**MOTTO:**

*Vitae Excelsiores Limen*

*Threshold of a higher life*

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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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.

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**Total Student Enrollment**

- **297** students, grades 9-12
  - **75%** boarding
  - **25%** day

**Student Representation**

- **15%** domestic students of color
- **33%** international students
- **22 states**
- **25 countries**

- The majority of students come from the Southeast US.

**Financial Aid**

- **35%** of students receive financial aid

**Extra Curricular Requirements**

- **2+** hours of sport or extracurricular activity per day

**Matriculation**

- **100%** of graduates attend 4-year colleges
  - About 3% of each class take a gap year

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**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.

**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. English 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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**Accreditations & Affiliations**

- SACS: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- SAIS: Southern Association of Independent Schools
- NAIS: National Association of Independent Schools
- NCAIS: North Carolina Association of Independent Schools
- NACAC: National Association for College Admission Counseling
- SACAC: Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
- ACCIS: Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
- CEEB: College Entrance Examination Board
- CUM LAUDE SOCIETY
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Academic Overview

Course Limits

**Academic Limit | Five Courses + One Elective:** Five courses per year is a full academic load. Students have the option to add a sixth (elective) course for either one, two, or three trimesters.

**AP Limits | Four AP Courses/Year:** With rare exceptions, only juniors and seniors are permitted to take AP courses. Asheville School limits students to Four AP courses per year. Students who transfer to us from other schools sometimes come in with AP courses already completed.

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 mid-year transcript with year-to-date grades in support of all other applications in early January.

Honors and High Honors Criteria

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

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

Graduation Requirements

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<tr>
<th>AREA OF STUDY</th>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>Must include Biology and Chemistry</td>
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<td>World Language</td>
<td>One language, or 2 credits each of two languages</td>
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<td>Fine Arts</td>
<td>One trimester</td>
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**COURSE CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION ➤ 18 1/3**

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.

School Calendar

Ashville 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 Offerings | 19 Honors & 15 AP Courses

- Asterix (*) denotes trimester course

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<tr>
<th>ENGLISH</th>
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UNWEIGHTED GPA Grading

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 rough sense of how GPAs line up after an unofficial sorting of results.

### Student GPAs

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### Total Number of AP & Honors Courses Completed & In Progress | Class of 2024

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

### Grade Distribution by Department | Academic Year 2022-2023

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**WP:** Withdrawn from course with passing mark  
**WF:** Withdrawn from course with failing mark
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College Matriculation

Classes of 2019-2023

NORTH CAROLINA

Appalachian State University 3
Davidson College 6
Duke University 6
East Carolina University 1
Elon University 2
Fayetteville Technical Community College 1
High Point University 4
Methodist University 1
North Carolina State University 9
Queens University of Charlotte 3
University of North Carolina at Asheville 4
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 29
University of North Carolina at Charlotte 4
University of North Carolina at Greensboro 1
University of North Carolina Wilmington 7
Wake Forest University 11

SOUTHEAST

Auburn University (AL) 1
Belmont University (TN) 3
Centre College (KY) 1
Clemson University (SC) 5
College of Charleston (SC) 8
Emory University (GA) 4
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
Rhodes College (TN) 2
Rollins College (FL) 2
Savannah College of Art and Design (GA) 1
Sewanee: The University of the South (TN) 1
Spelman College (GA) 1
Stetson University (FL) 1
The University of Alabama (AL) 3
The University of Florida (FL) 2
The University of Tennessee (TN) 5
Tulane University of Louisiana (LA) 2
University of Georgia (GA) 4
University of Kentucky (KY) 1
University of Miami (FL) 2
University of Mississippi (MS) 1
University of South Carolina (SC) 3
Vanderbilt University (TN) 2
Wofford College (SC) 4

NEW ENGLAND

Babson College (MA) 1
Boston College (MA) 1
Boston University (MA) 1
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) 2
Emerson College (MA) 1
Harvard University (MA) 1
Middlebury College (VT) 1
Northeastern University (MA) 2
Rhode Island School of Design (RI) 1
Tufts University (MA) 3
University of Vermont (VT) 3
Wentworth Institute of Technology (MA) 1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA) 1
Yale University (CT) 5

WEST

Colorado College (CO) 1
Colorado School of Mines (CO) 1
Colorado State University (Fort Collins) (CO) 1
Loyola Marymount University (CA) 1
Montana State University (MT) 1
Pitzer College (CA) 1

MIDWEST

Lehigh University (PA) 1
New York University (NY) 5
Penn State University (University Park) (PA) 3
Point Park University (PA) 1
Rutgers University (NJ) 1
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY) 1
Seton Hill University (PA) 1
Skidmore College (NY) 1
Stony Brook University (NY) 1
SUNY at Albany (NY) 1
SUNY University at Buffalo (NY) 2
Swarthmore College (PA) 1
Syracuse University (NY) 2
The College of William and Mary (VA) 2
U.S. Military Academy at West Point (NY) 1
University of Pennsylvania (PA) 2
University of Richmond (VA) 3
University of Virginia (VA) 1
Urinnus College (PA) 1
Washington & Jefferson College (PA) 1
Washington and Lee University (VA) 6

SOUTHWEST

Santa Clara University (CA) 1
Stanford University (CA) 3
University of California (Berkeley) (CA) 1
University of California (Davis) (CA) 3
University of California (Irvine) (CA) 2
University of California (Los Angeles) (CA) 3
University of California (San Diego) (CA) 4
University of California (Santa Barbara) (CA) 1
University of Colorado Boulder (CO) 4
University of Oregon (OR) 1
University of San Francisco (CA) 2
University of Southern California (CA) 1
University of Utah (UT) 1
University of Washington (WA) 1

INTERNATIONAL

Aurora University (IL) 1
Beloit College (WI) 1
Columbia College (Chicago) (IL) 2
Denison University (OH) 3
Hillsdale College (MI) 1
Indiana University (Bloomington) (IN) 1
Kenyon College (OH) 1
Macalester College (MN) 2
Marquette University (WI) 1
Purdue University (IN) 7
The College of Wooster (OH) 1
The Ohio State University (OH) 1
University of Indianapolis (IN) 1
University of Minnesota (MN) 1
University of Wisconsin (WI) 2
Washington University in St. Louis (MO) 5

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) 5
Texas Tech University (TX) 1
The University of Texas at Austin (TX) 1
University of Oklahoma (OK) 1

Bath Spa University (England) 1
Cardiff University (Wales) 1
Carleton University (ON, Canada) 1
Erasmus University (Holland) 1
Franklin University Switzerland (Switzerland) 1
King's College London (England) 1
McGill University (Quebec) 1
NYU Shanghai (China) 1
The University of Edinburgh (Scotland) 1
Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) 3
University of Bristol (England) 1
University of St Andrews (Scotland) 1
University of Toronto (Ontario) 2

College Destination by Region

- NORTH CAROLINA ........ 25%
- SOUTHEAST ............. 20%
- MID- ATLANTIC .......... 19%
- NEW ENGLAND ........... 9%
- WEST .................. 9%
- MIDWEST ............... 8%
- SOUTHWEST .......... 5%
- INTERNATIONAL ...... 4%