



Harrells Christian Academy

Excellence in Education through Christian Motivation

School Description

Founded in 1970, Harrells Christian Academy operates as an independent, college-preparatory day school for students in kindergarten through grade twelve. The fifty-acre campus includes lower, middle, and upper school buildings, an ag science facility and lab, three science labs, two computer labs, a learning center, an art studio, a music room, an auditorium, a media center, one lower/middle school gymnasium, one multi-purpose building that houses two gym floors and a stage, playground, administrative offices, a field house with a fitness center, a lighted football field, a baseball diamond, a softball field, four tennis courts, and one practice field.

HCA enrolls 550 students from six counties (Bladen, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, and Sampson). Enrollment in grades nine through twelve is 146 students. Need-based tuition assistance is available.

Mission

With faith, family, and a focus on the future, Harrells Christian Academy strives to build Christian character, develop minds, and achieve academic success.

Accreditations and Memberships

Southern Association of Independent Schools, Cognia, North Carolina Association of Independent Schools, College Entrance Exam Board, College Board, Carolina Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers, Independent School Management, and North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association.

Student Life

Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, French Honor Society, FFA, Science Olympiad, Spanish Honor Society, Student Government, and Yearbook

Special Features

Devotion/Chapel services are held twice a week. Community service is required as part of any club membership at HCA.

Academics

HCA offers the following Advanced Placement courses on campus: Biology, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, and Modern World History. Every grade level offers honors-level courses in the core academic subjects. Dual enrollment courses are offered online at four local community colleges. Additional course offerings are available online through NCVPS.

HCA operates on a ten-point grading scale. Because of the size of our student body, we believe class rank is not a strong discriminator for predicting college performance.

Assessments

The Pre-ACT is administered to all ninth graders in preparation for the ACT, which is administered to students during their sophomore, junior, and senior years. On-campus ACT testing is offered in the fall of the school year.

Learning Center

The HCA Learning Center provides a unique and essential service to students with language-based learning differences by offering the Orton-Gillingham teaching methodology. Tuition for The Learning Center is in addition to the regular tuition for HCA.

College Counseling

The HCA Office of College Counseling provides individual and group guidance beginning in middle school and continuing through each year of high school. A high level of parental involvement is an integral part of the college counseling program. The Office of College Counseling used Naviance from 2011 to 2020. Beginning in the fall of 2020, Scoir replaced Naviance.

Harrells Christian Academy recommends 30 credits for graduation and requires 28

Course requirements		
Subjects	Required	Recommended
English	4	4
Math	4	4
Science	4	4
Social Studies	3	3+
Religious Studies	3	3+
Foreign Language	2	3+
Fine Arts	1	1
Electives	7	7+
Total Credits	28	29+

0-4.33 HCA GPA Scale		
Percentile	GPA	Letter
98-100	4.33	A+
93-97	4	A
90-92	3.67	A-
87-89	3.33	B+
83-86	3	B
80-82	2.67	B-
77-79	2.33	C+
73-76	2	C
70-72	1.67	C-
67-69	1.33	D+
63-66	1	D
60-62	0.67	D-
59 and below	0	F
Course Weights (Quality Points)		
Honors/DE Level	+0.5	
AP Level	+1	

SINCE 2014, HCA GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

Appalachian State University* Barton College* Baylor University* Belmont University* Brevard College* Bridgewater College* Campbell University* Carson Newman University* Charleston Southern University* College of Charleston* Christopher Newport University* Clemson University* Coastal Carolina University* Delaware State University* Drexel University* East Carolina University* Elon University* Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University* Fayetteville State University* Ferrum College* Furman University* Gardner-Webb University* Guilford College* Hampden-Sydney College* High Point University* Hood College* Howard University* James Madison University* Johnson & Wales University* Laurel University* Liberty University* Livingstone College* Louisburg College* Louisiana State University* Lynchburg College* Marymount University* Meredith College* Methodist University* North Carolina A&T University* North Carolina State University (2021 Park Scholar)* North Carolina Wesleyan College* Ohio State University* Old Dominion University* Regent University* Roanoke College* Savannah College of Art & Design* Sewanee-University of the South* Shaw University* Southern Virginia University* Tulane University* University of Alabama* University of Buffalo – SUNY* University of California at Los Angeles* University of Iowa* University of Kentucky* University of Mississippi* University of Mount Olive* University of NC at Chapel Hill* University of NC at Charlotte* University of NC at Greensboro* University of NC at Pembroke* University of NC at Wilmington* University of Oregon* University of Pikeville* University of South Carolina* University of South Florida* University of Southern California* Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University* Wake Forest University* Webster University* West Texas A&M University* Western Carolina University* Wheaton College* Whitworth University* William Peace University* Wingate University* Winston-Salem State University*

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