



SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

CEEB Code: 340-601

QUICK FACTS

Founded: 1996

Enrollment: Grades 6-12

Upper School Size: 503

Senior Class Size: 122

Percent College Bound: 100%

Percent Students of Color: 65%

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Independent Schools (SAIS and AdvanceED).

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):

The CCE coordinates work in experiential learning; expeditionary learning; service learning; entrepreneurship and leadership; and diversity, equity and inclusivity initiatives. Through immersive experiences such as X Days—days wholly dedicated to experiential learning which are designed and led by students—the CCE encourages students to ethically and thoughtfully engage with their community, both on campus and beyond.

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, as well as a non-exchange program in Costa Rica. 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.

Away Programs & Online Courses:

Our students engage in programs such as Island School, Maine Coast Semester, Outdoor Academy, and the School for Ethics & Global Leadership. They may also pursue online coursework through approved vendors such as Virtual High School.

Flex Program:

Designed to give students additional flexibility in pursuing internships, work experiences or athletic commitments by spreading the final two years of high school over three years.

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 and Wellness..

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 2026-2027, the school offers 22 year-long and 26 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 are 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.

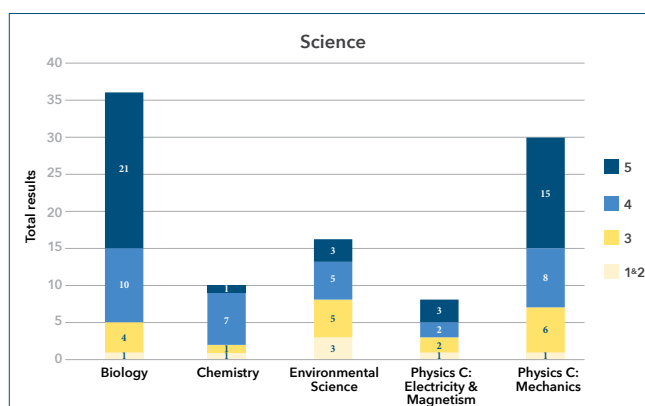
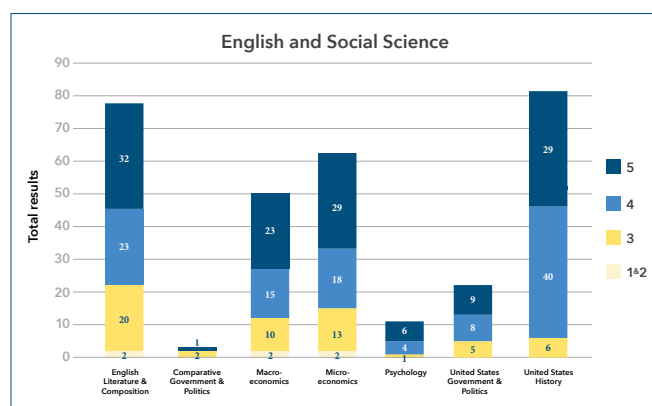
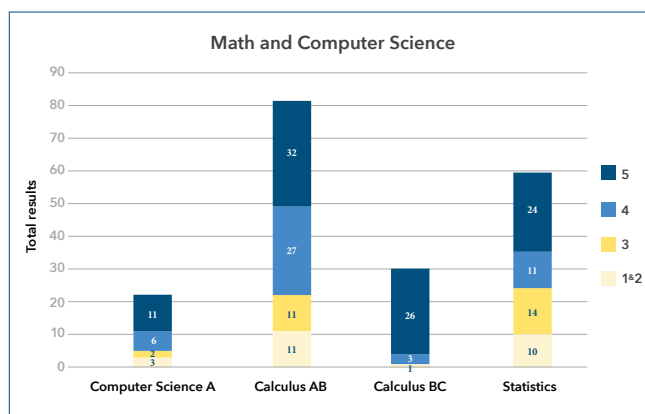
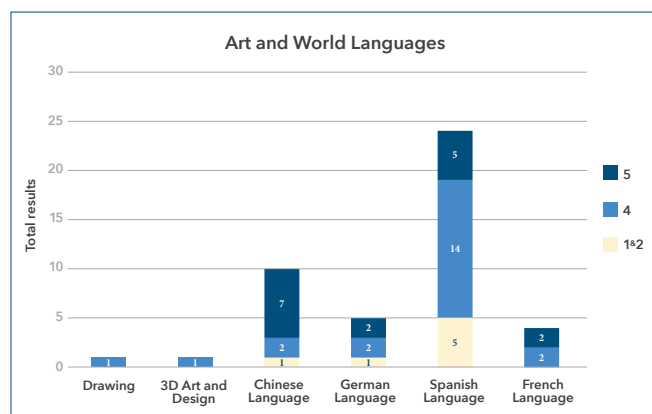
Full course listings and descriptions are available at <https://CourseCatalog.Cary.Academy>

English	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C- / D / F
English Electives (11s & 12s)	14	38	42	31	13	6	1		
English Electives ADV (11s & 12s)	52	162	105	24					
Math & Computer Science	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C- / D / F
Algebra II & Precalculus	10	19	11	8	8	6	1	1	
Analytics and Statistics (ADV)	21	41	12	15	6	2	3		
Calculus (all levels)	14	42	26	23	12	7	1		
Computer Science (ADV)	7	5	3	1					
Social Sciences	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C- / D / F
Social Sciences	5	18	12	6	4	1			
Social Sciences (ADV)	40	87	50	22	5	4			
Science	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C- / D / F
Biology, Chemistry, Physics (ADV)	14	30	31	7	10	3	2	2	
Other Science (ADV)	8	34	15						
Other Science (Non-ADV)	22	30	25	10	5	1	1		
World Languages	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C- / D / F
Chinese	8	6	1	2					
Chinese (ADV)	2	12							
French	10	12	7	1	1				
French (ADV)	4	6	5		1				
German	2	7	8	2					
German (ADV)	2	16	7	1					
Spanish	11	31	27	12	5				
Spanish (ADV)	22	55	20	8					

Grades for the 2025-2026 year for courses in which primarily juniors and seniors are enrolled.

Testing Information

In May 2026, 244 students took 656 AP Exams. 94% of the scores were a 3, 4, or 5. The following is a breakdown of those results.



Class of 2026 Testing Profile

ACT Composite Middle 50% Range
26-33

SAT Middle 50% Range
ERBW: 660-740 MATH: 650-760

National Merit Recognition
16 Finalists 18 Commended 4 Awarded

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 121 members of the Class of 2026 chose to attend 59 different colleges in 20 states and the District of Columbia.