

2023-2024 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded in 1958, Asheville Christian Academy is an independent, non-denominational, college preparatory Christian day school for young men and women. ACA is accredited Kindergarten to Grade 12. Total enrollment is currently 788 students with 266 enrolled in the Upper School. Our campus is located in Swannanoa, a valley community just east of Asheville, NC and serves families from five counties and two countries.

Our Mission

Seeking to serve Jesus Christ and uphold his pre-eminence, Asheville Christian Academy, in committed partnership with Christian parents, provides a Gospel-centered education to shepherd and inspire Christ-oriented lives within a community of grace and truth.

Portrait of a Graduate

We join our parents in shaping young lives into men and women who follow Christ, learn intentionally, restore culture, communicate effectively, and serve and lead.

The Academic Program

The course of study combines the best of traditional liberal arts and modern form and content with an authentic Biblical worldview. Teachers and students working together are key to creating a school culture that values excellence, hard work, brotherly love, and a vision for the future. Our Honor Covenant provides a Christian foundation for individual and corporate character that encompasses all aspects of student life.

- Academic calendar: two semesters
- 30 upper school teaching faculty, 19 with advanced degrees
- Upper School student to teacher ratio is 11:1
- Honors courses in core subjects and 13 Advanced Placement courses (Limits on AP courses: Soph-1, Jr-2, Sr-3) AP courses: Art & Design, Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Language & Comp, Literature & Comp, Music Theory, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, United States History
- Winterim: 1 credit every year in attendance (P/F) - *excluding 2019-20 and 2020-21*
- Offering 11 dual enrollment courses, 37 college credits possible

ACA Class	Corresponding AB Tech Class	College Credit Hours
AP Statistics	MAT 152 Statistical Methods I	4
ACA Class	Corresponding Colorado Christian Univ. Class ⁺	College Credit Hours
AP Biology	BIO-101/111 Biological Life/Lab	4
AP US History	HIS-205 & 206 American History I & The Making of Modern America	3 & 3
AP Calculus AB&BC	MAT-141 & 241 Calculus I & II	4 & 4
Pre-Calculus Honors	MAT-115 Pre-Calculus	3
AP Literature & Comp	ENG-204 & 205 British Literature I & II	3 & 3
AP Psychology	PSY-150 Intro to Psychology	3
SIP Honors	ENG-106A Investigative Writing	3

⁺Optional credits with additional fee to CCU.

The Grading System

Grading Scale*	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
	97-100	93-96	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	00-59
College Prep	4.00	4.00	3.70	3.30	3.00	2.70	2.30	2.00	1.70	1.30	1.00	0.70	0.00
Honors	5.00	5.00	4.70	4.30	4.00	3.70	3.30	3.00	2.70	2.30	2.00	1.70	0.00
AP	6.00	6.00	5.70	5.30	5.00	4.70	4.30	4.00	3.70	3.30	3.00	2.70	0.00

*Only Asheville Christian course grades factor into GPAs. Transfer courses receive a "P" for a passing grade.

Accreditation

Cognia, CESA, and ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International)

Head of School

Dr. William G. George

Head of Upper School

Dr. Wade Tapp

Director of College Guidance

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Upper School Enrollment

Grades 9-12 266

Senior Class of 2023: 49 Academic Profile

Overall Mean	
WGPA	4.13
UGPA	3.6
Testing Means	
SAT	1152
ACT	24
NC Mean SAT	1136
NC Mean ACT	19
%College Enrollment	90%

Student Rank

Asheville Christian Academy does not rank.

Graduation Requirements

26 Carnegie Units

Courses Credits

Bible	3
Electives	3
English	4
Fine Arts	1
History/Social Science	4
Math	4
Physical Education/Health Science (Lab)	1
Senior Integration Project	3
World Language	1
	2

CEEB School Code
340117

Special Programs

- + **WINTERIM** is an innovative Upper School curricular feature designed to increase local, regional, and global learning opportunities. Due to the global pandemic, the 19-20 and 20-21 programs were cancelled. We have returned to our typical programming of educational trips, internships, and life-learning classes. In 2024, students will travel to New Zealand, Israel, England, Nicaragua, NYC, and San Francisco.
- + **THE SENIOR INTEGRATION PROJECT (SIP)** consists of oral, visual, and written persuasive discourse thoroughly researched with a mentor and presented before a panel of experts, serving as the senior capstone course.
- + **UPPER SCHOOL CHAPELS & TRIBES** are planned by student chaplains and faculty, and several times a year step out of the norm with Spiritual Emphasis Week, Tenebrae, and All School and International chapels. Tribes consist of mixed groups of 30 students each to build leadership and community.
- + **STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ACTIVITIES** include student leadership retreats, upper school retreat, Homecoming Carnival and Square Dance, and student banquets and special events.
- + **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES** include National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Tri-M, International Thespian Society, Habitat for Humanity, Creative Writing, Bible studies, Red Cross, Ultimate Frisbee, and Senior Trip to Washington, D.C.
- + **ATHLETICS** are offered at the varsity level for the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track & field, and volleyball. ACA also offers an award winning strength & conditioning program to students.
- + **FINE ARTS** opportunities allow participation in visual and performing arts. Upper school students may be part of the choir or symphonic band, take a variety of art classes, including ceramics and digital design, or participate in the Fall drama or Spring musical.
- + **LEARNING CONNECTIONS**, as part of ACA's commitment to accessibility and partnership with Christian families, serves students who have been identified with common learning differences.

COVID-19 UPDATE

In March 2020 through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, Asheville Christian transitioned to remote instruction. ACA students who engaged with their learning during this time were able to maintain or improve the grades earned up to March 2020. We issued traditional grading on a 0-100 scale. The 2020-21 school year was in person, with some of our students needing to learn remotely. All students returned in person in 2021-22. The academic integrity of our courses and quality of instructional delivery remained consistent with the Asheville Christian mission statement.

Recent College and University Acceptances

Aberystwyth University	Embry-Riddle University	Montana State University	University of Central Florida
Allegheny University	Emory University	Montclair State	University of Cincinnati
Anderson University	Erskine College	Morehouse College	University of Colorado - Boulder
Appalachian State University	Florida Gulf Coast University	New Jersey City University	University of Connecticut
Asbury University	Florida Institute of Technology	New York University	University of Findlay
Asheville-Bunc Tech Comm College	Florida Southern College	North Carolina School of the Arts	University of Florida
Auburn University	Florida State University	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Georgia
Bangor University	Fordham University	North Carolina State University	University of Idaho
Baylor University	Furman University	North Greenville University	University of Illinois - Chicago
Beacon College	Gannon University	Northern Arizona University	University of Kentucky
Belmont Abbey College	Gardner-Webb University	Nyack College	University of Maryland
Belmont University	George Mason University	Oberlin College	University of Miami
Berry College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Oregon State University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Birmingham-Southern College	Georgia Southern University	Pace University	University of Nevada
Blue Ridge Community College	Gordon College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of North Carolina - Asheville
Bluefield College	Grove City College	Patrick Henry College	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Bob Jones University	Guilford College	Paul Smith's College	University of North Carolina - Charlotte
Boston College	Gustavus Adolphus College	Penn State University	University of North Carolina - Greensboro
Boston University	Harvard University	Purdue University	University of North Carolina - Pembroke
Brevard College	Hawaii Pacific University	Queens University	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
Bryan College	High Point University	Regent University	University of Oregon
Calvin University	Hillsdale College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Pittsburgh
Campbell University	Hood College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rochester
Carnegie Mellon University	Houghton College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Carson-Newman College	Indiana University	Salem College	University of South Carolina - Upstate
Catawba Valley Community College	Indiana Wesleyan University	Samford University	University of South Florida
Cedarville University	John Brown University	San Diego State University	University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Charleston Southern University	King University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Texas
Clemson University	Lawrence Tech. University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of the West of England
Cleveland Community College	Lee University	Southeastern University	University of Utah
College of Charleston	Lees-McRae College	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Colorado Christian University	Lehigh University	Southern Methodist University	University of Wyoming
Colorado School of Mines	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Syracuse University	Villanova University
Colorado State University	Liberty University	Taylor University	Virginia Tech University
Columbia International University	Lincoln Memorial University	The King's College	Wake Forest University
Covenant College	Lipscomb University	The Master's University	West Virginia University
Davidson College	Marion Military Institute	The Ohio State University	Western Carolina University
Dean College	Mars Hill University	Toccoa Falls College	Wheaton College
DePauw University	Maryville College	Transylvania University	Wingate University
Drexel University	McDowell Technical Community College	Union University	Winthrop University
Duke University	Messiah College	University of Alabama	Wofford College
East Carolina University	Milligan University	University of Alabama - Huntsville	Worcester Polytechnic University
East Tennessee State University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of California - Davis	Xavier University
Eastern Kentucky University	Mississippi State University	University of California - Irvine	
Elon University	Montreat College	University of California - San Diego	

Bold=2023 Matriculation