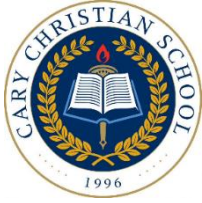


2023 – 2024 RHETORIC SCHOOL PROFILE



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Cary Christian School (CCS) enters our 28th 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. We serve 240 high school students with a low student/teacher ratio of 14:1 and total K-12 enrollment of 850. 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 2024

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 I: Algebra-Based (All science classes include labs.)
History/Social Studies	4 credits	Classical History, *Medieval History, *European History, *American History
Bible	4 credits	Spiritual Formation, Theology I and II, Apologetics
Rhetoric	4 credits	Rhetoric I: Writing, Rhetoric II: Oration, Rhetoric III: Style, Rhetoric IV: Thesis
Foreign Language	2 credits	Spanish I, Spanish II
Student Option	2 credits	Spanish III or Government/Economics and Spanish IV or Government
Seminar	4 credits	Seminar I: Foundation, Seminar: Medieval, Seminar: Modern, and Seminar: American (Note: Grade for Seminar is not included in GPA.)
Electives	1.5 credits	Dramatic Arts or Visual Arts, Music, and PE (.5 credits/subject)
Credits required for graduation	33.5 credits	Some credits may be waived for transfer students or those with special circumstances.

Note: All core courses are Honors or AP[®]. Students may take three of the four AP[®] classes offered: AP[®] Biology, AP[®] Physics, and AP[®] Calculus or AP[®] Statistics. We limit AP[®] Exam Only options to those that correspond to our AP[®] Classes and 11 others that relate to our curriculum. Extra GPA weighting is given to a corresponding Honors class (*) for students who pass a corresponding AP[®] Exam with a 3 or above.

COURSE LOAD AND SCHEDULE

The standard course load for high school students is eight Honors classes each year with two optional elective classes per semester. We operate on a block schedule with four 80-minute classes on an alternating A-day and B-day schedule.

There is one 55-minute elective period each day, and electives are offered either M/W/F or T/Th as a single semester or dual semester course and earn .5 credits per semester. Music and Art electives offered for 2023-2024 include Band, Concert Choir, Music Appreciation, Drama, Intro to Film, Drawing, Photography, Portfolio, Studio Art, 3D Modeling, and Yearbook. Academic Electives include Biblical Discipleship, Chess, Christian Themes in Film, College Seminar, Debate, Early Childhood Education, English Language and Composition Prep, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science Prep, European History Prep, God & Money, Gospel of Mark, History of Fashion, Intro to Engineering, Intro to Computer Programming: Python, Intro to Interior Design, Life Skills, Military History & Strategy, Strategic Games, US History Prep, and World History Prep. PE Electives are Fitness Workouts and Strength/Weight Training.

STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE					GRADING SCALE						CLASS OF 2024 DECILES BY GPA		
Class of 2024 Mean Scores as of Mid-August 2023													
	EBRW Mean	Math Mean	Mid 50%	Mean	%	Grade	Description	Rubric	Honors Classes	AP Classes	Percentile	WGPA	UGPA
SAT	631	659	1180-1370	1290	90-100	A	Excellent	Masters Standards	5.0	6.0	Top 10%	5.20-5.29	4.0
					80-89	B	Achieving	Meets Standards	4.0	5.0	20%	5.15-5.19	4.0
					70-79	C	Satisfactory	Approaches Standards	3.0	4.0	30%	5.11-5.14	3.96-4.0
ACT			25-31	27	0-69	F	Failing	Does not meet standards	0.0	0.0	40%	5.01-5.10	3.91-3.95
											50%	4.96-5.00	3.82-3.90
											60%	4.87-4.95	3.77-3.81
											70%	4.82-4.86	3.72-3.76
COVID-19 Response											80%	4.53-4.81	3.51-3.71
We have been operating fully in person as we have since 2021-2022. During 2020-2021, students attended classes in person or online. Academic standards remained in place with consistent grading, homework, assessments, and expectations. Students were placed in pods, and we implemented two-week quarantines with remote learning as needed. Overall, most of our students were in person and able to participate in electives, school activities and clubs, and abbreviated sports seasons.											90%	4.25-4.52	3.25-3.50
											Bottom 10 %	4.24 and below	3.24 and below

SPECIAL FEATURES and ACADEMICS

RHETORIC: Students take four years of Rhetoric classes to develop the skills of eloquent, logical, and persuasive argumentation with the goal of promoting excellence in written and oral communication skills.

SENIOR THESIS: Seniors research, write, and then present and defend their 15-25 page Senior Thesis papers before a faculty panel, allowing them to demonstrate their knowledge and rhetoric skills.

SENIOR SERVICE PRACTICUM: The senior class participates in a weeklong service-oriented trip where students engage in building projects, community service, and Christian ministry opportunities.

HONORS ALGEBRA I: The 8th grade curriculum includes Algebra I, which allows students to take four additional years of math beyond Algebra I. **BIBLE:** Seniors will have taken four years of Bible classes to help them understand and articulate Christian doctrine in the context of other worldviews.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL: 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. These opportunities have resumed since the pandemic.

SCHOOL HONORS: On a quarterly and annual basis, 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 both of these 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 year to the valedictorian and salutatorian of the graduating class.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION RATE: On average, 94% of our students matriculate to a 4-year college or university, and 6% of our students matriculate to a 2-year college, join the military, take a gap year, or pursue career training.

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

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

STUDENT LEADERSHIP: Students are offered a variety of leadership opportunities in Clubs, Community Development, Communications, House, and Student Representatives. With over 40 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 lead, coordinate and implement schoolwide communications. The House System (6th-12th grades) provides opportunities for older students to mentor younger students and build community within the Upper School. Student Representatives provide feedback to Administration and represent their classmates.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: Active clubs on campus for 2023-2024 include Art, AVL, B & A Airsoft, Body of Believers, Business and Finance, Chess, Classical Music, Community Connections, Cross Culture, Culinary Club, Debate, Engineering, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Game Development, G.O.O.D.S. (Giving Others Open-hearted Donating Service), Guitar, Habitat for Humanity, Healthcare Careers, Healthy Athletes, Knights Go Green, Knights Sport Support, Literature, Literary and Visual Arts Club, Modern Film, Origami, Outdoors, Pickleball, Red Cross, Robotics, Run, Senses and Florals, Society of St. Monica, Songwriting, Sports Ethics, Story Tellers, Volleyball, Water Cleanup, Wildlife Protection, Women in Business, Writing Workshop (Dead Poets' Society), Yarns and Crafts, and Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

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, 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 School Athletic Association (NCISAA) and the Capital City Conference.

ARTS AND SCIENCES: Yearly Drama activities include two full-length school productions, a Regional NCTC One-Act Festival submission, and an in-house 24-hour theater festival which consists of student-directed plays. The Visual Arts program takes part in community and school art exhibits, and also offers a wide variety of elective classes including studio art, drawing, and portfolio. The school chorus and band perform at community-wide events and seasonal concerts. The audition-only Chamber Choir travels and performs over spring break. CCS has participated in a Robotics competition and the American Mathematics Contest.

2020-2023 ACCEPTANCES and MATRICULATIONS

Alvernia University
American University
Anderson University*
Appalachian State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Boston University
Bryant University
Campbell University*
Cape Fear Community College
Cedarville University*
Central Carolina Comm. College
Champlain College
Charleston Southern University
Clemson University*
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Colorado Christian University
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Covenant College
Davidson College
Dordt University
Drake University
Duke University*
East Carolina University*
East Tennessee State University

Eckerd College
Elon University*
Embry-Riddle University
Emory University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goldsmiths, University of London
Gordon College
Grove City College*
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Hope College
James Madison University
Kansas State University
King University
King's College London
Lee University
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University*
Lipscomb University
Loyola University Maryland
Marshall University

Meredith College
Messiah University
Methodist University
Milligan University
Morgan State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Newberry College
NC A&T State University
North Carolina State University*
North Carolina Wesleyan College
North Greenville University
Ohio Dominican University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Oral Roberts University
Penn. State - Abington
Penn. State - Altoona
Penn. State - College Park
PennWest Edinboro
Princeton University*
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph College
Regent University
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Rollins College
Rose-Hillman Institute of Technology
Samford University*

Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
St. Andrews University
Texas A & M University
Texas Tech University
The King's College
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas*
Union University
United States Air Force Academy*
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
University of Alabama-Birmingham
University of California, Davis
University of California, LA
University of California, San Diego
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana
University of Mass. Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota

University of Mississippi*
University of Mount Olive
UNC Asheville
UNC Chapel Hill*
UNC Charlotte*
UNC Greensboro
UNC Pembroke
UNC Wilmington*
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina*
University of Toronto
University of Virginia
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech*
Virginia Wesleyan University
Wake Forest University
Wake Technical Comm. College*
Warren Wilson College
Washington and Lee University
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College
William and Mary
William Peace University
Wingate University
Wofford College
Matriculations are in bold.
*2023 Matriculations.