



## ACADEMIC PROFILE

2022-2023

### FAST FACTS

- Asheville School is an intentionally small, residential, college preparatory school with 297 students (75% boarding, 25% day) in grades 9-12.
- While most students come from the Southeast, in 2022-2023 students enrolled from 23 states and 25 countries.
- 15% are domestic students of color.
- 35% of students receive financial aid.
- All students are required to participate in a sport or extracurricular activity for two hours every afternoon.
- Students typically have 3+ hours of homework per night with a heavy emphasis on writing and critical thinking.
- Traditionally, all graduates attend four-year colleges, though approximately 5% of each class will take a gap year before enrolling.

### RESPONSE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC IN 2021-2022

Asheville School remained fortunate to stay healthy and open for in-person instruction throughout the 2021-2022 academic year. Students and teachers continued to wear masks through February and restricted large community gathering for most of the year, but in March we transitioned to a mask-optional policy and resumed seated community lunches three times a week. Although off-campus opportunities for community service were limited, we did revive our successful after-school tutoring program in the spring. We maintained our interscholastic athletic program all year. Students took comprehensive final exams in May 2022; they had multiple opportunities to take the SAT and ACT in safe conditions on our campus from August through May.

We expect to resume our traditional routine for the 2022-2023 academic year, including seated meals, chapel services, convocations, and in-person visits from college representatives.

### Reporting Mid-Year Grades to Colleges

We will send initial transcripts to colleges with grades through the end of the junior year and the courses for the senior year. We will send transcripts with first trimester grades in support of Early Decision applications in early November, and we will send a midyear transcript with year-to-date grades in support of all other applications in early January.

### MISSION STATEMENT AND MOTTO

Asheville School is a diverse and nurturing community that challenges and supports the mind, body, and spirit of our students by developing their resilience, intellect, and character.

The school motto, Vitae Excelsiores Limen, translates to "Threshold of a higher life."

### ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Asheville School is accredited by the Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). In addition, the school is a member of NAIS, NCAIS, NACAC, SACAC, CEEB, ACCIS, and the Cum Laude Society.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**The Senior Demonstration:** A graduation requirement, the Senior Demonstration is a semester-long capstone academic experience at Asheville School. Each student must choose a topic of intensive research, write two significant research papers, and complete an oral defense before a board of faculty members.

**An integrated, team-taught Humanities program:** The Humanities Department integrates the study of literature, history, religion, art, music, architecture, film and dance in a four-year sequence: Ancient Studies, World Studies, European Studies and American Studies. Literature and history teachers team-teach these courses. **We do not track students in Humanities, nor do we offer AP history courses.**

**Blues Core:** In 2021, Asheville School launched an expansive, four-year curriculum focused on health, emotional well-being, and human relationships called Blues Core. The mission of Blues Core is to prepare our students for college and for life; to educate students so they can make informed choices; to create time for teenagers to talk about life issues in small groups with adults; and to enhance belonging among our students. The senior-year curriculum focuses on the social, emotional, and logistical issues associated with graduating from high school and successfully navigating college.

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (18.5 CREDITS)

Humanities—Literature .....	4 credits
Humanities—History .....	4 credits
Math.....	4 credits <i>(must include Precalculus)</i>
Science.....	3 credits <i>(must include Biology and Chemistry)</i>
World Language .....	3 credits <i>(one language, or 2 credits each of two languages)</i>
Fine Arts .....	1/3 credit <i>(one trimester)</i>

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Asheville School began operating on a three-trimester system in 2020-2021. One week of “**Winterim**” courses falls between the second and third trimesters. Students sit for comprehensive exams at the end of the year.

## COURSE LIMITS

**A cap on the number of courses a student may take per year.** A full academic load is five courses per year. Students have the option to add a sixth (elective) course for either one, two, or three trimesters.

**AP limits:** With rare exceptions, only juniors and seniors are permitted to take AP courses. **We limit our students to a maximum of four AP courses per year.** (Students who transfer to us from other schools sometimes come in with AP courses already completed.)

## WORLD LANGUAGE EXCEPTION

Students for whom English is a second language are not required to take an additional world language. They may choose to do so, but many opt for an additional math or science course or an elective. On occasion the School will grant a language waiver to students with appropriate educational testing.

## HONORS AND HIGH HONORS CRITERIA

**Honors:** Unweighted GPA between 3.5 and 3.74

**High Honors:** Unweighted GPA of 3.75 or higher

## CLASS RANK

Asheville School does not rank students. Instead, we use the transcript to report Unweighted GPAs (both by year and cumulative) for work done at Asheville School. We offer the chart below to provide a sense of how GPA's line up after an unofficial sorting of results.

CLASSES OF 2019-2022				CLASS OF 2022	
Quintile	Mean GPA	Mean ACT	Mean SAT	Quintile	Mean GPA
I	4.01	31.7	1439	I	4.11
II	3.74	31.6	1402	II	3.88
III	3.53	28.3	1300	III	3.57
IV	3.23	26.4	1207	IV	3.22
V	2.71	26.1	1181	V	2.69
<b>Overall</b>	3.44	28.9	1307	<b>Overall</b>	3.50
<b>Middle 50%</b>	3.16-3.80	26-32	1190-1450	<b>Middle 50%</b>	3.11-3.94

## GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Grade Point	Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Grade Point
A+	97-100	4.3	C	73-76	2.0
A	93-96	4.0	C-	70-72	1.7
A-	90-92	3.7	D+	67-69	1.3
B	87-89	3.3	D	63-66	1.0
B+	83-86	3.0	D-	60-62	0.7
B-	80-82	2.7	F	Below 60	0
C+	77-79	2.3			

**WP:** Withdrawn from course with passing mark. **WF:** Withdrawn from course with failing mark.

## COURSE OFFERINGS (23 Honors, 15 AP Courses)

### Humanities

Ancient Studies - Literature  
 Ancient Studies - History  
 World Studies - Literature (H)  
 World Studies - History (H)  
 European Studies - Literature (AP)  
 European Studies - History (H)  
 American Studies - Literature (AP)  
 American Studies - History (H)  
 Humanities Seminar I (H) \*  
 Humanities Seminar II (H) \*  
 Humanities Seminar III (H) \*  
 Economic Principles I (H)\*  
 Economic Principles II (H)\*  
 Economic Principles III (H)\*  
 Global Issues Seminar I \*  
 Global Issues Seminar II \*  
 Global Issues Seminar III \*  
  
 Studio Art I \*  
 Studio Art II \*  
 Studio Art III \*  
 Music Theory (AP)

### Language

Chinese III (H)  
 Chinese IV (H)  
  
 French I  
 French II  
 French II (H)  
 French III  
 French III (H)  
 French IV  
 French IV (H)  
 French Literature (H)  
  
 Spanish I  
 Spanish II  
 Spanish II (H)  
 Spanish III  
 Spanish III (H)  
 Spanish IV  
 Spanish IV (H)  
 Spanish Language (AP)  
 Spanish Literature (AP)  
 Spanish Conversation & Culture\*

### Math

Quantitative Reasoning I  
 [Algebra I & Geometry]  
 Quantitative Reasoning I (H)  
 Quantitative Reasoning II  
 [Geometry & Algebra II]  
 Geometry (H)  
 Algebra II (H)  
 Precalculus with Statistics  
 Precalculus (H)  
 Precalculus - Advanced (H)  
 Statistics - Applied Statistics (AP)  
 Calculus AB (AP)  
 Calculus BC (AP)  
 Advanced Topics in Math (H)  
  
 Introduction to Programming \*  
 Computer Science  
 Principles 1 (AP)\*  
 Computer Science  
 Principles 2 (AP)\*  
 Computer Science A (AP)

### Science

Biology  
 Biology (AP)  
 Chemistry  
 Chemistry (H)  
 Chemistry (AP)  
 Environmental Science (AP)  
 Physics  
 Physics (H)  
 Physics 1 (AP)  
 Physics 2 (AP)  
 Physics C (AP)  
 Anatomy & Physiology  
 Principles of Psychology I \*  
 Principles of Psychology II \*  
 Principles of Psychology III \*

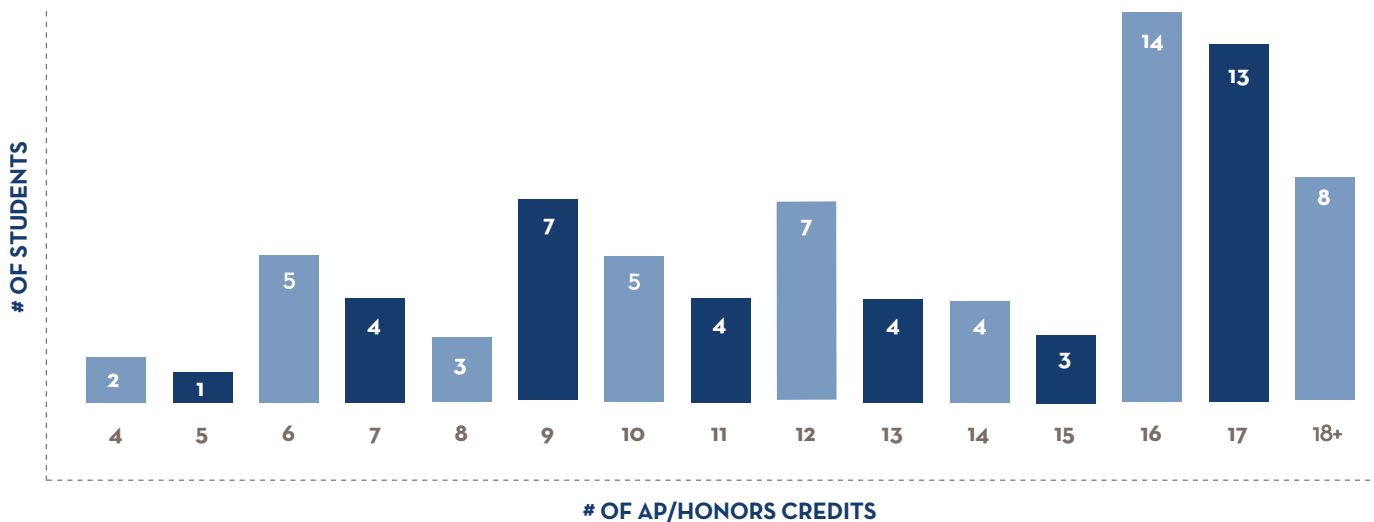
### Enrichment

Nature Journaling  
 Instrumental Ensemble  
 Sports Strength and Conditioning  
 Debate

\* Denotes trimester course

## NUMBER OF AP & HONORS CREDITS EARNED/ANTICIPATED PER STUDENT IN THE CLASS OF 2023

Totals include courses at Asheville School and courses taken at previous schools



## GRADE DISTRIBUTION BY DEPARTMENT 2021-2022

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	Below C
<b>Literature</b>	9%	20%	21%	15%	15%	8%	6%	4%	2%
<b>History</b>	11%	23%	19%	11%	12%	11%	3%	4%	4%
<b>Math</b>	10%	20%	16%	11%	15%	12%	4%	5%	8%
<b>Science</b>	10%	16%	22%	8%	11%	13%	8%	6%	6%
<b>Language</b>	12%	21%	13%	10%	13%	7%	9%	6%	9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>

**COLLEGE MATRICULATION  
FOR ASHEVILLE SCHOOL  
CLASSES OF 2019-2022**

**North Carolina**

Appalachian State University .....	1
Davidson College.....	6
Duke University .....	4
East Carolina University.....	1
Elon University.....	1
Fayetteville Tech CC .....	1
High Point University.....	4
North Carolina State University.....	6
Queens University of Charlotte.....	3
University of North Carolina Asheville.....	3
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill .....	22
University of North Carolina Charlotte .....	2
University of North Carolina Greensboro.....	1
University of North Carolina Wilmington ...	6
Wake Forest University .....	9

**Southeast**

Auburn University (AL).....	1
Belmont University (TN).....	3
Centre College (KY) .....	1
Clemson University (SC) .....	5
College of Charleston (SC).....	2
Emory University (GA) .....	3
Florida Atlantic University (FL).....	1
Furman University (SC).....	1
Georgia Institute of Technology (GA) .....	3
Georgia State University (GA) .....	1
Louisiana Tech University (LA) .....	2
Millsaps College (MS) .....	1
Newberry College (SC).....	1
Rollins College (FL).....	2
Savannah College of Art & Design (GA)....	1
Sewanee (TN).....	3
Stetson University (FL).....	1
Tulane University (LA) .....	2
University of Alabama (AL).....	2
University of Georgia (GA) .....	2
University of Kentucky (KY) .....	1
University of Miami (FL) .....	1
University of Mississippi (MS).....	1
University of South Carolina (SC).....	3
University of Tampa (FL).....	1
University of Tennessee (TN).....	5
Vanderbilt University (TN).....	2
Wofford College (SC).....	3

**Mid-Atlantic**

American Musical & Dramatic Academy (NY)..	1
American University (DC).....	4
Bryn Mawr College (PA).....	1
Bucknell University (PA).....	2
Carnegie Mellon University (PA) .....	1
College of William & Mary (VA) .....	2
Columbia University (NY) .....	4
Cornell University (NY).....	2
Dickinson College (PA) .....	1
George Washington University (DC) .....	8

Georgetown University (DC) .....	1
Lafayette College (PA).....	2
Lehigh University (PA) .....	1
New York University (NY).....	4
Pennsylvania State University (PA) .....	2
Point Park University (PA).....	1
Roanoke College (VA) .....	1
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)....	2
Skidmore College (NY) .....	1
Stony Brook University (NY).....	1
SUNY Albany (NY) .....	1
SUNY University at Buffalo (NY) .....	2
Swarthmore College (PA).....	1
Syracuse University (NY).....	2
United States Military Academy (NY) .....	1
University of Pennsylvania (PA).....	1
University of Richmond (VA) .....	1
University of Virginia (VA) .....	1
Ursinus College (PA) .....	1
Washington & Lee University (VA).....	4

**New England**

Babson College (MA).....	1
Boston University (MA).....	4
Bowdoin College (ME) .....	1
Brandeis University (MA).....	1
Colby College (ME).....	1
College of the Holy Cross (MA) .....	1
Connecticut College (CT).....	3
Dartmouth College (NH) .....	1
Emerson College (MA) .....	1
Harvard University (MA) .....	1
Northeastern University (MA) .....	2
Rhode Island School of Design (RI).....	1
Tufts University (MA) .....	2
Wentworth Institute of Technology (MA)..	1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) .....	1
Yale University (CT) .....	5

**Midwest**

Aurora University (IL) .....	1
College of Wooster (OH).....	1
Columbia College Chicago (IL) .....	2
Denison University (OH).....	3
Hillsdale College (MI) .....	1
Indiana University (IN) .....	1

Macalester College (MN).....	1
Marquette University (WI) .....	1
Ohio State University (OH) .....	1
Purdue University (IN).....	4
University of Indianapolis (IN) .....	1
University of Wisconsin (WI).....	2
Washington University (MO) .....	4

**West**

Colorado State University (CO) .....	1
Loyola Marymount University (CA) .....	1
Pitzer College (CA) .....	1
Santa Clara University (CA).....	1
Stanford University (CA) .....	3
University of California (Davis).....	2
University of California (Irvine).....	1
University of California (Los Angeles).....	1
University of California (San Diego).....	4
University of Colorado Boulder (CO) .....	4
University of San Francisco (CA) .....	2
University of Southern California (CA)....	1
University of Utah (UT).....	1
University of Washington (WA).....	1

**Southwest**

Baylor University (TX) .....	1
Blinn College (TX) .....	2
New Mexico Military Institute (NM).....	1
Southern Methodist University (TX) .....	5
Texas A&M University (TX).....	1
Texas Christian University (TX) .....	3
Texas Tech University (TX) .....	1
University of Oklahoma (OK).....	1
University of Texas at Austin (TX).....	1

**International**

Bath Spa University (England) .....	1
Carleton University (Ontario).....	1
Erasmus University (Holland).....	1
King's College London (England) .....	1
NYU Shanghai (China).....	1
Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) .....	3
University of Edinburgh (Scotland) .....	1
University of St. Andrews (Scotland) .....	1
University of Toronto (Ontario).....	1

**COLLEGE DESTINATION BY REGION**

North Carolina.....	24.5%
Mid-Atlantic.....	20.0%
Southeast.....	19.3%
New England.....	9.5%
West.....	8.4%
Midwest.....	8.1%
Southwest.....	5.6%
International.....	3.9%

