



DURHAM ACADEMY

3601 Ridge Road Durham, NC 27705 www.da.org

SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019

STUDENT PROFILE

DA Upper School enrolls 454 students in grades 9 through 12. The average class size is 15 with a student-faculty ratio of 8:1.

GRADING SYSTEM & GPA DISTRIBUTION

Cumulative grade point averages are based on final grades earned in Durham Academy courses.

GRADING SCALE

Grades are based on a 100-point scale. GPAs are based on a 4.33 scale.

A+	97-100	4.33	B+	87-89	3.33	C+	77-79	2.33	D+	67-69	1.33	F	< 60	0.0
A	93-96	4.0	B	83-86	3.0	C	73-76	2.0	D	63-66	1.0			
A-	90-92	3.67	B-	80-82	2.67	C-	70-72	1.67	D-	60-62	0.67			

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Honors, AP courses and post-AP courses are available to most 11th and 12th grade students. Exceptions may be made to allow 9th and 10th grade students to enroll in advanced courses. **Students must earn departmental approval to enroll in advanced courses and may take up to four advanced courses in one year.** Enrolling in more than four advanced courses requires approval from the Academic Committee (comprised of Deans, Directors and Academic Leaders). **No student is permitted to take more than five advanced courses in one year.** Advanced course offerings are detailed in the table below.

Subject	Honors Courses	AP Courses	post-AP Courses
English***	English 11	English Language, English Literature	
History***		Modern European History, US History, US Gov't. & Politics, Human Geography, Micro/Macro Economics, Art History	
Mathematics	Precalculus	Calculus AB, Calculus C*, Calculus BC, Statistics	Multivariable Calculus, Geometries & Topologies,
Science	Chemistry	Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics	
Foreign Language		French Language, Latin: Vergil**, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature	French & Francophone Lit, Advanced Topics in Chinese, Advanced Latin Poetry/Lit**
Fine Arts		Music Theory, Portfolio Art	
Technology		Computer Science	Full Stack Web Development
Interdisciplinary		Psychology, AP Seminar	

*Students who complete AP Calculus AB may enroll in *Calculus C* and are prepared to take the AP Calculus BC exam. Post-AP math courses rotate by year.

**AP Latin: Vergil and Advanced Latin Lyric Poetry/Literature rotate by year.

***English 12 and upper level history courses are designed by semester. Some of the offerings include: English 12: Literature of War, Hero to Anti-Hero, Shakespeare, Historical Fiction; History: Crimes & Punishments, Modern Global Issues, Introduction to Economics. **There is little difference in rigor among English 12 and AP English 12 offerings; the latter include instruction on the essay format of the AP English Literature exam.**

UNIQUE ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Peer Educators: Eight seniors are selected from over three-dozen applicants to co-teach the Life Skills course to 9th graders. These students sign a contract agreeing to serve as role models for their younger peers, both on and off campus.

Teaching Literacy Skills: For credit, students travel to a neighboring elementary school, 4 class periods out of the 7-day rotation, to tutor students identified as reading well below grade level.

Global Online Academy (GOA): Durham Academy is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world that fosters new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach. GOA teachers and students share their voice on a global stage, enhancing learning and enabling the pursuit of individual passions. Please see the attached Profile.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Durham Academy values opportunities outside of the classroom as indelible contributors to a student's intellectual and moral growth. Upper School students participate in the following programs: Community Service, Advisory, Independent Study, "Maymester" courses and trips, Senior Challenge, Senior Projects, American Field Service Exchange Programs, Sister-City Exchange Programs, Visiting Authors and Artists, partnerships with Student U and Mentorship Programs, Outreach Tutoring.

The Upper School fields 24 athletic teams including: Soccer, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Golf, Swimming, Track and Field, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball and Tennis.

The following programs compete on state and/or national levels: Debate, Science Olympiad, Model UN and Robotics.

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THE MISSION

The purpose of Durham Academy is to provide each student an education that will enable him or her to live a moral, happy and productive life. The development of intellect is central to such a life and, thus, intellectual endeavor and growth are the primary work of the school. The acquisition of knowledge; the development of skills, critical judgment and intellectual curiosity; and increased understanding are the goals of the school's academic program.

THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1933 for grades K through 8, Durham Academy is a coeducational, nonsectarian day school. In 1972 Durham Academy instituted a secondary school, graduating its first Upper School class in 1975. Today the school consists of Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grades with a total of 1,228 students; 454 are enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Admission to Durham Academy is highly selective and based on a student's ability to perform satisfactorily in a college preparatory curriculum. Durham Academy does not discriminate in regard to race, creed, color, or national origin. Students of color comprise 37% of the school population for 2018-2019.

Mean Test Scores for Class of 2019 as of August 2018:

SAT I

EBRW 700
 Math 710
Overall 1420

ACT

English 32
 Math 31
 Reading 31
 Science 30
Composite 31

Subject Tests

Biology 740
 Chemistry 650
 English Literature 688
 French 665
 Latin 697
 Math 2 718
 Physics 670
 Spanish 668
 US History 694

NATIONAL MERIT - CLASS of 2019

14 National Merit Semi-Finalists
 9 National Merit Commended Scholars

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

In May 2018, 213 students sat for 633 AP exams.
 86% earned a score of 3 or better; mean = 3.83

College Matriculation Classes of 2014-2018

Graduates of Durham Academy have attended more than 120 different colleges and universities since 2014

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| American University (3)
Amherst College
Appalachian State University (4)
Barnard College (3)
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston College (6)
Boston University (3)
Bowdoin College (2)
Brandeis University
Brown University (5)
Carleton College (3)
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University (2)
Clemson University (3)
Colgate University
College of Charleston (7)
College of William and Mary (4)
Colorado College (3)
Columbia University (9)
Cornell University (6)
Dartmouth College (6)
Davidson College (9)
Denison University
Drexel University
Duke University (59)
Durham University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elon University (24)
Emerson College
Emory University (5)
Furman University (5)
George Mason University
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (6)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Greensboro College
Guilford College (3)
Hamilton College - NY
Hampden-Sydney College (3)
Hampton University | Harvard University (5)
Haverford College
High Point University (5)
Hollins University
Howard University
Ithaca College
Kenyon College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel College
Meredith College (3)
Middlebury College (3)
Montana State University, Bozeman
New York University (4)
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University (15)
Northeastern University (9)
Northwestern University (5)
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences (3)
Occidental College
Pennsylvania State University
Piedmont College
Pomona College
Princeton University (7)
Purdue University (5)
Queens University of Charlotte
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Roanoke College (2)
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara University (2)
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Sewanee: The University of the South
Smith College (2)
Southern Methodist University (6)
Spelman College (4)
St. John's College
Stanford University (4) | Syracuse University (3)
Tufts University (4)
Tulane University (3)
University of Alabama (2)
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Chicago (9)
University of Colorado at Boulder (5)
University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, College Park (2)
University of Miami (2)
University of Michigan (3)
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (62)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2)
University of North Carolina at Greensboro (2)
University of North Carolina at Wilmington (12)
University of Oregon (2)
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Pittsburgh (2)
University of Redlands
University of Richmond (2)
University of South Carolina (6)
University of Southern California (7)
University of Sussex
University of Texas, Austin (2)
University of Virginia (10)
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University (3)
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University (14)
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis (10)
Wellesley College (3)
Williams College (5)
Yale University (2) |
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