

## 2024 – 2025 RHETORIC SCHOOL PROFILE



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Cary Christian School (CCS) enters our 29th year as a Christian, classical, independent, multi-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 255 high school students with a low student-teacher ratio of 14:1 and total K-12 enrollment of 855. The school is located near the Research Triangle Park 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

<b>English</b>	4 credits	Classical Literature, *Medieval Literature, *European Literature, American Literature
<b>Mathematics</b>	4 credits	Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, *Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, AP® Statistics, AP® Calculus AB
<b>Science</b>	4 credits	Human Physiology, *Environmental Biology, AP® Biology, *Chemistry, Physics, AP® Physics 1: Algebra-Based (All science classes include labs.)
<b>History/Social Studies</b>	4 credits	Classical History, *Medieval History, *European History, *American History
<b>Bible</b>	4 credits	Spiritual Formation, Theology I and II, Apologetics
<b>Rhetoric</b>	4 credits	Rhetoric I: Writing, Rhetoric II: Oration, Rhetoric III: Style, Rhetoric IV: Thesis
<b>Foreign Language</b>	3 credits	Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III
<b>Student Option</b>	1 credit	Spanish IV or Government
<b>Seminar</b>	4 credits	Seminar I: Foundation, Seminar II: Medieval, Seminar III: Modern, and Seminar IV: American (Note: Grade for Seminar is not included in GPA.)
<b>Electives</b>	1.5 credits	Dramatic Arts or Visual Arts, Music, and PE (.5 credits/subject)
<b>Credits Required for Graduation</b>	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 10 others that relate to our curriculum. Extra GPA weighting is given to an 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 2024–2025 include Advanced Art, Band, Concert Choir, Drama, Drawing, History of Film, Music Appreciation, Photography, Portfolio, Studio Art, and Yearbook. Academic Electives include Chess, Christian Themes in Film, College Seminar, Creative Writing II, Debate, English Literature and Composition Prep, Environmental Science Prep, European History Prep, God & Money, Intro to Computer Programming: Python, Intro to Engineering, It's Good to be a Man, It's Good to be a Woman, Literary Classics: 1984, Mexico: Aztecs, Mayas, Incas, Psychology of Social Interaction, Robotics, Speech, Strategic Games, and World History Prep. PE Electives are Fitness Workouts and Strength/Weight Training.

### STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE

Class of 2025 Mean Scores  
as of Mid-August 2024

### GRADING SCALE

### CLASS OF 2024 DECILES BY GPA

	Class of 2025 Mean Scores as of Mid-August 2024				GRADING SCALE						CLASS OF 2024 DECILES BY GPA		
	EBRW Mean	Math Mean	Mid 50%	Mean	%	Grade	Description	Rubric	Honors Classes	AP Classes		WGPA	UGPA
SAT	630	591	1120-1290	1221	90-100	A	Excellent	Masters Standards	5.0	6.0	Top10%	5.14-5.24	4.0
					80-89	B	Achieving	Meets Standards	4.0	5.0	20%	5.14	4.0
					70-79	C	Satisfactory	Approaches Standards	3.0	4.0	30%	5.14	3.95-3.99
ACT			24-32	27	0-69	F	Failing	Does Not Meet Standards	0.0	0.0	40%	5.00-5.14	3.86-3.95
											50%	4.85-4.99	3.71-3.86
											60%	4.66-4.84	3.52-3.71
<b>SCHOOL HONORS:</b> On a semester and annual basis, students are recognized for strong academic performance. Students with all A's are recognized on the <i>Dean's List with Distinction</i> . Students with A's and no more than two B's are recognized on the <i>Dean's List</i> . Students who have received both will have <i>Dean's List</i> notated on their transcript under Honors.											70%	4.57-4.65	3.43-3.52
											80%	4.33-4.56	3.14-3.43
											90%	3.86-4.32	2.76-3.09
<b>CLASS RANK:</b> 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.											100 %	3.85 and below	2.76 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 in rural Appalachia. Prior to the trip, seniors collect supplies that are donated to the community through their food pantry or Boys and Girls Clubs.

**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.

**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.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE:** 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.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP:** Students are offered a variety of leadership opportunities in Clubs, Community Development, Communications, House, and Student Representatives. With over 22 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 2024-2025 include Armed Forces Appreciation (AFA), Art, Business and Finance, Chess, Classical Music, Cross Culture, Culinary Club, Debate, Engineering, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Giving Others Open-hearted Donating Service (G.O.O.D.S.), Literature, Modern Film Club, Outdoors, Red Cross, Run Club, Society of St. Monica, Songwriting, Sports Ethics, Story Tellers, Women in Business, Writing Workshop, and Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

**ATHLETICS:** Varsity sports include baseball, basketball, cross-country, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, 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 offers a wide variety of elective classes as listed on the front page. The school chorus and band perform at community-wide events and seasonal concerts. The audition-only Chamber Choir travels and performs over spring break.

**ACADEMIC TEAMS:** The Robotics Team participates in the FIRST Tech Challenge. The Speech and Debate Team will participate in NCFCA.

## 2021-2024 ACCEPTANCES and MATRICULATIONS

Alvernia University  
American University  
Anderson University\*  
Appalachian State University\*  
Auburn University\*  
Baylor University  
Belmont Abbey College\*  
Belmont University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowling Green State University  
Bryant University  
Campbell University\*  
Cape Fear Community College  
Carroll University  
Case Western Reserve Univ.  
Cedarville University  
Central Carolina Comm. College  
Champlain College  
Charleston Southern University  
Citadel  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston  
Colorado Christian University  
Colorado Mesa University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Columbia University  
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 Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University\*  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia Southern University  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Gordon College  
Grove City College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University  
Hillsdale College\*  
Hope College  
Indiana University Bloomington  
James Madison University  
King University\*  
King's College London  
Lee University  
Lees-McRae College  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Liberty University

Lipscomb University  
Loyola University Maryland  
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 Univ.  
North Greenville University  
Ohio Dominican University  
Oklahoma State University  
Old Dominion University  
Oral Roberts University  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Penn. State - Altoona  
Penn. State - University Park  
Princeton University  
Purdue University\*  
Queens University of Charlotte\*  
Randolph College  
Regent University  
Rhodes College  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hillman Institute of Tech.  
Samford University\*  
Seton Hall University  
Southern Baptist Theological Sem.

Southern Methodist University  
St. Andrews University  
Stony Brook University\*  
Texas A & M University  
Texas Christian 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  
Tulane University  
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, San Diego  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Dallas\*  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Mass. Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan

University of Mississippi  
University of Mount Olive  
UNC Asheville  
UNC Chapel Hill\*  
UNC Charlotte\*  
UNC Greensboro  
UNC Pembroke  
UNC Wilmington\*  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of South Carolina  
University of Toronto  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wyoming  
Utah State University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Tech\*  
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.  
\*2024 Matriculations.