



2026-2027

HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ACADEMICPROFILE

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About Our School

HHCA is a Christ-centered, K-12 educational community built on inquiry-based, student-driven learning. Established in 1979, HHCA has grown to a student population of nearly 700 since the move to a new, innovative campus in 2021. Ranked among the top private K-12 schools in South Carolina and voted the #1 private school in Bluffton in 2024 and 2025. HHCA boasts a 91% retention rate.

HHCA's learning model is set within a distinctly Christian environment that focuses on outcomes that matter, a culture that empowers, teaching that engages, and technology that enables. Students have the opportunity for deeper learning through practical application, giving them real-world experience that prepares them for success in their desired field. Along with academic excellence, HHCA offers award-winning fine arts and athletic programs. HHCA graduates are ready to impact the world.

Admissions

Students are considered for enrollment based on admissions testing, interviews, personal character and academic performance.

Financial Aid

Need-based tuition assistance is available upon review by FACTS Tuition Management. 33% of students receive financial aid.

Student Body Numbers

Class of 2027..... 51 students
High School (9th-12th)..... 259 students
Middle School (6th-8th)..... 185 students
Lower School (K-5th)..... 249 students
Total Student Body..... 693 students

Graduation Requirements

Twenty-four credits are required for graduation.

Academic Requirements*

English.....4 credits
Mathematics.....4 credits
Science.....4 credits
Bible.....4 credits
History.....3 credits
World Language.....2 credits
Technology.....1 credit
Physical Education.....1 credit
Fine Arts.....1 credit

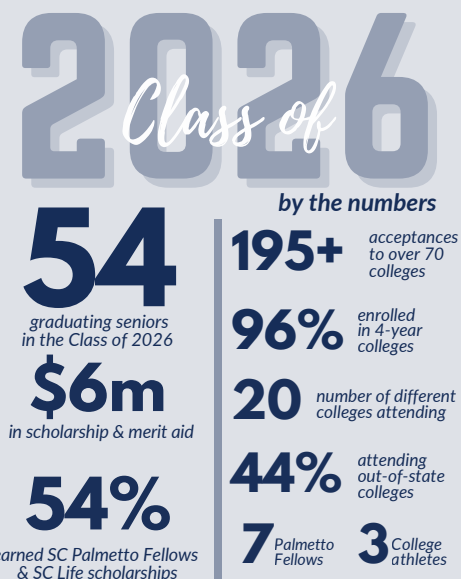
Non-Academic Requirements

Community Service.....20 hrs/year

HHCA 8th-12th graders earned more than 10,500 hours of community service in 2025-2026. Eleven students received a Mayor's Award for over 50 hours of service. Two were recognized for the highest level of service, logging over 150 hours of service in the community.

Accreditations & Memberships

Cognia | ASCA | PSSCA | SCISA
SAIS | PAIS | NACAC | SACAC



South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy

HHCA utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy. Both a weighted SCUGP GPA as well as an unweighted (4.0) GPA are shown on transcripts.

Letter/Numerical	GPA-CP	GPA-Honors (+.5)	GPA-AP & DE (+1.0)
A: 90-100	4.0-5.0	4.5-5.5	5.0-6.0
B: 80-89	3.0-3.9	3.5-4.4	4.0-4.9
C: 70-79	2.0-2.9	2.5-3.4	3.0-3.9
D: 60-69	1.0-1.9	1.5-2.4	2.0-2.9
F: 0-59	0.0-0.9	0.0-1.4	0.0-1.9

Class rank is determined based upon cumulative GPA in all high school courses and posted to final transcripts.

Class of 2026 Grade Distribution

	unweighted GPA	(weighted GPA)
Top Decile.....	4.0-4.0	(5.15-5.28)
Top Quartile.....	3.97-4.0	(5.01-5.28)
2nd Quartile.....	3.74-3.94	(4.63-5.0)
3rd Quartile.....	3.4-3.73	(4.15-4.6)
4th Quartile.....	2.76-3.39	(3.28-4.13)

AP Testing Spring 2026

- 106 AP students taking 177 exams
- 84% scored 3+ on one or more exams with a 3.6 average score
- 49 AP Scholars
- 18 AP Scholars w/Distinction

Standardized Testing Profile

Class of 2026 (54 students)

SAT ERW Avg.....598
SAT Math Avg.....561
Highest ACT Comp Avg.....22
Superscore ACT Comp Avg.....22

Classes of 2022-2025 (170 students)

SAT ERW Avg.....573
SAT Math Avg.....540
Highest ACT Comp Avg.....23
Superscore ACT Comp Avg.....23



AP School Honor Roll 2025
Platinum Distinction

to know Christ and make Him known

Academic Schedule

HHCA operates on a hybrid year-long schedule of 45-minute classes/2 days per week; 90-minute classes/2 days per week; and 50-minute classes/Fridays.

Course Offerings

Most academic core courses (English, history/social studies, mathematics, and science) are offered at College Preparatory (CP) and Honors (H) levels, with the exceptions of Statistics (H+AP only) and Spanish 1 & 2 (CP only).

AP courses are year-long. This year, 114 students are taking a combined total of 224 AP classes. AP offerings include:

- AP Art History (*online*)
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science (*online*)
- AP Drawing
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Environmental Science (*online*)
- AP European History
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Precalculus
- AP Psychology
- AP Research
- AP Seminar
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP Statistics
- AP US History

Dual Enrollment

Juniors and seniors with a 3.0 unweighted GPA may pursue dual enrollment opportunities with the University of South Carolina-Beaufort or Technical College of the Lowcountry. Approximately 79 juniors & seniors are enrolled in over 184 dual-credit courses for the 2026-2027 school year.

Diploma with Distinction

This graduation honor is bestowed upon students who complete an independent research project culminating in a written and verbal defense of their thesis.

Elective Courses

Students choose from a variety of fine arts, technology, physical education, and interest-based electives, such as: *Art, Accounting, Band, Ceramics, Dramatic Theater Production, Drawing, Intro to Business, Leadership, Painting, Personal Finance, PE, Wellness, PLTW Courses (Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Human Body Systems), Sports Medicine, Strength & Fitness, Strings, Theater Design, Yearbook, and Internships.*

Academic Resource Center

HHCA's NILD-certified staff provides academic support for students with documented learning challenges, aiming to produce confident, passionate and purposeful achievers prepared for college, career, and life.

Internships

For the 2026-2027 school year, 79 HHCA juniors and seniors are interning in the community, gaining experience in their field of interest. HHCA students have completed internships in dance, law, medicine, marketing, real estate, physical therapy, marine biology, interior design, engineering, architecture and more.

Clubs, Organizations & Programs

Agape Latte Club
Art Club
Bass Fishing Club
Bible Buddies
Chess Club
DECA
Eagle Ambassadors
Entrepreneurship Club
Environmental Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
HOSA - Future Health Professionals
International Thespian Society
Jazz Band
Junior Leadership (HHI-Bluffton Chamber)
Life on Life (Mentorship Program)
Mayor's Youth Service Awards
Model United Nations
National Honor Society
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos
Pep Band
Photography Club
Quiz Bowl
Random Acts of Kindness
Robotics Club (4th-12th)
Roundnet Club
Sailing Club
Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
Student Council
Teens for Healthy Youth
Walk & Talk Club
Wellness Club
Youth in Government
Zonta Z-Club

Athletics

HHCA offers 33 athletic teams, including 17 sports, with 77% of high school students participating. Over 68 state championship titles have been earned throughout school history. Each year, a number of HHCA athletes go on to play collegiate sports, including 5 from the Class of 2025 and 3 from the Class of 2026. Since 2015, HHCA has earned 24 SCISA State Championship titles: Girls Golf (2), Girls Basketball (7), Girls Soccer (3), Football (3), Boys Soccer (2), Boys Golf (4), Baseball (3).

Fine Arts

Over 70% of students participate in HHCA's award-winning Fine Arts programs. The theater department took first place at SCISA's state One Act competition in 2022, 2023, and 2024. In 2024, HHCA's high school cast of **Big Fish** was named State Champion and the Middle School Theater class won the State Championship title for **Annie Jr.** Several students also received individual awards, including Best Actor and Best Actress-High School and Best Actress-Middle School.

HHCA draws students from around the country to its annual summer Jazz Camps. Band students perform in jazz combos and ensembles, pit orchestra, and other musical offerings during the year. Budding artists often exhibit their work in our local arts community.

College Acceptances

A sampling of the institutions HHCA seniors have been accepted to in the past eight years (2026 acceptances in bold):

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	High Point University/Honors	University of California (Davis, San Diego, Santa Barbara)
American University	Holy Cross College	University of Colorado
Anderson University	James Madison University	University of Florida
Appalachian State University	John Cabot University - Rome	University of Georgia/Honors
Auburn University	Liberty University	University of Illinois (UIUC-Engineering)
Baylor University	Louisiana State University	University of Kentucky
Belmont University	Manhattan College	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
Berry College	Maryville College	University of Miami
Boston University	Mercer University	University of Michigan
Bucknell University	Miami University, Ohio	University of Mississippi
Charleston Southern University	Mississippi State University	University of Missouri
Citadel, Military College of SC	Montreat College	Univ of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, Charlotte)
Claremont McKenna College	Montana State University	Univ of North Carolina-Pembroke/Honors
Clemson University/Honors	New York University	University of Notre Dame - Corde Scholar
Coastal Carolina University	North Carolina State University	University of Oklahoma
College of Charleston	Northeastern University/Honors	University of San Diego
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Ohio State University	University of South Carolina/Honors
College of William and Mary	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Florida
Colorado State University	Pepperdine University	University of Tampa/Honors
Cornell University	Purdue University - Engineering	University of Tennessee
Davidson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Virginia
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Rollins College	Vanderbilt University
Florida Atlantic University	Rice University	Villanova University
Florida Institute of Technology	Samford University	Virginia Military Institute
Florida Southern University	Savannah Col. of Art and Design	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univ.
Florida State University	Seton Hall University	Wake Forest University
Furman University	Southern Methodist Univ./Honors	Wesleyan University (17% acceptance rate)
Georgetown University	Stetson University	West Virginia University
George Washington University	Technical College of the Lowcountry	Wheaton College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Texas A&M University	Winthrop University
Georgia Southern University	Texas Christian University	Wofford College
Grand Canyon University	University of Alabama	
	University of Alabama-Huntsville	