



2026–2027 PROFILE

MISSION: Cannon School nurtures relationships at the heart of learning and engages the learner in a journey of growth.



CORE VALUES

Courage | Teamwork | Passion | Respect | Integrity | Kindness

CAPTURING CANNON

Established in 1969 in Concord, N.C., Cannon School is a nationally accredited, independent, coeducational college preparatory school serving students from junior kindergarten through Grade 12. Recognized across the Charlotte region, Cannon blends academic excellence with meaningful opportunities in the arts, athletics, leadership, and character development. Committed to nurturing the whole child, the school offers a rigorous academic program within a supportive community where each student is known, valued, and empowered to grow. As a result, students grow into confident, capable learners prepared to thrive in college and beyond.

OWNERSHIP:

Students graduate with a deep knowledge of who they are as people. They can confidently communicate with others and take ownership of their personal actions.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Cannon's educational philosophy of Adaptive Expertise includes six essential components - scholarship, adaptability, creativity, resilience, reflection, and communication. Cannon School is accredited by SAIS and was awarded a National Honor Society chapter in 2025. Selected additional memberships: ACCIS, CSEE, NAIS, NCAIS, NACAC, SACAC.



FAST FACTS

CANNON SCHOOL

Established 1969

STUDENTS

Enrollment (JrK-Grade 12): 1,057

Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 421

Students of Color: 35.5%

Number of Zip Codes

Represented: 46

\$3,000,000 in Financial Aid

Awarded to 24% of Students

CLASS OF 2026

Graduating Seniors 2026: 105

Attending Four-Year Colleges: 98%

Attending Two-Year Colleges: 2%

CLASS OF 2027

Maximum AP/AT Courses for the Class of 2027

9th: 0 10th: 1 11th: 5* 12th: 6*

**In grades 11 and 12, math placement affects whether a student can reach the maximum level of AP/AT courses.*

FACULTY

Full-Time Faculty in Upper School: 59
with Advanced Degrees: 83%

CONNECT WITH CANNON SCHOOL

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Mike Drew

HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Rishi Raghunathan

DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

William D. Diskin

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Courtney Brayboy
Co-Director of
College Counseling

Heidi Waibel
Co-Director of
College Counseling

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Associate Director

Connie Stavrakas
Associate Director

Brittany Pasut
College Counseling Coordinator

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GPA:

Our Advanced Topics (AT) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are weighted with a 1.0 quality point.

Honors accelerated courses are weighted with a 0.5 quality point. Honors courses are not weighted. The cumulative weighted and unweighted GPAs for each student are calculated using final grades from courses taken at Cannon School.

CALENDAR:

Cannon School operates on a semester system. *(First semester ends in December. Second semester and final grades end in May.)*

COURSE LOAD:

Students carry an academic load of six courses unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise.

Currently, all classes are taught as full-year courses.

RANK AND REPORTING POLICY:

Cannon School does not rank students.

The College Counseling office reports out-of-school suspensions and expulsions through time of graduation to any colleges and universities that request this information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ZERO HOUR:

These classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday before the school day starts.

- Varsity Chorus offered Pass/Fail
- Varsity Orchestra offered Pass/Fail

SUMMER TERM:

- Geometry Acceleration offered Pass/Fail
- Honors Biology offered for a grade
- Honors Chemistry offered for a grade

SIGNATURE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Student-driven choice and inquiry define Cannon's signature learning experiences. Students collaborate with peers and teachers to define a research topic, problem or project, which they publicly defend in their respective fields. Selected examples include:

Portfolio Defense: In Advanced Topics: American Language and Composition, students design and present digital portfolios featuring multiple drafts of projects.

Symposium: In Advanced Topics: U.S. History, students choose, trace, and develop an original argument about a historical topic.

BIOREX: With these **B**iological **R**esearch **E**xperience projects, students in Honors Biology develop a scientific hypothesis, test it, analyze results with statistical methods, and present their findings to a committee of faculty, science professionals, and local business leaders. (Not offered during Honors Biology Summer Term.)

Independent Study: Students who wish to pursue a topic in greater depth can work alongside a faculty member and produce an end-of-year artifact that represents and explains their coursework.

Senior Capstones: These service projects allow seniors to immerse themselves in a philanthropic cause about which they are passionate. Culminating presentations to faculty, staff, and peers and members of the community allow time for reflection and questions.

OTHER NOTABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Mill (and additional Makerspaces), Esports, Global Education Certificate, Jazz Combo, Technical Theater, and Recording Studio

AP EXAM STATISTICS MAY 2026

Total Students	195
Number of Exams	446
Students with Scores 3+	90.16%

GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2026 (CUMULATIVE FOR GRADES 9-11)*

WEIGHTED GPA	
Top 10%	4.08-4.28
Mid-50%	3.93-4.11
UNWEIGHTED GPA	
Top 10%	3.85-4.0
Mid-50%	3.76-3.94

*GPAs for transfer students are not included in the class distribution.

TESTING DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2026

ACT	
Top 10%	33-36
Mid-50%	25-31
SAT	
Top 10%	1510-1560
Mid-50%	1290-1410

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Cannon School offers 27 advanced courses - 15 AP courses, and 12 Advanced Topics (AT) courses. **Our AT and AP courses are the most rigorous courses we offer in each discipline, and students in AT/AP classes have the option of sitting for the appropriate AP exam. One year of physical education or athletic participation is required.**

SUBJECT AND REQUIREMENT			
ENGLISH 4 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors English I +Honors English II ~Honors English: Reading and Discourse ~Honors English II: Reading and Composition Honors English III	*Advanced Topics: American Language and Composition Honors English IV *Advanced Topics: English Literature and Composition Honors History of Film	
MATHEMATICS 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Principles of Geometry and Algebra Honors Geometry Honors Accelerated Geometry Geometry Acceleration Honors Algebra II Honors Accelerated Algebra II	Honors Precalculus Honors Accelerated Precalculus Honors Calculus *AP Calculus AB *AP Calculus BC *AP Precalculus	Honors Statistics *AP Statistics *Advanced Topics: Mathematics & Calculus
SCIENCE 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Physics Honors Accelerated Physics ^Honors Chemistry Honors Accelerated Chemistry Honors Principles of Chemistry and Physics Honors Accelerated Principles of Chemistry and Physics	^Honors Biology Honors Accelerated Biology Honors Marine Science Honors Anatomy and Physiology Honors Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Science Honors Principles of Life Science	Honors Accelerated Principles of Life Science *AP Biology *AP Chemistry *AP Physics C Mechanics *AP Physics 1 *Advanced Topics: Environmental Science
SOCIAL STUDIES 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors World History Honors Accelerated World History I *Advanced Topics: World History II Honors Practicum: Civil Discourse in the Social Sciences	Honors Civics: Foundations of Democracy and Citizenship Honors U.S. History *Advanced Topics: U.S. History Honors Psychology *AP Psychology Honors Economics, Law, and Politics	*Advanced Topics: Microeconomics: Politics and Policy *Advanced Topics: U.S. Government *Advanced Topics: European History
WORLD LANGUAGE 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Chinese I, II, III, IV, V *AP Chinese Language and Culture	Honors French I, II, III, IV, V *AP French Language and Culture	Honors Spanish I, II, III, IV, V *AP Spanish Language
FINE ARTS 2 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Visual Foundations Honors Studio Arts I, II, III *AP Studio Art Honors Studio 2D Honors Studio 3D Honors Media Arts I, II *Advanced Topics: Art History Honors Theatre in Performance	Honors String Ensemble I, II, III, IV #Varsity Orchestra Honors Concert Chorus #Varsity Chorus Honors Modern Ensemble Honors Upper School Band Honors Music Technology I, II	Honors Creative Design and Engineering I, II, III Honors Creative Design & Engineering Studio Honors Yearbook
INNOVATION, ENTERPRISE, AND GENERAL ELECTIVES	*AP Computer Science The Business of Esports *Advanced Topics: Principles of Computer Science & Coding	*AP Business with Personal Finance +Honors Design Thinking & Entrepreneurship Lab *Advanced Topics: Design Thinking for Entrepreneurship	Honors Global Perspectives Senior Colloquium: Leadership Wellness and Long-Term Athletic Development

Bold indicates the most demanding coursework in that discipline per appropriate grade level

Asterisks (*) indicate courses that are weighted with 1.0 quality point

indicates courses offered in our new **Zero Hour** (before school) block

^ indicates courses offered during the **Summer Term** (in addition to during the school year)

Courses taken in the Summer Term will be designated as such on the transcript.

+ indicates courses available to the **Classes of 2027 and 2028**

~ indicates courses available to the **Classes of 2029 and 2030**

2024-2026 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Alabama A&M University
American University
Amherst College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix)
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Beloit College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bridgewater College
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Cal Poly
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Charleston Southern University
Christopher Newport University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Davidson-Davie Community College
Denison University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Eckerd College
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
(Daytona Beach)
Emerson College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)
Kennesaw State University
King's College London
La Salle University
Lehigh University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Luther College
Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattan University
Marymount University

New York University
Niagara University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Penn State University
Penn State University (Abington)
Penn State University (World Campus)
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Purdue University (Fort Wayne)
Queens University of Charlotte
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Rutgers University (Newark)
Saint Joseph's University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
South Carolina State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern University and A&M College
Spelman College
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The American University of Paris
The Citadel
The Ohio State University
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Manchester
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Naval Academy
University College Dublin
University of Alabama
University of Alabama (Birmingham)
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (San Diego)
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado (Boulder)
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii (Manoa)
University of Idaho
University of Illinois (Chicago)
University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Montreal
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina (Asheville)
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
University of North Carolina (Charlotte)
University of North Carolina (Greensboro)
University of North Carolina (Pembroke)
University of North Carolina (Wilmington)
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of South Carolina (Beaufort)
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
University of the Pacific
University of the South
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
West Virginia State University
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Western University
Wheaton College
William & Mary
Williams College
Winston-Salem State University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University