Webb School OF KNOXVILLE

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026–2027

THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1955, Webb School of Knoxville is the singular independent school in the greater Knoxville region. Grounded in our motto, *Principes non Homines—Leaders, Not Ordinary People*, and supported by our core values of honor, integrity, and critical thought, Webb School purposefully fosters a caring, socially responsible community that prioritizes deep and collaborative learning. Webb graduates are proactive, civil, determined, disciplined, and adaptive in finding ways to make a difference.

OUR PROGRAM

MISSION

To inspire and nurture the full potential of each individual and to prepare our students to serve as leaders of character in tomorrow's world

KEY VALUES

Educational Excellence

12:1
teacher-student ratio in the Upper School

79.5%
Upper School faculty hold advanced degrees

550 college admission offers were extended to Webb's Class of 2026, who matriculated at **66** colleges and universities within 22 states

A Strong Sense of Honor and Personal Integrity

HONOR CODE

At the heart of the Webb School community is a student's fundamental right to be trusted and have their word accepted at all times by all people. All students publicly sign the Webb School Honor Code each academic year.

The Development of Critical, Creative, and Socially Conscious Thinking

STUDENT VOICES IN AI

Working with faculty and administrators, students examine AI's impact on the collective educational experience. Using shared-use cases, students provide feedback on Webb's AI policies and framework, as well as host outside speakers.

MODEL UN

Last academic year (2025–26), six Model UN resolutions presented by Webb delegates were adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly. Two Webb students held Model UN leadership positions—Secretary General and General Assembly Vice President.

ETHICS BOWL

Ethics Bowls are collaborative competitions in which teams analyze complex, ethical dilemmas. Webb students compete in a regional tournament each spring.

RESEARCH SCHOLARS

With faculty guidance, students pursue original research in an area of interest using advanced research techniques. Students present and defend their findings before the Upper School community and submit their scholarly work for publication.

CAMPUS COMPOST OPERATION

Collecting our dining hall lunch waste, students convert organic waste into soil amendment to support local food production. Last school year, our student composting team diverted approximately 2,900 liters of compostable food into fertile soil.

REIMAGINED CLASS DAY SCHEDULE

This academic year, Webb moved to a fully redesigned academic schedule, informed by prevailing educational research, including Webb's partnership with the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (CTTL). The new schedule allows for deeper, more engaged learning and a more interactive classroom experience.

PHONE-FREE SCHOOL DAY

To facilitate more focused, collaborative learning, Webb School manages a fully phone-free school day. Without this distraction, students are more engaged in the classroom and with one another while practicing a more mindful use of technology.

A Respectful, Caring, and Inclusive Culture

CHAPEL TALKS: TRADITION WITH PURPOSE

Mid-morning ushers in one of Webb's most time-honored traditions: Chapel. Several times a week, Upper School students gather for reflection and community, with a senior delivering a personal talk on a topic of their choice. Required for graduation, Chapel Talks remain an indelible memory for alumni—a common thread uniting Spartan graduates across decades.

COMMUNITY-CENTERED SERVICE

As a graduation requirement, each Webb Upper School student must complete a minimum of 60 hours of community service. Twenty-seven students in the Class of 2027 have logged 100-plus service hours across three or more agencies during their senior year and will be recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

PRINCIPES NON HOMINES

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ACCREDITATION

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools. Member of the National Association of Independent Schools, Tennessee Association of Independent Schools, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.



GRADING & STANDARDIZED TESTING

GRADING SYSTEM

Webb School of Knoxville does not rank its students.

The **middle 50% of cumulative weighted GPAs** for the Class of 2027 (at the end of the 2025–26 academic year) is **3.77–4.50**.

Honors courses receive a .5 GPA increase and AP courses receive a 1 point increase in the weighted GPA calculation.

245 Webb students sat for **565** **Advanced Placement (AP) exams** across **25** subjects in the spring of 2026. **81%** of scores were a **3** or higher; **34%** of scores were a **4**; **20%** were a **5.**

- AP Scholars with Distinction: **53**
- AP Scholars with Honor: **21**
- AP Scholars: **42**

STANDARDIZED TESTING

ACT Middle 50%

The middle 50% of ACT scores range from **23** to **31** for the classes of 2024–26.

SAT Middle 50%

The middle 50% of SAT scores range from **1120** to **1380** for the classes of 2024–26.

10 **National Merit** Scholars, **7** Finalists, and **15** Commended Students were honored in the classes of 2024–26.

26 **Advanced Placement courses offered:** Art History; Biology; Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Chemistry; Chinese Language & Culture; Computer Science A; English Language & Composition; English Literature & Composition; Environmental Science; European History; French Language & Culture; Latin; Macroeconomics; Microeconomics; Music Theory; Physics 1; Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism; Physics C: Mechanics; Psychology; Spanish Language & Culture; Statistics; Studio Art; United States Government & Politics; United States History; World History: Modern

Webb offers **8** advanced courses beyond the AP curriculum, which earn a 1-point GPA increase and include: Entrepreneurship: The Capstone Experience; French VI: Language Through Film; Spanish VI: Language Through Film; Multivariable Calculus or Differential Equations (offered in alternating years); and three Research Fellows courses—Research Methods, Research Scholars, and Advanced Research in Humanities.

MATRICULATION CLASSES OF 2024–2026

We appreciate our students' accomplishments and diversity of interests, reflected in the wide-ranging colleges they choose to attend. In the last three years, Webb students enrolled at 126 unique colleges and universities within 33 states, France, and the United Kingdom.

Appalachian State University
American University in Paris
Auburn University
Ball State University
Bellarmine University
Belmont University
Berry College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bryn Mawr College
Carson-Newman University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
The Citadel
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Delaware State University
Denison University
DePaul University
Duke University
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goldsmiths, University of London
Grand Canyon University
Hampden-Sydney College
Hillsdale College
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Lee University
Lehigh University
Lincoln Memorial University
Lipscomb University
Loyola University Maryland
Marquette University
Maryville College
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Milligan University
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University
Oxford College of Emory University
Pellissippi State Community College
Pomona College
Purdue University
Quincy University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Roane State Community College
Rochester Community and Technical College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Mary's College of California
Samford University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
South Dakota State University
Southern Crescent Technical College
Southern Methodist University
Syracuse University
Tennessee Technological University
Texas Christian University
Troy University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Tusculum University
United States Military Academy
University of Akron
University of Alabama
University of Alabama (Huntsville)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (San Diego)
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado (Boulder)
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
University of Tennessee (Martin)
University of Texas at Austin
University of the South
University of Virginia
University of Virginia's College at Wise
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Walters State Community College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Widener University
William & Mary
Wofford College
Yale University

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

ARTS & HUMANITIES

South Region-at-Large Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: Regional jurors typically award Gold Keys to the top 7 to 10% of submissions; 10 to 15% receive Silver Keys. This past year, Webb students earned honors in the categories below.

- Photography: **2 Gold Keys, 5 Silver Keys, and 4 Honorable Mentions**
- Poetry: **1 Gold Key, 2 Honorable Mentions**
- Personal Essay & Memoir: **1 Honorable Mention**
- Screenplays & Scripts: **1 Honorable Mention**

WORLD LANGUAGE EXCELLENCE

Last academic year, Webb transitioned from National Exams to the AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) for Spanish, French, and Chinese. The assessment measures real-world proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing and can qualify students for the nationally recognized Seal of Biliteracy.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

Webb's Spartans continue to set the pace in a range of athletic competitions. Notable results from 2025–26 include:

- Girls' Basketball: Back-to-back state champions (2025, 2026)
- Girls' Cross-Country: 3-peat state champions (2023–2025); first or runner-up state finish every year since 2009
- Boys' Lacrosse: 2-time TSSAA state runner-up; 2024 TSLA state champion
- Girls' Track & Field: 3-peat state champions (2024-2026)
- 18 Class of 2026 graduates continued their sport at the collegiate level.