Suffolk University*
Syracuse University
Texas A & M University-College Station*
Texas Christian University
The Catholic University of America
The College for International Studies
The New School
The Ohio State University*
Tilburg University
Transylvania University
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Military Academy Prep School
United States Naval Academy Prep School
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University College Maastricht
University College Utrecht
University of Alabama*
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Applied Sciences Ravensburg-Weingarten
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia
University of California - Davis
University of California - Irvine
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - Riverside*
University of California - San Diego
University of California - Santa Barbara
University of California - Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder*
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Debrecen Medical & Health Science Center
University of Denver
University of Florida*
University of Georgia*
University of Glasgow
University of Groningen
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Innsbruck
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland - College Park
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
University of Massachusetts - Boston
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
University of North Carolina, Asheville
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of North Carolina, Wilmington*
University of North Florida
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Oxford
University of Pittsburgh*
University of Portland
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina, Beaufort
University of South Carolina, Columbia*
University of South Carolina, Salkehatchie
University of South Carolina, Upstate
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
University of Tennessee, Martin
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Toronto
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Vermont*
University of Virginia
University of Washington*
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of Wyoming
Utah Tech University
Utah Valley University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech*
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Washington and Lee University
Weber State University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College
William & Mary
Williams College
Wingate University*
Winthrop University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

***Includes Honors College Acceptance**
Bold indicates matriculation
+Typically, 50% of each CCES graduating class attends college out of state.