



# 2021-2022 RHETORIC SCHOOL PROFILE

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Cary Christian School (CCS) enters our twenty-sixth year as a Christian, classical, independent, non-denominational, co-educational, K-12 day school, accredited by the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS) since 2002. CCS is a member of NACAC and NACCAP. Serving approximately 838 students (250 high school students) with a low student/teacher ratio of approximately 16:1. The school is located near the Research Triangle area of North Carolina in Cary. CCS cultivates academic and spiritual strength—developing the habits of the mind in a way that develops the habits of the soul. Our strong classical Honors curriculum challenges students to listen carefully, think clearly, reason persuasively, and articulate precisely. We aim to instill wisdom, eloquence, and excellence, preparing students for future success in higher education, work, community, and life.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS for the Class of 2022

### English, 4 credits

Classical Literature, \*Medieval Literature, \*European Literature, American Literature

### Mathematics, 4 credits

Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB

### Science, 4 credits

Human Physiology, \*Environmental Biology, AP Biology, \*Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics (*Labs given in all sciences*)

### History/Social Studies, 4 credits

Classical History, \*Medieval History, \*European History, \*United States History and Government

### Bible, 3 credits

Theology I and II, Apologetics

### Rhetoric, 3 credits

Rhetoric I, Rhetoric III: Style, Rhetoric IV: Thesis

### Foreign Language, 4 credits

Greek I, Greek II, Spanish I, Spanish II

### Seminar, 2 credits

Seminar I: Foundations, Seminar: American (Grade for seminar is not included in GPA)

### Electives: Fine Art, Music, and PE, .5 credits in each subject

### 29.5 credits required for graduation

Each graduating class after 2021 will add a year of Bible, Rhetoric, and Seminar until 4 years are offered and required. Some credits may be waived for transfer students or those with special circumstances.

All core courses are Honors level unless otherwise specified. Students may take three of the four AP® Classes offered: AP® Biology, AP® Physics, and AP® Calculus or AP® Statistics. Extra GPA weighting is given to a corresponding Honors class (\*) for students who pass AP® exams with a 3 or above.

## STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE

Test	EBRW Mean	Math Mean	Mid 50%	Mean
rSAT	614	575	1080-1298	1189
ACT			25-32	29

## GRADING SCALE

%	Grade	Description	Rubric	Honors Classes	AP Classes or passed corresponding AP Exam for Honors Class
90-100	A	Excellent	Masters Standards	5.0	6.0
80-89	B	Achieving	Meets Standards	4.0	5.0
70-79	C	Satisfactory	Approaches Standards	3.0	4.0
0-69	F	Failing	Does not meet Standards	0.0	0.0

Score of D is only given if a student fails a class by a margin of five points or less and completes additional work under the direction of the Academic Dean.

## COVID-19

### We are operating in person for 2021-2022.

During 2020-2021, we offered both in person and synchronous online options. We grouped students in pods to reduce the spread of Covid, implemented 2-week quarantines as needed, and offered remote learning. The majority of our students were in person and participated in electives, activities, clubs, and abbreviated sports seasons.

Due to the pandemic, in March 2020, CCS shifted to asynchronous learning. The requirement for 2nd semester final exams was removed. For students who did not transition well, an option was given to average Q1, Q2, and Q3 to get a grade for Q4, provided all assignments for Q4 were completed. If applicable, it is noted on the transcript.

## COURSE LOAD AND SCHEDULE

Effective 2020-2021, the standard course load for high school students is eight Honors core classes a year with two optional elective classes per semester. We also transitioned to a block schedule with four 80-minute classes on an alternating A day and B day schedule. (Previously we offered six 55-minute classes every day.) Labs are given in all science classes.

There is one 55-minute elective period each day, and electives are offered either Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or Tuesday and Thursday as a single semester or dual semester course and earn .5 credits per semester. Music and Art electives offered for 2021-2022 include Band, Chorus, Music Appreciation, Drama, History of Film, Drawing, Photography, Studio Art, Yearbook, Computer Graphics Art and Technology, and 3-D Modeling. Academic electives offered include College Seminar for Seniors, English Language and Composition, Environmental Science, History of War, Introduction to Engineering, Introduction to Computer Programming C++, Life Skills, Servant Leaders, Shakespeare, and Strategic Games. PE electives are Athletic Department Intern, Sports Mentorship, and Strength Training.

## CLASS OF 2022 DECILES BY GPA

Percentile	WGPA	UGPA
Top 10%	5.21-5.32	4.0
20%	5.14-5.20	4.0
30%	5.05-5.13	3.94-4.0
40%	5.00-5.04	3.80-3.93
50%	4.84-4.99	3.79-3.79
60%	4.74-4.83	3.73-3.78
70%	4.58-4.73	3.53-3.72
80%	4.37-4.57	3.32-3.52
90%	4.11-4.36	3.11-3.31
Bottom 10%	4.10 and below	3.10 and below

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- Seniors research, write, and then present and defend their 15-25 page Senior Thesis Papers before a faculty panel allowing them to practice eloquence and winsomeness.
- We are transitioning to four years of Rhetoric. Current seniors will take three years of Rhetoric to develop the skills of eloquent, logical, and persuasive argumentation with the goal of promoting excellence in written and oral communication skills. Each year culminates in a grade appropriate thesis project that leads up to the Senior Thesis.
- Senior Service Practicum: The majority of the senior class participates in a week-long service trip on which students engage in building projects, community service, and Christian ministry opportunities.
- Honors Algebra I is included in the 8th grade curriculum which allows students to take four years of math beyond Algebra I in high school.
- We are transitioning to four years of Bible classes. Current seniors will have taken three years to help them understand and articulate Christian doctrine in the context of other worldviews.
- Educational tours to international destinations are offered to students in the Rhetoric school. Past/future destinations include Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, and Wales.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Students are offered a variety of leadership opportunities consisting of clubs, community development, communications, House, and student representatives. With over 20 Clubs, students organize, lead, and implement programs and activities. The Community Development program allows students to lead the school community in worship, social, and service activities. Members of the Communications Team are in charge of the Commons Area message board and posting on social media. The House System (6-12 grades) provides opportunities for older students to mentor younger students and build community within the Upper School. Student Representatives help organize activities throughout the Upper School.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Active clubs on campus for 2021-2022 include 11:11, Armed Forces Appreciation (AFA), A Capella, Art, ASL, Business and Finance, Care Package, Chess, Classical Music, Community Connections, Computer, Cross Culture, Debate, En Fuego, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Film, Health Careers, Knights Go Green, Literature, North Carolina Theatre Conference Festival Team (NCTC), Outdoors, Society of St. Monica, Story Tellers, and Young Americans. Former clubs include Cooking, Environment, GROW, Habitat for Humanity, Interact (part of Rotary International), Politics, Red Cross, Rhetoric/Philosophy, and Robotics.

## ATHLETICS

Varsity sports include baseball, basketball, cross-country, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track, swimming, volleyball, and wrestling. Junior Varsity teams are usually offered in basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball. Students must maintain a 2.5 UGPA to participate in sports activities. Cary Christian School is a 3A member of the North Carolina Independent High School Athletic Association (NCISAA), and the Eastern Plains Independent Conference (EPIC).

## ARTS AND SCIENCES

Drama activities include two full-length school productions, an NCTC one-act competition team, and a 24-hour theatre festival which consists of student directed plays. The visual arts program participates in Artsposure, community and school art exhibits, and offers a wide variety of elective classes including studio art and drawing. The school chorus and band perform at community-wide events and seasonal concerts. The audition only Chamber Choir travels and performs over spring break. Sadly, their March 2020 trip to Spain and March 2021 trip to Florida were cancelled due to COVID-19. CCS has participated in a Robotics competition and the American Mathematics Contest.

## REPORTING POLICY

CCS will disclose any disciplinary infractions resulting in expulsion or suspension during a student's time in high school at CCS.

## SCHOOL HONORS

On quarterly and annual bases, students are recognized for strong academic performance. Students with all A's are recognized on the *Dean's List with Distinction*. Students with A's and no more than two B's are recognized on the *Dean's List*. Students who have received either recognition all year have *Dean's List* notated on their transcript under Honors.

## CLASS RANK

CCS does not compute class rank due to its small graduating class size and rigorous academic coursework. Class rank will only be designated at the end of the senior year to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the graduating class.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION RATE

On average, 94% of our graduates matriculate to a 4-year college or university with 6% of our graduates matriculating to a 2-year college, joining the military, or pursuing career training.

## 2017-2021 MATRICULATIONS

Alvernia University	Meredith College
Anderson University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Appalachian State University	North Carolina A&T University
Auburn University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Baylor University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Belmont Abbey College	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Belmont University	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Brevard College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of California-Santa Cruz	University of Pennsylvania
Campbell University	University of Pittsburgh
Cedarville University	Regent University
Central Carolina Community College	Roger Williams University
Central Piedmont Community College	Samford University
Chulalongkorn University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Clemson University	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Covenant College	Syracuse University
Davidson College	Texas Tech University
Duke University	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
East Carolina University	Tri County Tech College
Elon University	United States Air Force Academy
Emory University	United States Military Academy
University of Florida	United States Naval Academy
Furman University	University of Virginia
Gardner-Webb University	Vanderbilt University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
University of Georgia	Wake Forest University
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus	Wake Tech Community College
Grove City College	Washington and Lee University
Hampton University	Western Carolina University
High Point University	Wingate University
Hillsdale College	
Houghton University	
Indiana State University	
James Madison University	
King's College London (University of London)	
Lee University	
Liberty University	
Lipscomb University	