



# SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

CEEB Code: 340-601

## Quick Facts

Founded: 1996

Enrollment: Grades 6-12

Upper School Size: 497

Senior Class Size: 121

Percent College Bound: 100%

Percent Students of Color: 61%

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## 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):** Established in 2019, the CCE coordinates work in experiential learning; expeditionary learning; service learning; entrepreneurship and leadership; and diversity, equity, and inclusivity initiatives. Through immersive experiences that leverage personal interests, the CCE encourages students to ethically and thoughtfully engage with their community, both on campus and beyond.

**X Day:** Two Wednesdays each semester are designated as X Days – days wholly dedicated to experiential learning opportunities, designed and led by students and faculty, for the purpose of pursuing academic questions more deeply, engaging in service learning, and building student leadership.

**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.

**World Language Exchange Program:** Our World Language Department coordinates an exchange program for all sophomores each spring. The program is based upon reciprocal partnerships with schools in Argentina, China, France, and Germany. Students spend approximately two weeks abroad – living with a host family, experiencing school and daily life. In return, our families receive students from our partner schools for a similar program. There were two modifications to the Spring 2023 program: due to travel restrictions in China and group size limitations in Argentina, we included two homestays, one to Taiwan, and one to Ecuador.

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

## School Discipline Reporting Policy

The College Counseling Office will report suspensions and/or dismissals within one week of adjudication outcome. We expect our students to do the same.

## 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 **2024-2025**, the school offers 20 year-long and 25 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:** Calculus I is offered at both the regular and ADV level. ADV Calculus I & II is by invitation only. ADV Calculus III & Differential Equations is our highest level math course.

**Science:** ADV 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.

Full course listings and descriptions are available at

<https://CourseCatalog.CaryAcademy>

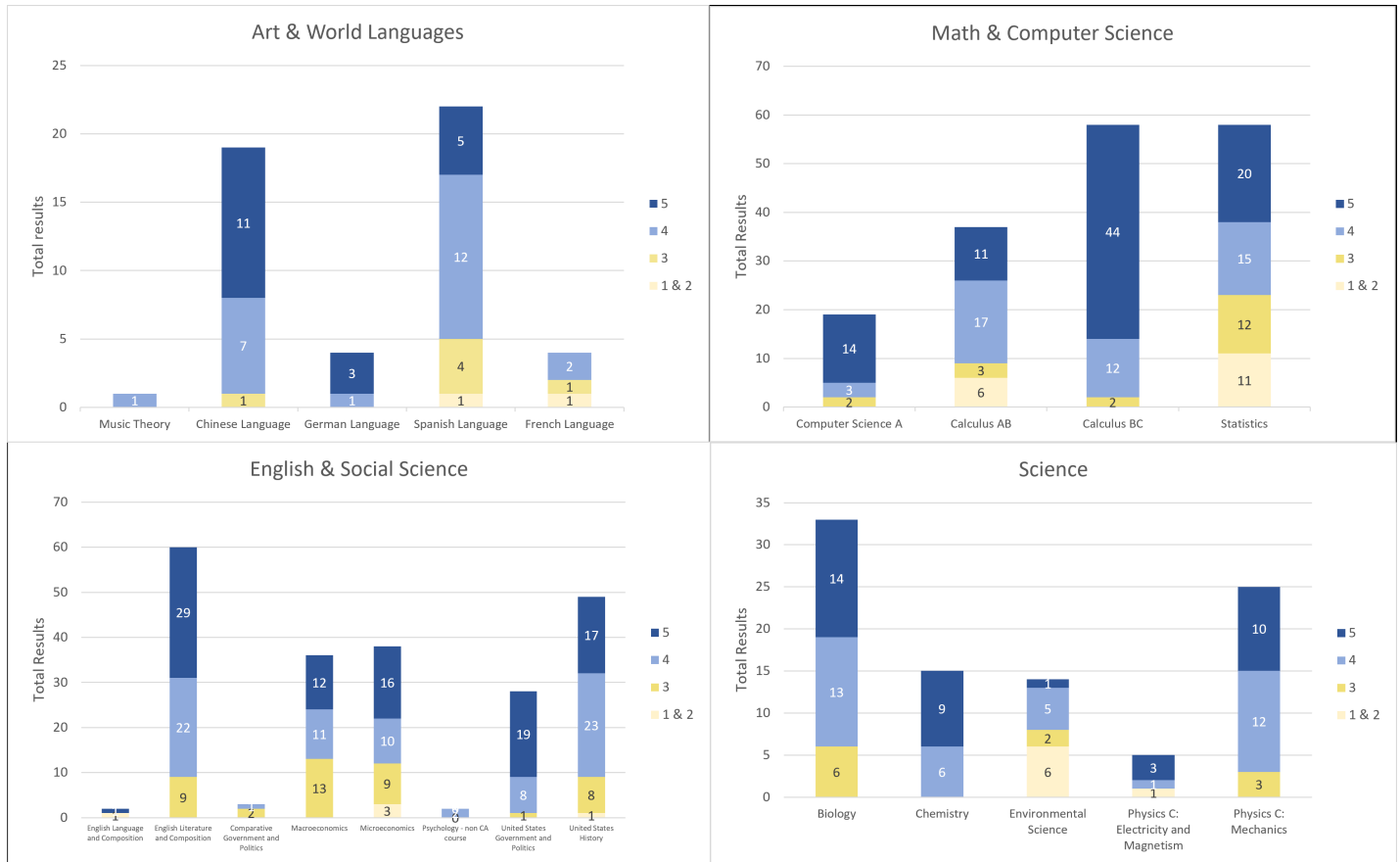
## Grade Distribution

English	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
English Electives (11s & 12s)	18	41	71	40	23	6	3	2	1
English Electives ADV (11s & 12s)	40	108	58	23	11	3	1	0	0
Math & Computer Science	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Algebra II & Precalculus	5	10	11	12	10	3	1	1	2
Analytics & Statistics (ADV)	12	30	11	10	14	3	2	0	1
Calculus (ADV - all levels)	18	26	26	17	12	3	7	0	0
Computer Science (ADV)	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Precalculus (H)	0	6	7	7	6	0	2	0	0
Social Sciences	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Social Sciences	1	22	26	9	1	1	0	0	3
Social Sciences (ADV)	14	94	58	22	18	9	1	0	1
Science	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Biology, Chemistry, Physics (ADV)	12	28	19	22	11	3	1	0	0
Other Science (ADV)	0	23	15	7	2	3	0	0	0
Science	24	50	19	15	14	5	1	3	0
World Languages	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-/D/F
Chinese	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese (ADV)	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French	3	22	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
French (ADV)	6	16	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
German	0	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
German (ADV)	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish	11	28	13	9	0	0	1	0	0
Spanish (ADV)	20	40	14	1	0	0	0	0	0

Grades for the 2023-2024 year for courses in which primarily juniors and seniors were enrolled.

## Testing Information

In May 2024, 215 students took 538 AP Exams; 92% of the scores were a 3, 4, or 5. The following is a breakdown of those results.



## Class of 2024 Testing Profile

**ACT Composite  
Middle 50% Range**

27 - 33

**SAT  
Middle 50% Range**

ERBW: 630–740  
Math: 620–750

**National Merit  
Recognition**

18 Finalists; 19 Commended  
(7 Awarded)

1 African American  
Recognition Program Scholar

1 Hispanic Recognition  
Program Scholar

## 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 119 members of the Class of 2024 chose to attend 66 different colleges in 18 states, the District of Columbia, and China.