



SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

CEEB Code: 340-601

Quick Facts

Founded: 1996

Enrollment: Grades 6-12

Upper School Size: 480

Senior Class Size: 113

Percent College Bound: 99%

Percent Students of Color: 55%

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Independent Schools (SAIS) and AdvancED.

Mission

We are a learning community dedicated to discovery, innovation, collaboration, and excellence. We are committed to creating personalized learning opportunities that are flexible and relevant in an environment that supports student wellbeing. We aim to cultivate self-directed and bold lifelong learners who make meaningful contributions to the world.

Experiential and Flexible Learning Opportunities

Center for Community Engagement (CCE): As part of our strategic plan, we established the CCE in 2019, built on four pillars: Diversity & Inclusion, Entrepreneurship, Experiential Learning, and Service Learning.

Discovery Term: Our students participate in two-week Discovery Terms at the end of the year. They investigate areas outside the regular curriculum through seminars or, for juniors, a Work Experience program.

Leadership in Crisis Program (2020-2021): In response to the extraordinary circumstances of 2020, we offered a cross-curricular Leadership in Crisis program through the CCE. The program included two half-credit courses (Leadership in Practice and Arts & Crisis Leadership), as well as two full-credit interdisciplinary courses that examined both the COVID pandemic and precedents through the lenses of U.S. History and Literature.

Away Programs & Online Courses: Our students engage in programs such as High Mountain Institute, Maine Coast Semester, and the School for Ethics & Global Leadership. They also may pursue online coursework through approved vendors such as Virtual High School and Global Online Academy.

Calendar and Schedule

In August 2020, Cary Academy moved from a trimester to a semester calendar, and we changed our daily schedule so that classes meet twice a week for 80 minutes each. In addition, approximately one Wednesday a month is designated as an X Day—days wholly dedicated to experiential learning opportunities designed and led by students and faculty.

School Discipline Reporting Policy

The school reports suspensions and provides a written explanation; we expect students to do the same.

COVID Impact on Instruction

The 3rd Trimester of 2020 (March-June) was our school's only fully virtual term, and students received standard grades for the term. We ran a hybrid schedule in 2020-2021; most students attended class half-time in person and half-time virtually. Grading remained unchanged. In 2021-2022, we returned to a fully in-person schedule.

Academic Policies

Graduation Requirements

Students must take a minimum of 5 full credits each year and a minimum of 21 total credits including 4 credits in English; 3 credits each in Mathematics (with a minimum of Algebra II), History, Science (biology, chemistry and physics), and World Language. In addition, students must take 2 credits in Fine Arts, as well as Health I and II.

No Rank/No GPA Policy

Because our graduating classes are small, our programs highly rigorous, and our range of grades narrow, it is our policy to neither rank our students nor compute GPA. Instead, we provide a junior year grade distribution.

Curriculum Information

Advanced (ADV) Course Information

We offer Advanced (ADV) courses in lieu of Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These courses, our highest level, are taught with the rigor and expectations of AP courses but allow teachers to emphasize areas of study not prescribed in the AP syllabus. Typically, ADV courses are open only to juniors and seniors.

In **2022-2023**, the school offers 19 year-long and 22 semester-long Advanced (ADV) courses. Juniors are limited to a maximum of FOUR (4) credits of ADV courses. Seniors may take a maximum of FOUR (4) credits of ADV courses if carrying a load of six academic courses; they may take a maximum of FIVE (5) credits of ADV courses if carrying a load of five.

Curriculum notes:

English: All semester electives for juniors and seniors are offered at both the regular and ADV level.

Math: ADV Calculus I & II is by invitation only. ADV Calculus III & Differential Equations is our highest level math course.

Science: Biology, ADV Chemistry and ADV Physics-Mechanics meet additional periods each week with no additional credit awarded.

World Language: All semester electives for juniors and seniors are offered at both the regular and ADV level. During the 2019-2020 school year, all trimester electives were offered only at the ADV level. ADV Studies-Spanish Literature is a year-long course.

Full course listings and descriptions are available at

<https://bit.ly/CACourseCatalog>

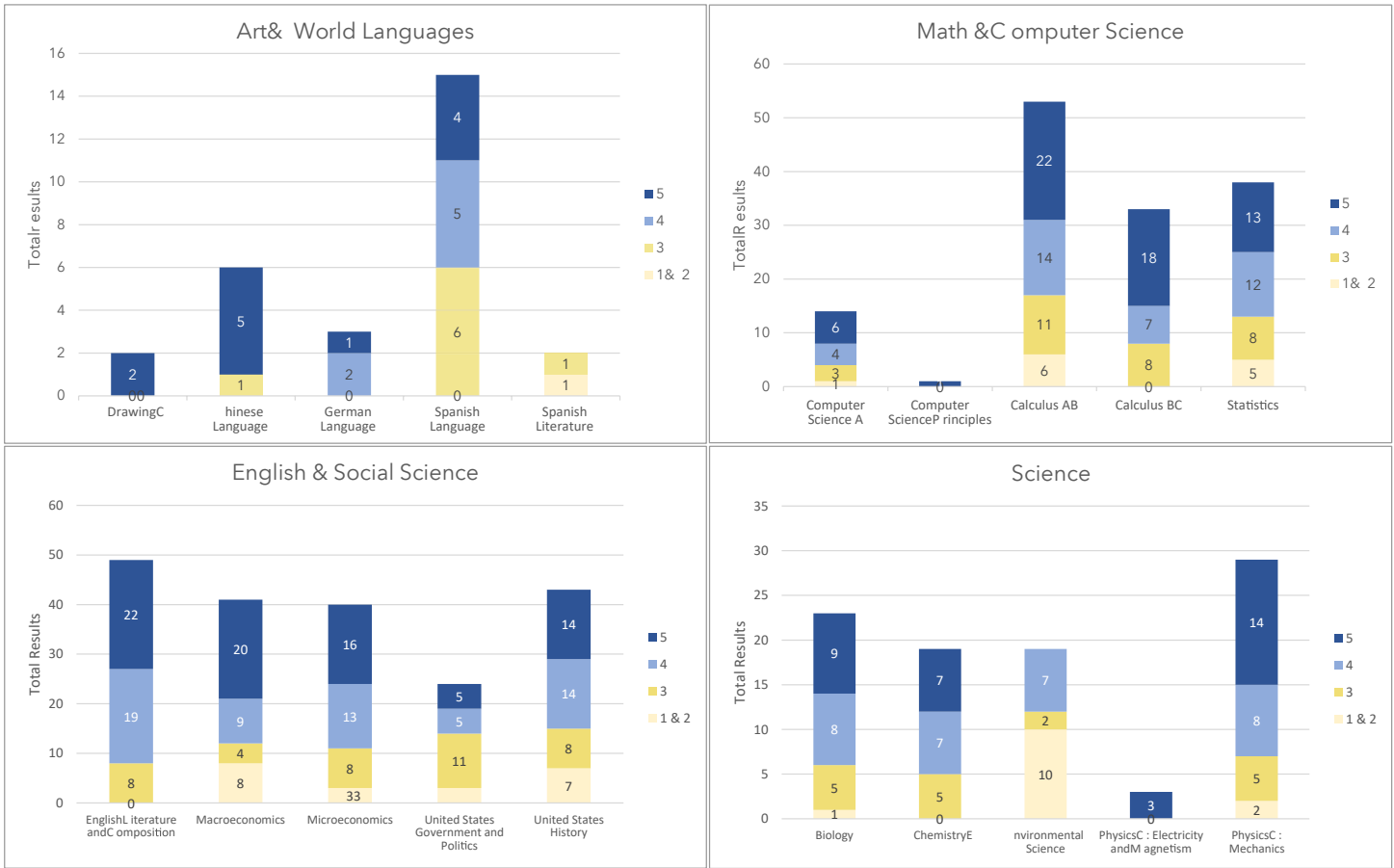
Grade Distribution

English	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
English Electives (11s & 12s)	6	30	51	43	27	11	1	2	3
English Electives (ADV)(11s & 12s)	48	106	76	29	9	2	0	1	0
Math & Computer Science	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Algebra II & Precalculus	8	29	19	8	15	8	2	3	4
Analytics & Statistics (ADV)	17	15	13	4	1	4	1	0	0
Calculus (ADV) (all levels)	19	50	23	17	9	2	0	0	0
Computer Science (ADV)	13	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Precalculus (H)	15	20	15	5	2	0	0	1	0
Social Sciences	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Social Sciences	2	22	4	3	6	3	0	0	0
Social Sciences (ADV)	17	102	39	21	11	1	1	1	1
Science	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Biology, Chemistry, Physics (ADV)	11	40	14	11	4	4	0	2	0
Other Science (ADV)	8	31	15	2	2	2	0	1	1
Science	24	17	12	6	4	0	0	0	0
Languages	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Chinese (ADV)	2	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
French	0	7	5	2	1	1	0	0	0
French (ADV)	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
German	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
German (ADV)	2	17	12	3	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish	17	49	36	21	22	12	0	4	4
Spanish (ADV)	6	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

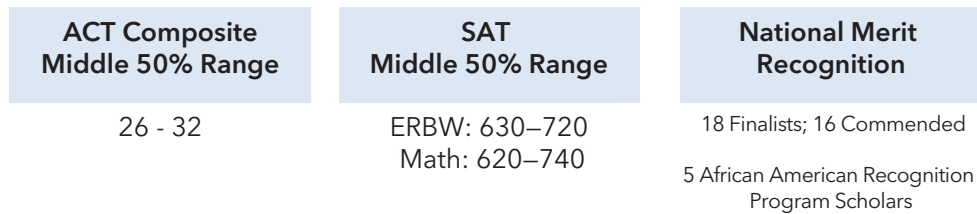
Grades for the 2021-2022 year for courses in which primarily juniors and seniors were enrolled.

Testing Information

In May 2022, 190 students took 465 AP Exams; 90% of the scores were a 3, 4, or 5. Following is a breakdown of those results::



Class of 2022 Testing Profile



College Matriculation

In the spirit of Cary Academy’s mission to create bold, self-directed, and lifelong learners who will make meaningful contributions to the world, we share our [3-year College Matriculation list](#) to celebrate the excellence of every college our students chose to attend. Cary Academy recognizes that the decision of where to enroll is a personal one made for any number of reasons by each student and family, and that where a student enrolls is far less important than how they engage with their college experience.

The 114 members of the Class of 2022 chose to attend 53 different colleges in 21 states and the District of Columbia.