



# 2018-2019 RHETORIC SCHOOL PROFILE

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Cary Christian School (CCS), founded in 1996, is a classical, independent, non-denominational, co-educational day school for grades K-12. CCS is accredited by the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (2002) and uses an honors curriculum based on the Trivium. We aim to graduate young men and women, who think clearly and listen carefully with discernment and understanding; who reason persuasively and articulate precisely; who are capable of evaluating their entire range of experience in light of the Scriptures; and who do so with eagerness in joyful submission to God. Serving approximately 780 students (240 upper school) with a low student/teacher ratio of approximately 20:1, the school is located near the Research Triangle area of North Carolina in Cary on a beautiful 21-acre campus. CCS is a member of NACAC and NACCAP.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

### Minimum of 24 credits required for graduation (24.5 for class of 2020):

#### English, 4 credits

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

#### Mathematics, 4 credits

Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, \*Statistics, \*Calculus

#### Science, 4 credits

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

#### History/Social Studies, 4 credits

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

#### Bible and Rhetoric, 4 credits

Systematic Theology, Apologetics, Rhetoric I, Rhetoric II  
(Bible credits are sometimes waived to accommodate transfer students.)

#### Foreign Language, 3 credits

Greek I, Greek II, Spanish I, \*Spanish II

#### PE and Fine Art, .5 credit each

(An additional Music Elective is required starting with the class of 2020.)

## GRADING SCALE

%	Grade	GPA	Meaning
100-90	A	5.0	Excellent
89-80	B	4.0	Surpassing
79-70	C	3.0	Satisfactory
+ - - - -	D	1.0	Unsatisfactory
69-60	F	0.0	Failing

Classes with \*\* (AP test score of 3 or above): A=6, B=5, C=4

+A score of D is only given if a student fails a class by a margin of five points or less, and gains permission from the dean to complete additional work in order to receive passing credit. Performance in the class is therefore considered unsatisfactory and any honors credit is removed.

## STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE

Represents the class of 2019 as of Aug. 2018

Test	Score Range	Mean
rSAT	EBRW Middle 50 % 600-680	Math Middle 50% 550-640
ACT	Middle 50%: 23 - 30	Composite 26.5

## COURSE LOAD AND SCHEDULE

The standard course load for high school students is six honors core classes a year with two optional elective periods. Classes run on a seven period day, lasting 55 minutes. 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. Art and Music Electives offered for 2018 – 2019 include Art, Band, Chorus, Computer Graphics and Website Design, Drama, Drawing, History of Film, Music Appreciation, Photography, Yearbook, and 3-D Modeling. Academic and Physical Fitness Electives offered this year include College Seminar for Seniors, Introduction to Computer Science, Introduction to Engineering, Physical Education, and Strength/Weight Training.

## 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 each class.

## CLASS OF 2019 DECILES BY GPA

Percentile	WGPA	UGPA
Top 10%	5.22	4.0
20%	5.15—5.21	4.0
30%	5.09—5.14	4.0
40%	5.06—5.08	3.94—3.99
50%	4.94—5.05	3.89—3.93
60%	4.70—4.93	3.70—3.88
70%	4.44—4.69	3.44—3.69
80%	4.31—4.43	3.28—3.43
90%	3.96—4.30	2.96—3.27
Bottom 10%	3.95 and below	2.95 and below

## REPORTING POLICY

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

## THE HOUSE SYSTEM

CCS implemented a House System for 6th to 12th grades, which replaced the traditional Student Government Association. Each house consists of a president, one prefect, two stewards, two scribes and four squires leading approximately 60 students. The House System offers means of service, activities, competition, and encouragement for our school and periodically for the community.

## SCHOOL HONORS

On a quarterly basis, students are recognized for strong academic performance. Students with all A's are placed on the Dean's List with Distinction. Students with A's and no more than two B's are placed on the Dean's List. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are recognized at graduation. Previously, we honored students quarterly with Faculty Commendation for academics and character.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- Juniors and seniors research, write, present, and defend their junior and senior thesis papers before a panel of teachers and/or professionals.
- Required Rhetoric I and II classes develop the skills of eloquent, logical, and persuasive argumentation with the goal of promoting excellence in written and oral communication skills.
- Senior Service Practicum: on average 97% of the senior class participates in a week long service oriented trip where students engage in building projects and Christian ministry opportunities.
- Apologetics coursework emphasizes the articulation of Christian doctrine in the context of other worldviews.
- 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.
- 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.

## 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 GPA to participate in sports activities. Cary Christian High 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 Artsplosure, community and school art exhibits, as well as 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. CCS participates in a Robotics competition and the American Mathematics Contest.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Active organizations on campus include the Armed Forces Appreciation Club (AFA), Art Club, Debate Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Film Club, Habitat for Humanity, North Carolina Theater Conference Festival Team (NCTC) and Rhetoric/Philosophy Club. The Society of St. George, an organization for young men promoting leadership, chivalry and service, began in August of 2013. A sister organization for young ladies, The Society of St. Monica, has also been initiated by students.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION RATE

On average, 95% of students matriculate to a 4-year college or university with 5% of students matriculating to a 2-year community college or career training.

## Cary Christian School Acceptance and Matriculation

Abilene Christian University	North Carolina State University
Anderson University	North Greenville University
Appalachian State University	Northeastern University
Arizona State University	Ohio State University
Averett University	Oral Roberts University
Barton College	Parsons New School for Design
Belhaven University	Pennsylvania State University
Belmont Abbey College	Pensacola Christian College
Belmont University	Pepperdine University
Bethel University	Pfeiffer University
Brevard College	Pratt Institute
California Polytechnic State University	Presbyterian College
Campbell University	Purdue University
Carnegie Mellon University	Queens University of Charlotte
Carson-Newman University	Quinnipiac University
Catawba College	Radford University
Cedarville University	Regent University
Christopher Newport University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Chulalongkorn University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Clemson	Rutgers University
Costal Carolina University	Saint John's College
College of the Ozarks	Saint John's University
Colorado School of Mines	St. Leo University
Colorado State University	Salem College
Columbia International University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Cornell University	School of Visual Arts (NY)
Covenant College	Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Davidson College	Syracuse University
Dordt College	United States Coast Guard Academy
Drexel University	United States Military Academy
Duke University	United States Naval Academy
East Carolina University	University of Alabama
Elon University	University of Arkansas
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Buffalo
Emerson College	University of California, LA
Fashion Institute of Technology	University of Chicago
Ferrum College	University of Colorado
Florida Southern College	University of Georgia
Francis Marion University	University of Idaho
Furman University	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Gardner-Webb University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Geneva College	University of Mississippi
George Mason University	UNC Asheville
Georgia Institute of Technology	UNC Chapel Hill
Georgia State University	UNC Charlotte
Georgetown University	UNC Greensboro
Gordon College	UNC Pembroke
Grove City College	UNC School of the Arts
Guilford College	UNC Wilmington
Hampden-Sydney College	University of the Ozarks
Hampton University	University of Pittsburgh
High Point University	University of Richmond
Hofstra University	University of Rhode Island
Howard University	University of Southern California
Indiana State University	University of South Carolina
James Madison University	University of Seoul
Johns Hopkins University	University of Tampa
Johnson & Wales University	University of Tennessee
Kennesaw State University	University of Virginia
King College	Vanderbilt University
King's College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Lee University	Virginia Wesleyan University
LeTourneau University	Wake Forest University
Lees-McRae College	Washington and Lee University
Liberty University	Washington and Jefferson College
Lipscomb University	Washington University
Lynchburg College	Wellesley College
Mars Hill College	West Virginian Wesleyan College
Mercer University	Western Carolina University
Meredith College	Wheaton College
Messiah College	William Peace University
Methodist University	Wingate University
Michigan State University	Winthrop University
Montreat College	Wofford College
Moody Bible Institute	Word of Life Bible Institute
New St. Andrews College	Xavier University
New York University	
North Carolina Central University	