Scholars Academy High School

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Mission Statement

The purpose of Scholars Academy is to serve Horry County Schools' most academically capable students at an accelerated rate and level commensurate with their abilities. HCS Scholars Academy is located on the campus of Coastal Carolina University.

Academic Opportunities

Scholars Academy offers 17 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, as well as dual-enrollment courses with Coastal Carolina University (CCU) beginning in the second semester of the ninth grade. Students have the opportunity to explore fields of study under the guidance of HCS and CCU and will accumulate approximately two years of college credits with successful completion of AP exams and CCU courses. HCS Scholars Academy is a College Board recognized AP Capstone school. Scholars Academy students have the opportunity to enroll in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) courses through a combination of AP classes and dual enrollment through CCU. Scholars Academy students also have been afforded opportunities to participate in research activities alongside CCU professors. Scholars Academy's advantages include increased access to teachers during the school day with our Scholars Station and spaces available for peer support and collaborative work.

Entrance Requirements

Geometry and English 1 must be completed by the end of eighth grade. Algebra 1 is highly recommended. Students must apply online. Only rising ninth graders may apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students enrolled at HCS Scholars Academy will earn their high school diploma from Scholars Academy rather than their attendance-area high school.

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Scholars Academy had the highest school report card rating in the state for the past three school years. The Class of 2026 had 17 National Merit Semi-Finalists and 14 National Merit Finalists. The Class of 2027 has 13 National Merit Semi-Finalists. In 2026, ninth- and tenth-grade classes completed EOC exams in Biology, English 2, & US History with a 100% passage rate. Students also completed over 1,800 dual-enrollment credit hours at Coastal Carolina University with an average college GPA of 3.8. The average SAT score for the Class of 2026 was 1420, and the average ACT score was 31. Scholars Academy had a 99% passage rate for all Advanced Placement tests given in 2026. Students at Scholars Academy completed over 5,000 community service hours during the 2025-2026 school year. The 46 members of the Class of 2026 were offered over $14.9 million in scholarships.

ATHLETIC AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Scholars Academy has had numerous students who have participated in athletics at their attendance area schools and advanced to state-level competitions.

#1 in the State
SC SCHOOL REPORT CARD







COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

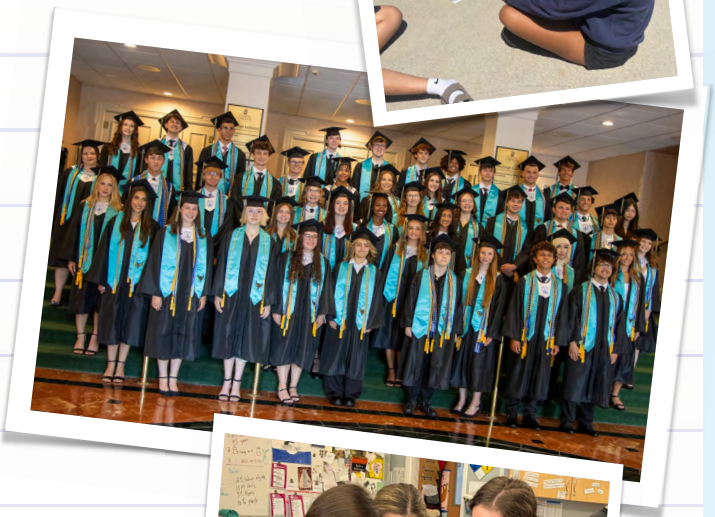
100% of Scholars Academy students were deemed college & career ready, and graduates have attended a variety of colleges & universities, such as MIT, Cornell University, Stanford University, Yale University, Harvard University, University of South Carolina Honors College, Penn State, Clemson University Honors College, Georgia Tech, Duke University, Brown University, UCLA, Oberlin College & Conservatory, College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina University, West Point, University of Chicago, Colby College, University of Florida, Florida Polytechnic University, Erskine College, Furman University, Hampton Sidney College, Seton Hill University, Swarthmore College, Tulane University, and Wofford University.

AP COURSES OFFERED

- English Language & Composition
- English Literature
- Government & Politics
- Comparative Government
- U.S. History
- World History
- European History
- Human Geography
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Statistics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics I
- Capstone Seminar
- Capstone Research













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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

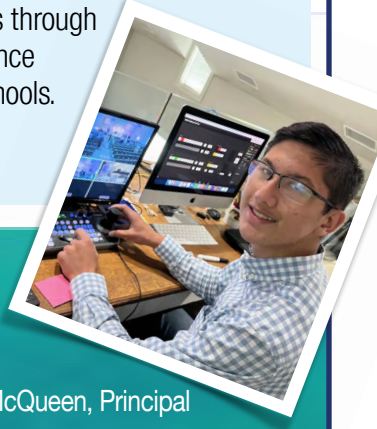
Scholars Academy offers 21 student-driven clubs, four academic honor societies, and National Honor Society. Students are also eligible to participate in club activities through their attendance-area school. Examples of clubs offered are STEAM Club, Mock Trial, FCA, Biology Club, Interact Club, and Ultimate Frisbee. Scholars also hosts a prom, Scholars Squad events, field day events, etc..

FINE ARTS

Students may participate by audition for select CCU ensembles (Choir, Symphonic Band, Orchestra) and may participate in performing arts opportunities at their attendance area high schools. Visual artists may take advanced art courses through CCU. Orchestra students may also participate in the Long Bay Youth Symphony.

ATHLETICS

Students participate in athletics through attendance area schools.



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