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2026-2027 PROFILE

Founded in 1906, Colorado Academy is a coeducational independent day school for Pre-K through Grade 12. CA's mission is to create curious, kind, courageous, and adventurous learners and leaders.

AT A GLANCE

1,041
TOTAL STUDENTS
PRE-K-GRADE 12

107
CLASS OF 2027

33%
SELF-IDENTIFIED
STUDENTS, DIVERSE
BACKGROUNDS

92%
STUDENTS PLAY
COMPETITIVE SPORTS

68
ZIP CODES

14
AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

18%
STUDENTS RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID

62
STUDENT-LED CLUBS
& SERVICE ACTIVITIES

\$6M
NEED-BASED FINANCIAL
AID FOR 2026-2027

77%
STUDENTS EXCEED
2-YEAR ARTS REQUIREMENT

Curriculum, 2026-2027

Colorado Academy offers a college preparatory curriculum emphasizing disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences. The school prioritizes 21st century skills, including critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity, cultural humility, and character development.

	FOUNDATIONAL CURRICULUM	HONORS COURSES AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ADVANCED STUDIES (AS) ADVANCED STUDIES AND RESEARCH (ASR)
ENGLISH <i>(4 years required)</i>	Grade 9: Coming of Age in the World Grade 10: American Literature	Grades 11 & 12: Seminar Electives (H) Junior Writing Seminar (H) Senior Seminar (H)	The Anxiety of Influence (ASR) Cultural Crossroads in the African Novel (ASR) <i>(2 rotating English ASR courses offered each school year)</i>
MATHEMATICS <i>(3 years required)</i>	Math 1, Math 2, or Math 2e Advanced Algebra Math 3: Non-linear Functions and Trigonometry Pre-Calculus	Data Science and Statistics (H) Pre-Calculus (H) Calculus (H)	Statistics (AP) Calculus AB (AP) Calculus BC (AP) Cryptography in History & Mathematics (ASR) Advanced Topics: Linear Algebra (AS)
SCIENCE <i>(3 years required)</i>	Grade 9: Biology Grade 10: Conceptual Chemistry, Chemistry	Atmospheric Physics (H) * Evolutionary Biology (H) * Science Discoveries that Changed the World (H) * Physiology (H) Environmental Chemistry (H) Physics (H) Experiments and Research I & II (H) EAE: Field Studies in Iceland (H) *	Genetics (AS) Tiny Earth I, II (AS) Zoology/Taxonomy (AS) Astronomy (AS) Physics I (AP) Physics C (AP) Chemistry (AP) Experiments and Research (ASR)
SOCIAL STUDIES <i>(3 years required)</i>	Grade 9: Global Perspectives Grade 10: United States History	Seminar Electives (H) * = Advanced courses available to qualified Grade 10	Economics in Theory and Practice (ASR) The History of Ideas and Inventions (ASR) International Gender Movements (ASR) Superpower Politics: China, Russia & the United States in the Modern World (ASR) Cryptography in History & Mathematics (ASR)

ASR & AS

CA no longer offers AP courses in English or social studies. CA's own **Advanced Studies and Research (ASR)** courses are now offered in these departments as well as in the arts, math, world language, science, and computer science.

ASR allows students to have more agency, go deeper, engage in knowledge production, and pursue multidisciplinary questions.

Advanced Studies (AS) replaced all other weighted courses that were not AP.

Advanced Classes

Students must be approved for AP, AS, and ASR courses.

There can be scheduling constraints for AP, AS, and ASR courses.

Experiential Academic Elective (EAE) courses are CA's own immersive summer opportunities.

* = Advanced courses available to qualified Sophomores
Almost all advanced, weighted courses are for Junior and Senior year.

Curriculum, 2026-2027 cont.

	FOUNDATIONAL CURRICULUM	HONORS COURSES AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ADVANCED STUDIES (AS) ADVANCED STUDIES AND RESEARCH (ASR)
WORLD LANGUAGE <i>(3 years required)</i> <i>Chinese instruction begins in Upper School</i>	Chinese I, II, III French I, II, III, IV Spanish I, II, III, IV	French Seminar/Topics (H) Spanish Seminar/Topics (H)	Chinese Language and Culture (AP) Chinese Literature (AS) French Language and Culture (AP) Spanish Language and Culture (AP) 20st Century Hispanic Literature (ASR)
COMPUTER SCIENCE <i>(1 trimester required)</i>	Intro to Computer Science Intro to Robotics		Computer Science Principles (AS/ASR) * Computer Science A (AP) * Computer Science & Data Structures (AS) Robotics (AS/ASR) * AI and Machine Learning (AS/ASR) *
REDI LAB	REDI Lab I, II REDI Lab Competition	Principles of Accounting (H) Financial Accounting (H)	Entrepreneurial Mindset (AS) Microeconomics (AS)
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS AND ENGINEERING <i>(2 years required)</i>	DANCE Choreography Lab Musical Theatre Multi-Style ENGINEERING Introduction to Engineering Design Introduction to Engineering Design: Focus on Women Biomedical Engineering Engineering, Design, & Fabrication MUSIC Audio Engineering Chamber Orchestra Jazz Ensemble Rock Ensemble Concert Choir Chanteurs THEATER Acting/Scene Study Improvisation Musical Theater Technical Theater Theater Practicum: Performance (Pass/Fail) VISUAL ART Digital Art Studio Art I, II Ceramics I, II Introduction to Architectural Drawing Photography I, II Videography I, II EAE: Santa Fe, The Art of Place and Culture	Advanced Acting/Production Advanced Ceramics * Advanced 2D Art * Advanced Photography * Advanced Videography * Portfolio Prep Dance Company * Advanced Engineering, Design, & Fabrication A Cappella Choir * Academy Jazz * Academy Rock * Academy Orchestra	Music Theory (ASR) Senior Portfolio Studio Art (ASR) Ceramics (ASR) Video (ASR) Photography (ASR)

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Signature Programs



REDI Lab

CA's REDI Lab (Research, Entrepreneurship, Design, and Inquiry) offers a personalized, creative learning experience. Using the design-thinking process, students identify problems in their communities and try to solve them. REDI Lab students have access to experts in the field, work closely with mentors, and gain practical skills throughout their learning journey.

Arts: Senior Portfolio (ASR)

Twelfth Grade artists with significant experience may be chosen to participate in Senior Portfolio, a decades-long CA tradition in which artists spend the year creating a culminating exhibition representing who they are as creators. This Advanced Studies and Research course is designed to engage students in the professional experience of building and exhibiting a portfolio of work.

Experiential Academic Electives

Two years ago, CA began offering immersive interdisciplinary summer courses. Students have studied art in Santa Fe and conducted scientific research in Iceland. In 2028, a group will explore marine science in Bermuda, and another will learn and travel in Spain as part of a large international choir.

Global Education

Annual international travel opportunities offer CA students invaluable experience and enhanced learning. Destinations including Mexico, Vancouver, Colombia, Bahamas, and Iceland, among many others, immerse students in language, culture, history, the environment, and service.

Interim

Week-long Interim trips each spring are designed to immerse students in experiences and pursuits that broaden their skills, test their abilities, and sharpen the awareness of the world in which they live. Interim provides opportunities to get out of the classroom to learn by doing, through exposure to new ideas, experiences, and environments. Interim trips range from the arts and community engagement to wilderness expeditions.

Speech & Debate and Mock Trial

CA's Speech & Debate program helps students develop public speaking, research, and critical thinking skills needed by leaders in an ever-changing world. Through participation in state-level, national, and even international tournaments, CA has earned a strong reputation. CA's nationally-ranked Mock Trial team was State Champion in 2026. Students further test their skills through Ethics Bowl events.

Culture & Community Student Leadership

CA's CCSL Council is composed of Junior and Senior representatives who contribute to meaningful initiatives, collaborate with peers, and help shape an inclusive culture where all students feel a sense of belonging.

Community Service Commitment

A graduation requirement that students complete in Junior year, the Community Service Commitment asks students to take ownership of addressing a community need through a service project or organization.

Community Leadership Team

Each year, just over two dozen Seniors are selected by counselors and faculty to lead peer support groups. Community Leadership Team (CLT) members receive training focused on facilitating discussions, learning skills and strategies to help younger students acclimate to the Upper School, and understanding topics relevant to the Ninth Grade experience. Seniors chosen for CLT are role models in the CA community.

HOPE

An annual student-run initiative, HOPE brings hundreds of Denver-area residents to the CA campus, where they can receive free clothing, school supplies, toiletries, baby essentials, toys, food, medical care, and community services. Now in year 33, the event is led by three student Co-Presidents, who oversee the efforts of more than 50 Directors responsible for everything from planning free transportation to managing donations and community partnerships.

Athletics

The majority of CA students in Grades 9-12 participate in competitive sports throughout high school, with the school's interscholastic teams claiming State Titles almost every year. Field Hockey, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls Lacrosse, Boys and Girls Golf, and Boys and Girls Tennis are regional standouts, and many CA graduates have gone on to Division I and III collegiate competition. Interscholastic sports include:

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| • Baseball | • Ice Hockey | • Girls Swimming & Diving |
| • Boys & Girls Basketball | • Boys & Girls Lacrosse | • Boys & Girls Tennis |
| • Cross Country | • Rock Climbing | • Ultimate Frisbee |
| • Girls Field Hockey | • Boys & Girls Soccer | • Girls Volleyball |
| • Boys & Girls Golf | | |

Transcript Specifics

Grading Scale

AP, AS, and ASR courses generate weighted grades, indicated in red. The reported GPA reflects this weighting.

A (4.00 5.00)	B- (2.67 3.34)	D+ (1.33 1.67)
A- (3.67 4.59)	C+ (2.33 2.92)	D (1.00 1.25)
B+ (3.33 4.17)	C (2.00 2.50)	D- (0.67 0.84)
B (3.00 3.75)	C- (1.67 2.09)	F (0.00)

For athletics, Practicum classes, and certain electives, the following grading letters are used: (P) Pass, (F) Fail.

Grade 9 Pass/Fail System

Colorado Academy supports Ninth Graders as they transition into high school by using a Pass/Fail system in the first trimester of Biology, English, and Global Perspectives.

Class Rank

CA does not rank students.

Academic Calendar

Colorado Academy follows a trimester calendar with grades issued at the conclusion of each term. Trimester 1 grades are sent to colleges in mid-November as a Mid-Year Report.

Mean Standardized Testing Scores Class of 2026

ACT	Average: 30; Middle 50%: 28-34
SAT	Average: 1347; Middle 50%: 1240-1470
SAT EBRW	Average: 670
SAT Math	Average: 678

Discipline Disclosure Policy

CA notifies colleges when an infraction results in suspension or expulsion for any length of time from CA. This includes incidents that occur during Senior year after college applications have been submitted.

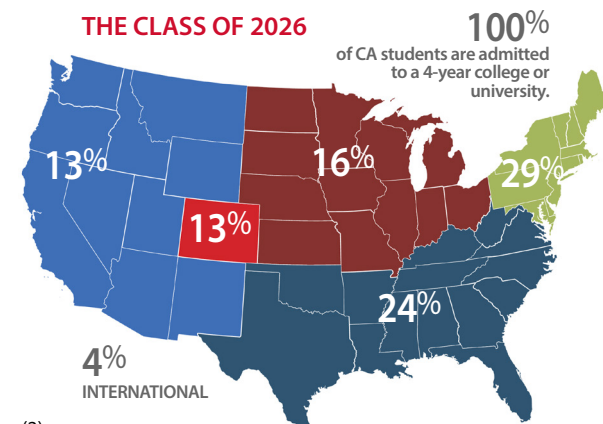
Accreditations and memberships: National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS), Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA), Association for College Counselors in Independent Schools (Founding School), National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Colleges Attended by Graduates in Classes 2023-2026

American University - District of Columbia (2)
Amherst College (3)
Arizona State University (1)
Auburn University (1)
Babson College (4)
Bates College (1)
Baylor University (1)
Boston College (8)
Boston University (3)
Bowdoin College (2)
Brandeis University (1)
Brown University (4)
Bucknell University (3)
California Institute of Technology (1)
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo (8)
Carleton College (1)
Carnegie Mellon University (1)
Case Western Reserve University (3)
Chapman University (7)
Christopher Newport University (1)
Claremont McKenna College (2)
Clark University (1)
Clemson University (1)
Colby College (4)
Colgate University (5)
College of Charleston (2)
Colorado College (4)
Colorado School of Mines (1)
Colorado State University (2)
Columbia University in the City of New York (2)
Cornell University (6)
Dartmouth College (9)
Delaware State University (1)
Denison University (2)
Duke University (2)
Elon University (2)
Emory University (1)
Franklin and Marshall College (1)
Franklin W Olin College of Engineering (1)
Furman University (1)
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (3)
Georgia Institute of Technology - Main Campus (1)
Harvard University (1)
High Point University (2)
Hobart William Smith Colleges (1)
Indiana University - Bloomington (7)
Ithaca College (1)
Johns Hopkins University (1)
Lafayette College (1)
Lehigh University (4)

Lewis & Clark College (1)
Loyola University Chicago (2)
Macalester College (1)
Marquette University (3)
McGill University (3)
Miami University - Oxford (4)
Middlebury College (5)
Montana State University (1)
New York University (2)
Northeastern University (9)
Norwich University (1)
Occidental College (3)
Pitzer College (2)
Pomona College (6)
Princeton University (3)
Purdue University - Main Campus (2)
Queen's University (1)
Regis University (1)
Rhode Island School of Design (1)
Rhodes College (2)
San Diego State University (1)
Santa Clara University (11)
Scripps College (1)
Skidmore College (1)
Smith College (1)
Southern Methodist University (2)
St. Olaf College (2)
St. John's College (1)
Stanford University (5)
Syracuse University (4)
Texas Christian University (11)
The American University of Paris (1)
The University of Alabama (1)
The University of British Columbia (2)
The University of British Columbia - Okanagan (1)
The University of Tennessee - Knoxville (4)
Trinity College (2)
Trinity College Dublin (2)
Trinity University (2)
Tufts University (3)
Tulane University of Louisiana (11)
United States Military Academy (2)
United States Naval Academy (2)
University of California - Berkeley (2)
University of California - Los Angeles (2)
University of California - San Diego (1)
University of California - Santa Barbara (1)
University of California - Santa Cruz (1)
University of Chicago (1)
University of Colorado Boulder (31)
University of Connecticut (1)
University of Denver (7)

THE CLASS OF 2026



University of Florida (1)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (1)
University of Kansas (1)
University of Miami (12)
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor (6)
University of Mississippi (5)
University of New Mexico - Main Campus (2)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte (1)
University of Notre Dame (2)
University of Oregon (7)
University of Pennsylvania (3)
University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus (1)
University of Richmond (3)
University of San Diego (4)
University of South Carolina - Columbia (1)
University of Southern California (5)
University of St Andrews (3)
University of Utah (3)
University of Virginia - Main Campus (10)
University of Washington - Seattle Campus (1)
University of Wisconsin - Madison (5)
Vanderbilt University (5)
Vassar College (2)
Villanova University (7)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2)
Wake Forest University (9)
Washington and Lee University (1)
Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Wellesley College (1)
Wesleyan University (1)
Whitman College (1)
Whitworth University (1)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)
Yale University (4)