McCallie School

2026-27 PROFILE

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DESCRIPTION Founded in 1905, McCallie is a private school serving boys in grades 6-12. Approximately 283 boys attend the middle school (grades 6-8) and 726 attend the upper school (grades 9-12). About 50% of upper school boys from 27 states and 23 countries are boarding students. Close to 50% of students receive tuition assistance. McCallie is located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, a growing city of 190,000 with a metropolitan population of 550,000.

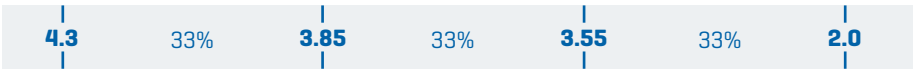
MISSION McCallie School, grounded in Christian principles, shapes and transforms boys— heart, soul, mind and body—and prepares them for life. Through academic excellence, intentional development of faith, character, and leadership, and a school community distinguished by deep relationships and enduring brotherhood, McCallie is unparalleled and life-changing.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- McCallie students represent a wide range of abilities, interests and aspirations. As a result, they attend colleges and universities of all types and sizes in a wide variety of locations. The 199 members of the class of 2026 attend 100 different colleges in 29 states, Canada, England, and Spain. 68 students (34% of the class) are the only McCallie seniors heading to their school.
- Over the last five years, McCallie students have matriculated to over 250 different colleges and universities.
- Faculty-to-student ratio is 1:8; average class size is 14. McCallie's 120+ full- and part-time faculty have earned 68 masters degrees and 13 doctoral degrees.
- Students choose from 23 Fine Arts and Performing Arts courses in the Upper School. 110 students are in Upper School music courses. There will be three stage productions this year, all in coordination with sister school GPS.
- McCallie students may create an independent study course in conjunction with a faculty member in order to further explore an academic passion.
- Tornado Term or "T-Term" is inspired by the belief that a valuable education includes exploration, contemplation, reflection, experimentation, and perspiration. For eight days in the winter, students take non-traditional, hands-on courses with outside speakers, project-based learning and off-campus travel. Seniors, with the guidance of a faculty advisor, complete a career-focused professional experience or internship during T-Term.

CLASS OF 2027 WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The bar graph below shows the distribution of the Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average of current seniors (Class of 2027) at the conclusion of the junior year. **The grading system at McCallie is: A+ (4.3), A (4.0), A- (3.7), B+ (3.3), B (3.0), B- (2.7), C+ (2.3), C (2.0), C- (1.7), F (0.0).**



STANDARDIZED TESTING MIDDLE 50% SCORE RANGES

Test score ranges for the Class of 2027 (as of August 2026):

SAT ERBW	560-710
SAT Math	520-710
ACT	23-31

McCallie is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools, The Southern Association of Independent Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools, the International Boys' Schools Coalition, and the Country Day School Headmasters' Association.

COURSE OF STUDY

McCallie challenges students to achieve at their highest levels in individually-tailored courses of study. Each student must enroll each semester in at least 4 core courses from English, Math, History, World Languages, and Science. Students must also enroll in a fifth course: an additional core course or a course in Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Bible, and Computer Science. Students who complete grades 9-12 at McCallie are required to take two courses in Bible and two courses in Fine/Performing Arts.

McCallie does not rank its students. Courses are calculated to arrive at the Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average, posted on the transcript. Grades earned in Honors and Advanced Placement courses are raised by 1/3 of a letter grade. Only courses and grades completed at McCallie are included on the transcript and in the GPA calculation.

ADVANCED WORK

Enrollment in honors and AP courses depends on a student's performance in previous classwork. Students are encouraged to pursue advanced work in areas of interest and aptitude, with attention to the balance of academic and co-curricular engagement.

McCallie offers 24 Advanced Placement courses, though they do not necessarily represent the highest academic level in some disciplines. For example, a number of students progress beyond the Calculus BC course to college-level classes like Multivariable Calculus and others. Senior English courses include an array of advanced electives.

ENGLISH

9: Responding to Literature/**Honors**
10: World Literature/**Honors**
11: American Literature
11: **AP English Literature and Composition**

12: Senior Electives:
African American Literature*
A La Familia: Literary Portraits*
British Literature*
Chaucer's Canterbury Tales*
Creative Writing*
Dystopian and Utopian Literature*
Justice and the Personal Code of Honor*
Literary Journalism: Humans of McCallie*
Literary World of the Inklings*
Literature of Horror*
Literature of the Absurd*
Modernizing Shakespeare*
Religious Thought in Literature*
Sports Writing and Memoir*
Tragedy and the Tragic Hero*
Wilderness Literature*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1/Accelerated
Geometry/**Honors**
Algebra 2/Accelerated
Algebra 2 & Trigonometry Honors
Precalculus/**Honors/AP**
Probability, Statistics & College Algebra
Calculus/**Honors**
AP Calculus AB/BC
AP Calculus BC*
Statistics/**AP Statistics**
Mathematics Beyond AP:
Advanced Mathematical Proofs*
Multivariable Calculus*
Differential Equations*
Linear Algebra*
Graph Theory*
Numerical Analysis*

HISTORY

World History
AP World History
US History/**Honors**
AP US History
AP European History
AP Government and Politics
AP Psychology
AP Art History
AP Microeconomics*
AP Macroeconomics*
African American History*
American Government*
Contemporary World Issues*
Introduction to Economics*
Introduction to Entrepreneurship*
Introduction to Philosophy*
Personality Development*
The American West*

SCIENCE

Intro to Scientific Thinking
Biology: General/**Honors**
AP Biology
Chemistry: General/**Honors**
AP Chemistry
Introduction to Physics
Physics: General
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C: Mechanics*
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism*
AP Environmental Science
Engineering from First Principles*
Advanced Engineering*
Anatomy and Physiology*
Advanced Anatomy and Physiology*
Astronomy*
Seminar in Bioethics*
The Science of Building Design*

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish 1-4/**Honors**
AP Spanish Language and Culture
Spanish Literature
Chinese 1-4
AP Chinese Language and Culture
Latin 1-4/**Honors**
AP Latin
Latin Literature
German 1-4

FINE ARTS

AP Art History
Art 1: 2-D Foundations*
Art 1: 3-D Foundations*
Art 1: Photography*
Art 1: Filmmaking*
Art 1: Graphic Design Foundations*
Art 2: Intermediate 2-D*
Art 2: Intermediate 3-D*
Art 2: Intermediate Photography*
Art 2: Intermediate Filmmaking*
Art 2: Intermediate Graphic Design*
Art 3: Advanced 2-D*
Art 3: Advanced 3-D*
Art 3: Advanced Filmmaking*
3D Modeling and Fabrication*

PERFORMING ARTS

Beginning Guitar
Intermediate Guitar
Advanced Guitar
Beginning Strings
Intermediate Strings
Men's Chorus
Wind Ensemble
Handbells
Music Theory*

BIBLE

Introduction to Biblical Ethics*
New Testament*
Life Worth Living*
History of Western Religious Thought*
Difficult Questions for People of Faith*

COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science Principles*
AP Computer Science A*
Introduction to Game Design*
Robotics*

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Health & Leadership*

**Semester Course*

AP Courses added in 2026-27:
AP Government and Politics
AP Psychology

McCallie considers the best, ethical practices for conducting the admissions process are empowered by NACAC's Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission. McCallie School supports all applicable anti-discrimination laws and does not unlawfully discriminate in its admission policies, hiring practices, educational policies, or any other program, policy, or practice.