



# PALMETTO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## 2022-2023 School Profile

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### BIBLICALLY-BASED, COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Palmetto Christian Academy offers an education in the context of a biblical worldview. Our goal is to create lifelong learners who do all things with excellence as they think critically and biblically. We are a Preschool-12th Grade school with an overall K-12 enrollment of 605 and a high school enrollment of 121. Established in 1992 as an outreach of East Cooper Baptist Church, Palmetto Christian is located in a suburb of Charleston, SC, a rapidly growing metropolitan area known for its history and coastal beauty.

### COURSE OF STUDY

Palmetto Christian Academy's course of study is demanding and college preparatory. By extending learning in core disciplines beyond state graduation requirements, students gain a depth of understanding that allows them to discover their strengths. Additionally, core disciplines are supplemented with specialized electives that help students make informed decisions regarding college majors and careers. Our course of study requires students to think deeply and critically and offers courses at the College Preparatory, Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Credit levels.

#### Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Laboratory Science	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Bible	4 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
Computer Science	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Senior Thesis	1 credit

Honors courses are offered in Science (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Physics), English (World Literature, American Literature, British Literature, and Literature & Composition), Social Studies (Western Civilization, Human Geography, US History), Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Statistics), Spanish (Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III), Senior Thesis, Choir, Art II, and Psychology.

Honors course of study culminates in capstone courses including AP Calculus AB, AP Biology, AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, AP European History, AP US History, AP 2D Art & Design, Dual Credit US Government, AP Environmental Science, Dual Credit Economics, Dual Credit Spanish 101, Dual Credit Spanish 102, and Dual Credit Computer Science. Juniors and Seniors may take additional dual credit courses as approved by the Guidance Department.

### STANDARDIZED TESTING

Students prepare for standardized testing by taking a series of PSAT and Pre-ACT tests in grades 8-11. Juniors and seniors typically take both the SAT and the ACT. Advanced Placement enrollment is based on student performance and desire as well as teacher recommendation. Individual AP and Dual Credit students in the Class of 2021 earned between 3 and 40 hours of college credit.

#### Average Scores for the Class of 2022

<b>SAT:</b>		
EBRW	Average:	630
	Top Quartile Average:	721
Math	Average:	585
	Top Quartile Average:	695
<b>ACT:</b>		
	Composite Average:	24
	Composite Top Quartile:	30

#### Average Scores for the Class of 2021

<b>SAT:</b>		
EBRW	Average:	593
	Top Quartile Average:	700
Math	Average:	577
	Top Quartile Average:	690
<b>ACT:</b>		
	Composite Average:	26
	Composite Top Quartile:	30

#### Average Scores for the Class of 2020

<b>SAT:</b>		
EBRW	Average:	598
	Top Quartile Average:	698
Math	Average:	551
	Top Quartile Average:	686
<b>ACT:</b>		
	Composite Average:	29.4
	Composite Top Quartile:	31.6

#### Average Scores for the Class of 2019

<b>SAT:</b>		
EBRW	Average:	583
	Top Quartile Average:	663
Math	Average:	580
	Top Quartile Average:	668
<b>ACT:</b>		
	Composite Average:	28.6

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service of 20 hours per year is required for graduation. Each year during Spiritual Emphasis Week, students disperse throughout greater Charleston, offering help in key areas of need in the community.

## ACCREDITATION

Palmetto Christian Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). All faculty members are certified.



## GPA, CLASS RANK, AND CLASS SIZE

GPA is calculated and weighted using the South Carolina Uniform Grade Scale (5.0), with a passing grade of 70. At the end of each school year, all students in the class are ranked based on their cumulative GPAs. Palmetto Christian releases rank to parents and students as requested and to scholarship committees, financial aid departments, and college admissions offices as required.

### South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

## ATHLETICS

Palmetto Christian Academy competes in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) league, offering a competitive sports program at both the middle and high school levels. We field Class 3A teams in basketball, football, volleyball, cheer, golf, archery, track, cross-country, baseball, swimming, soccer, equestrian, and tennis. Palmetto Christian has won multiple team State Championships including Girls Volleyball, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Basketball, Boys Track, Girls Track, and Girls Swimming.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Palmetto Christian Academy considers co-curricular activities to be tools for training in Christian character as well as a means for all students to discover and refine their unique talents. Toward that end, we sponsor co-curricular activities in addition to athletics. These activities include National Honor Society, Student Government Association, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, The Palmetto Players Theatre Group, Choir, Worship Band, Spanish Club, Yearbook, Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, Eagle Ambassadors, and the Architecture, Engineering, and Design Club.

## SENIOR SEMINAR

All Seniors develop and defend a Senior thesis as the capstone to their high school education. Students establish a position on a controversial subject and defend that position with evidence, logic, and rhetoric. Defense requires both effective written expression in the form of a thesis paper and a verbal defense before an audience and a panel of expert examiners.

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Palmetto Christian Academy students receive scholarships for academics, music, theater, community service, leadership, ministry, athletics, and the military. The 37 students in the class of 2022 were offered \$3.8 million in scholarships and accepted \$1.6 million from the institutions they chose to attend.

### College acceptance and matriculation 2017-2022:

Anderson University\*  
Appalachian State University\*  
Arizona State University\*  
Auburn University\*  
Baylor University\*  
Belmont University\*  
Berry College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brevard University\*  
Calvin College  
Campbell University\*  
Centre College\*  
Charleston Southern University\*  
The Citadel\*  
Clemson University\*  
Clemson University (Honors)\*  
Coastal Carolina University\*  
College of Charleston\*  
College of Charleston (Honors)\*  
Columbia International University\*  
Covenant College  
Culinary Institute of America  
East Tennessee State University\*

Elon College  
Erskine College\*  
Flagler College\*  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida State University  
Furman University\*  
George Mason University  
Georgia Southern University  
Gordon College  
Grand Canyon University  
Hampton-Sydney College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University\*  
Hillsdale College\*  
Kennesaw State University  
Liberty University\*  
Louisiana State University  
Mercer University  
Michigan State  
Newberry College  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
North Greenville University\*

University of North Texas  
Palm Beach Atlantic  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
Queens University  
Ringling College of Arts  
Roanoke College\*  
Rochester Institute of Technology\*  
Samford University\*  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Sewanee: University of the South  
South Carolina State University  
Southern Methodist University  
Texas A&M  
Texas Christian University  
UNC-Greensboro  
University of Alabama  
University of Arkansas\*  
University of Arizona  
University of Central Florida  
University of Florida\*  
University of Iowa  
University of Kentucky

University of Miami  
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)\*  
University of Mississippi\*  
University of Georgia\*  
University of North Carolina\*  
University of North Texas  
University of Richmond  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Carolina (Honors)\*  
University of Tampa\*  
University of Tennessee  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin  
Virginia Tech  
Washington and Lee University  
West Virginia University  
Western Carolina University  
Wheaton College  
William & Mary  
Winthrop University\*  
Wofford College\*

\*Matriculated