Asheville Christian Academy

2022-2023 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 745 students with 260 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
• 24 teaching faculty, 19 with advanced degrees
• Upper School student to teacher ratio is 11:1
• Honors courses in most core subjects and 14 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 12 dual enrollment courses, 41 college credits possible

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*Optional credits with additional fee to CCU.

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

Accreditation
Cognia 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
Mrs. Keri Boer
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Upper School Enrollment
Grades 9-12  260

Senior Class of 2022: 43

Academic Profile
Overall Mean
WGPA  4.30
UGPA  3.65

Testing Means
SAT  1231
ACT  25
NC Mean SAT  1147
NC Mean ACT  18
%College Enrollment  98%

Student Rank
Asheville Christian Academy does not rank.

Graduation Requirements
26 Carnegie Units

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

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 Winterim programs were cancelled. We have returned to our typical programming of educational trips, internships, and life-learning classes. In 2023, students will travel to Japan, Spain, and France.

+ **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 & SMALL GROUPS** 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.

+ **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, Habitat for Humanity, Creative Writing, Chess, Debate, Special Olympics, Bible studies, Ping Pong, 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. We will continue to use our traditional grading scale. The academic integrity of our courses and quality of instructional delivery have remained consistent with the Asheville Christian mission statement.

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**Recent College and University Acceptances**

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

**Bold=2022 Matriculation**