



CAPE FEAR ACADEMY

Frequently Asked Questions about Admission to Cape Fear Academy

Q: What makes your school distinct?

A: In short, our school's well-deserved reputation for academic excellence and abundant opportunities for students' individual growth is unsurpassed in this region. The varied program distinctions and the many data points or outcomes on which that reputation is built are best understood by visiting our campus and speaking with our faculty, staff and students.

Q: What are typical entry points?

A: While preschool "Little Explorers" and Kindergarten are ideal starting points, we also add additional sections in Grades 6 and 9. We accept mission-appropriate candidates at any grade level, as space permits.

Q: What do you seek in an applicant?

A: Cape Fear Academy seeks applicants and families committed to our mission of fostering individual potential and preparing students for success in college and life through core values of integrity, respect, resilience, and accountability. Applicants must have a strong academic background and desire to learn, as well as a willingness to contribute to the school community in meaningful ways.

Q: What is a typical class size?

A: On average, Little Explorers has 16 students with a full-time teacher and a full-time TA. Kindergarten has a maximum of 18 students in a class with a full-time teacher and a full-time TA. Grades 1-5 typically have 20 students with a full-time teacher and a full-time TA. The average class size in Grades 6-12 is between 15-20 students.

Q: Is financial assistance available?

A: Yes. CFA accepts the [Opportunity Scholarship](#) and also offers need-based financial aid. Decisions regarding admissions and financial aid are separate, and an application for admission must be submitted before applying for financial aid. In all instances, timely submission of applications and supporting documentation is advised.

Q: Must I reapply annually?

A: Parents must sign an enrollment contract each year, but they do not need to go through the admission process. Re-enrollment contracts are available in January. Financial aid applications must be submitted every year.

Q. By what organizations is your school accredited?

A. We are accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

Q. Will my middle or high school-aged child get to have a visit/shadow day?

A. After CFA receives an application for admission, students are highly encouraged to visit for the day (or half day), where they can connect with our current students and sit in on classes with our amazing faculty. Families can register for a student shadow day in their Veracross Admission Portal.

Q. What does an admission assessment entail?

A. Applicants to Preschool - Kindergarten participate in a developmental assessment. Applicants to Grades 1-11 take a reading, writing, and math assessment.

Q. How long until I know if my child will be offered admission?

A. CFA offers rolling admission. Our admission committees convene frequently to review files that are complete. We will relay the decision to you as promptly as possible.

Q. What's the best way to contact you?

A. We are happy to connect with you by email or phone M-F, 8 am - 4 pm. While each of us can assist you, we do have some areas of specialization, as indicated below. We look forward to hearing from you.

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