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ACCREDITATION

Southern Association of Colleges
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Southern Association of
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Authorized IB Primary Years
Programme

MEMBERSHIP

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OUR MISSION

“To provide a superior educational experience, in a community of trust, that prepares students for a life well lived.”

OUR VALUES

EXCELLENCE INDIVIDUALITY LEADERSHIP CURIOSITY PASSION

PORTRAIT OF A SPARTANBURG DAY SCHOOL GRADUATE

Our graduates are confident, discerning, and purposeful.

591

STUDENTS, 2K–12

159

UPPER SCHOOL

6:1

STUDENT / TEACHER

35

SENIORS, CLASS OF 2027

55%

FACULTY WITH ADVANCED
DEGREES

1957

FOUNDED

56

ACRE CAMPUS

\$2.2M

FINANCIAL AID BUDGET

28

AP COURSES OFFERED

OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1957, Spartanburg Day School is an independent, coeducational college preparatory school enrolling 590 students in grades 2K–12. The school's 56-acre campus sits on Spartanburg's northeast side and serves students from a broad geographical area that includes the surrounding Piedmont region of South Carolina and North Carolina. Fifty-five percent of the school's teaching and non-teaching faculty and staff hold master's degrees or higher. The Upper School enrolls 159 students with a senior class of 35, and the student/teacher ratio in the Upper School is 6:1.

OUR COMMUNITY

Admission to Spartanburg Day School is based on a student's previous school records, testing, and personal qualifications. Candidates are selected without regard to race, national or ethnic origin, religion, or sexual orientation. Financial aid is offered on the basis of need, and the school's financial aid budget for 2026–2027 is approximately \$2,200,000. Candidates for admission to the Upper and Middle Schools may compete for academic scholarships awarded each year as part of the Ben Stone Fellowship program, established in 2003–2004.

At Spartanburg Day School, our model is intentional and independent, designed by our expert educators to get more out of the most formative learning years of children’s lives. As SDS learners develop, we ensure they have increasingly immersive, challenging experiences to help them grow in purpose, confidence, and discernment. We know that engaged, excited learners — empowered to explore their own interests and encouraged to dive deeply into new concepts and questions — learn best. And we have built both our core curriculum and our Learning Lived offerings on that bedrock principle.

Learning Lived challenges our students and calls them beyond their comfort zones, cultivating agency and leadership while also welcoming them into more meaningful and supportive relationships with educators and peers. When we share extraordinary experiences and encounter new people, places, and ideas together, we form a community of trust that prepares students to take risks, learn from missteps, and seize opportunities.

SPECIAL STUDIES

A signature experience for 30+ years, Special Studies is a required Upper School program centered on an immersive weeklong Learning Lived experience outside of the traditional classroom. Students participate in lessons, enrichment and reflection activities, and preparation meetings in the months surrounding the week, and all produce a final spring project demonstrating their cumulative learning.

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

As a member school of GOA — a consortium of leading independent schools dedicated to reimagining learning for a globally connected society — Day School students may pursue their passions and interests across nine academic pathways. These rigorous, enriching courses build relationships and share global perspectives, while equipping learners with the skills and strategies necessary for modern learners.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

A capstone experience, independent study empowers our most motivated students to tailor their learning beyond the scope of the available curriculum. Under the mentorship of a faculty member, students design a customized syllabus, conduct in-depth research, and complete hands-on projects across the year, culminating in a final presentation — fostering creativity and intellectual curiosity at the highest level.

Academic Statistics

CLASS OF 2026 · 42 SENIORS

CUMULATIVE GRADE DISTRIBUTION

QUARTILE	WEIGHTED GPA RANGE
Top	5.03 – 4.78
2nd	4.73 – 4.31
3rd	4.30 – 3.95
4th	3.92 – 2.88

Average weighted GPA: **4.24** (Class of 2026) · **4.25** (Class of 2027, Aug. ‘26)

TESTING PROFILE

QUARTILE	SAT	ACT
Top	1439	34
2nd	1295	28
3rd	1147	23
4th	901	18

We do not rank our students. Rank neither provides a valid measure of performance nor offers a true distinction between members of a highly talented class.

AP PARTICIPATION & PERFORMANCE · 2025–2026

101 STUDENTS SCORED 3+	117 STUDENTS TESTED	178 EXAMS SCORED 4+	301 EXAMS TAKEN
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All AP students take the May exam; 40 of the 42 members of the Class of 2026 took at least one.

AP SCHOLARS

20 AP SCHOLARS	14 WITH HONORS
26 WITH DISTINCTION	1 CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

NATIONAL MERIT

2 FINALISTS	1 COMMENDED SCHOLAR
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GRADING SYSTEM & GPA EQUIVALENTS

A+ 97–100 (4.33)	B+ 87–89 (3.33)	C+ 77–79 (2.33)	D+ 67–69 (1.33)	F 0–59 (0.0)
A 93–96 (4.0)	B 83–86 (3.0)	C 73–76 (2.0)	D 63–66 (1.0)	
A– 90–92 (3.67)	B– 80–82 (2.67)	C– 70–72 (1.67)	D– 60–62 (0.67)	

Cumulative and weighted · +0.5 Honors · +1.0 Advanced Placement

Fine arts and academic courses taken in grades 9–12 are counted in the GPA. Upper-level mathematics and first-year language courses taken in grades 7 and 8 appear on the transcript but are not included in the GPA. Nearly all courses are taught at Honors level; on-level courses are indicated with an asterisk on the transcript. GOA courses are considered Honors courses; they appear on the transcript with a GOA designation and are included in the cumulative GPA.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2031 and beyond · 28 credits · five academic classes each semester · Middle School grades excluded from the GPA

Beginning with the Class of 2031, graduates of Spartanburg Day School are required to earn **28 Upper School credits**, including a half credit of athletics and a half credit of Special Studies each year.

SUBJECT AREA	CREDITS	REQUIRED COURSES
English	4	English 9, 10, 11 / AP English Language, and 12 / AP English Literature
Math	4	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Precalculus / Algebra 3 & Trigonometry (beginning in 9th grade)
Science	3	Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
Social Studies	3	World History, United States History, Government
World Languages	3	Three consecutive years of the same language
Fine Arts	2	
Electives	5	
Athletics	2	0.5 credit each year on an SDS athletics team. Waivers available for an equivalent athletic activity outside of school.
Special Studies	2	0.5 credit each year through the Special Studies program — an immersive week outside the traditional classroom, 15 additional pre- and post-experience hours of enrichment, and a final reflective project.
TOTAL	28	

Classes of 2027–2030 graduate on the prior 20-credit path — English 4 · History 3 · Mathematics 3 · Science 3 · World Language 2 · Fine Arts 1 · Electives 4 — and are recommended to pursue coursework that aligns with the requirements above.

COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

English 9, 10, 11, 12
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
AP Seminar
AP Research *
 American Women's Literature *
 Creative Writing
 Digital Journalism
 Film Seminar *
 Public Speaking

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I · Geometry · Algebra II
 Algebra III / Trigonometry
 Pre-Calculus
AP Pre-Calculus
 Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
 Financial Algebra

SCIENCE

Physics · Chemistry · Biology
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Computer Science A *
 Astronomy *
 Forensics in Chemistry *
 Health Sciences

SOCIAL SCIENCE & HISTORY

Pre-AP World History
 World History
 United States History
AP World History
AP United States History
AP European History *
AP Art History
AP Human Geography
AP Psychology
AP U.S. Government & Politics
 Business Entrepreneurship
 Dynamics of Education
 Introduction to Philosophy

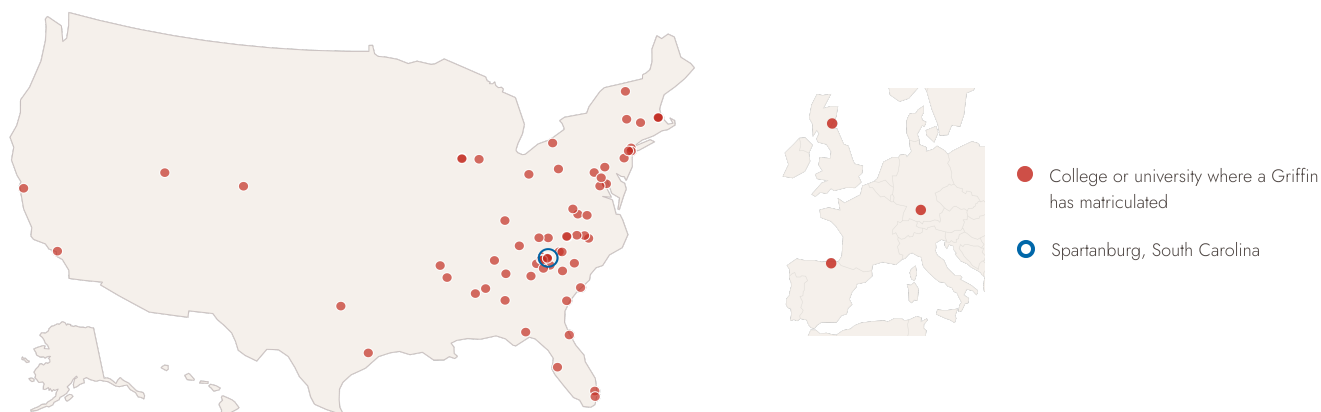
WORLD LANGUAGES

French I–IV · **AP** French
 German I–IV · **AP** German
 Latin I–IV · **AP** Latin
 Spanish I–IV · **AP** Spanish

FINE ARTS

Introduction to Art
 Studio Art I–IV
AP Art & Design: Drawing
AP Art & Design: 2-D Design
AP Art & Design: 3-D Design
AP Music Theory *
 Theatre I–IV
 Concert Band I–IV
 Jazz Band / Pep Band

Nearly all courses taught at Honors level
 28 Advanced Placement (**AP**) courses
 * Offered on a rotational basis



MATRICULATION, CLASSES OF 2023–2026

72 colleges and universities

Appalachian State University	Hampden-Sydney College	Stanford University
Auburn University	Harvard University	Stevenson University
Belmont Abbey College	Howard University	Texas Christian University
Berry College	Illinois Institute of Technology	United States Naval Academy
Boston University	Kenyon College	University of Alabama
Brigham Young University	Manhattan University	University of California (Los Angeles)
Centre College	North Carolina State University	University of Colorado (Boulder)
Clemson University	North Greenville University	University of Deusto (Spain)
Coker University	Northeastern University	University of Georgia
College of Charleston	Nova Southeastern University	University of Lynchburg
Converse University	Pratt Institute	University of Miami
DHBW Heidenheim (Germany)	Presbyterian College	University of Mississippi
Duke University	Princeton University	University of Notre Dame
Duquesne University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of South Carolina
East Tennessee State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of South Carolina (Upstate)
Elon University	Rhodes College	University of St Andrews (Scotland)
Erskine College	Rice University	University of Tampa
Flagler College	Rutgers University (Newark)	University of Tennessee
Florida State University	Salem College	University of the South
Franklin and Marshall College	Samford University	University of Vermont
Furman University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wake Forest University
Gannon University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Washington and Lee University
Gettysburg College	Smith College	Wofford College
Greenville Technical College	Spartanburg Methodist College	Yale University

Our graduates have been accepted to **237** colleges and universities over the past four years. [See the full list of acceptances →](#)