



HCS SCHOLARS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

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2026-2027 Profile

Horry County Schools Scholars Academy

(SAHS) earned both state and national recognition for academic excellence, ranking as South Carolina's #1 academic high school in each of its first two years of eligibility and among the Top 20 high schools nationally in the 2026 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools rankings. Established in 2003 in partnership with Coastal Carolina University (CCU) as a program school, SAHS became a full comprehensive high school in 2020-21 and graduated its first class in 2024. Scholars Academy offers a rigorous, non-ranking four-year program for advanced learners in grades 9-12. Students pursue an advanced curriculum that includes Honors courses, 17 AP courses, and dual enrollment with CCU beginning in the second semester of 9th grade, often earning up to two years of college credit. Academic opportunities include STEAM pathways, AP Capstone, and collaborative research with CCU professors. Scholars Academy students may also participate in athletics and extracurricular activities through their attendance-area high schools and Coastal Carolina University.

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Horry County School District (HCSD)

Spanning more than 1,200 square miles, Horry County School District (HCSD) serves the educational needs for approximately 48,000 students. Located in one of the state's fastest-growing areas and having a highly transient population, HCSD is South Carolina's third-largest school district. It currently consists of 56 schools in nine attendance zones: Aynor, Carolina Forest, Conway, Green Sea Floyds, Loris, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Socastee, and St. James. HCSD student population comes from a wide range of backgrounds, including students from rural and suburban areas as well as a range of economic backgrounds. The district has an increasing multilingual population.

Enrollment

The total enrollment at HCS Scholars Academy for the 2026-27 school year is 226 students from nine attendance zones with a staff of 18 professionals. Enrollment for the class of 2027 is 58 students. Scholars Academy's ideal enrollment is 200 students in 9th-12th grades. All students have been identified as gifted. The population also includes monitored multilingual students, students receiving services via IEP/504 plans, and all students receiving free breakfast and lunch through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.

SAHS Numbers for 2026

4.6

Average AP score

17

National Merit
Finalists

100%

Matriculation to 4-year
institution

100%

Graduation rate

99%

AP pass rate - 3 or higher
495 exams

5,500⁺

Community service hours

\$14,000,000⁺

Scholarships - 46 graduates

Grading Policy



SAHS adheres to the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy adding 0.5 points to Honors course and 1.0 points to AP/Dual Enrollment course. All high school and dual enrollment courses are included in computing GPA. **Dual Enrollment courses are reported as A=95, B=85, C=75, D=65.**

SC Uniform Grading Scale	AP/Dual Credit	Honors	College Prep
A 90-100	5.0-6.0	4.5-5.5	4.0-5.0
B 80-89	4.0-4.9	3.5-4.4	3.0-3.9
C 70-79	3.0-3.9	2.5-3.4	2.0-2.9
D 60-69	2.0-2.9	1.5-2.4	1.0-1.9
F 0-59	0.0-1.9	0.0-1.4	0.0-0.9

Scholars Academy curriculum reflects Horry County Schools' vision:

**To be a premier, world-class school system in which every student acquires an excellent education.
Our schools will be welcoming centers organized around high-quality teaching and learning.**

REQUIRED COURSEWORK**SC High School Diploma**

English 4 credits

*Math 4 credits

*Science 3 credits

*Social Studies 3 credits

*Foreign Language or CTE 1 credit

Computer Science 1 credit

PE/JROTC 1 credit

Personal Finance .5 credits

Electives 6.5 credits

Scholars AcademyEnglish 1, 2 | AP English Language
AP English LiteratureAlgebra 1, 2 | Geometry | Pre-Cal H | 1 AP
Math | 1 AP or CCU DE MathBiology H | Chemistry H | AP Science | 1 AP
or CCU DE ScienceAP Government | AP US History |
Economics .5 | 1 Additional AP and 1 Other
Social Studies

3 CCU DE Foreign Language

Computer Science

PE

Personal Finance .5

Electives 6.5 | Fine Art

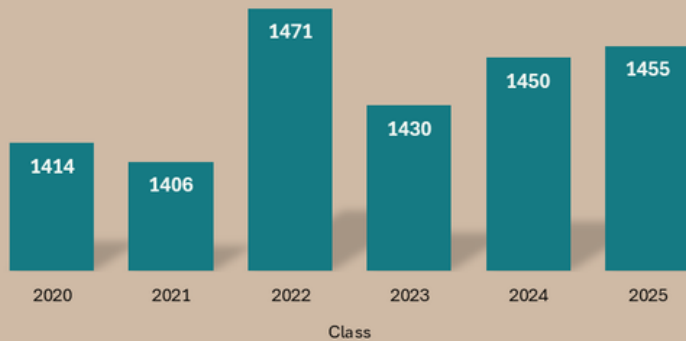
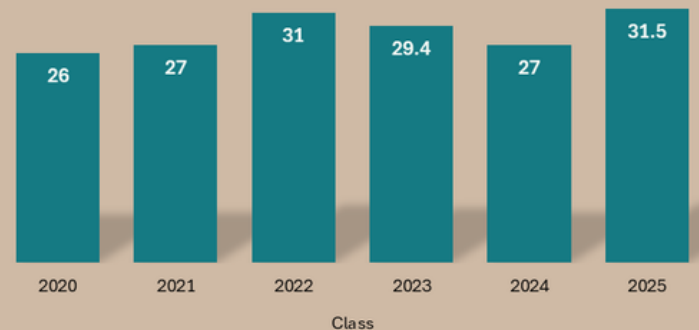
***Additional credits for Scholars Academy requirements
and 15 hours of community service hours per school year**

17 AP COURSE OFFERINGS

English Literature & Composition
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Statistics
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science

Physics 1
Capstone Seminar
Capstone Research
European History
United States Government & Politics
World History
Comparative Government & Politics
Human Geography
United States History

**Advanced Placement (AP) courses prepare students
for AP tests, with many qualifying for college credit
and/or exemption from freshman-level college
courses. Scholars Academy administered
495 AP exams in 2026.**

SAT Scores (combined/mean)**ACT Scores (combined/mean)****SAHS MATRICULATIONS, CLASSES 2020-2026**

Agnes Scott College
Air Force Academy
Army West Point Academy
Auburn University
Baylor University
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
University of Central Florida
Burnett Honors)
University of Chicago
Clemson University
Clemson University Honors
Coastal Carolina University
University of Cincinnati
University of North Carolina
School of the Arts
University of South Carolina
University of Tampa
Vanderbilt University

Colby College
College of Charleston (Honors)
Colorado School of Mines
University of Colorado
Converse College
Cornell University
Davidson College
Delaware University
Duke University
Elon University
Erskine College
Florida Polytechnic University
University of Alabama
University of Alabama at
Huntsville Honors College
University of Georgia
University of Notre Dame
University of South Carolina
Honors
University of Texas at Dallas
Wake Forest University

University of Florida
Francis Marion University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Hampden-Sydney College
Harvard University
Hillsdale College
Indiana University
University of Illinois Urbana-
Champaign
University of Kentucky
Lander University
Lees-McRae Honors College
MIT
NC A&T
NC State University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Penn State University

Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Honors
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute
Seton Hall University
Springfield College
Stanford University
State University of New
York SUNY)
Swarthmore College
Tulane University
Tufts University
UC San Diego
UCLA
University of Virginia
Washington University
Wofford College
Yale University

100% of class matriculates to 4-year institution