

Greater Atlanta Christian School

2023-2024 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE

CEEB Code: 112278

The mission of Greater Atlanta Christian School is to help each child grow as Jesus did, in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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About

Greater Atlanta Christian School (GAC) is located on a 90-acre campus northeast of Atlanta and was established in 1968 as a Christian, co-educational, college preparatory school. GAC enrolls over 1,800 students in grades Infant-12 from more than 14 counties and 93 zip codes, including the city of Atlanta. The diverse student body self-identifies as 50% students of color. Of 146 faculty members, 80% hold a master's degree or higher, including 17 doctoral degrees. The average high school classroom size is 16 students.

Accreditation

GAC is accredited by The Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)/AdvancedED/Cognia, the Council on Educational Standards & Accountability (CESA), and the National Christian School Association (NCSA). GAC holds memberships with the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Georgia Independent School Association (GISA), and the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAAIS), the College Board, The National and Southern Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC/SACAC), Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

Service

GAC requires each student to log at least 10 service hours each year as a graduation requirement.

COVID-19 Response

During the 8 weeks of mandated school closure of the 2020 spring semester, GAC shifted all in-person classes to our online school platform, Ethos. Our students completed all non-modified course requirements on the existing grading scale.

In 2020-2021, GAC offered in-person, synchronous, and asynchronous instruction. All options followed our regular curriculum and grading standards. We added an additional 8th period to the day to allow social distancing for in-person classes.

For 2021-2022, GAC opened with the majority of our students choosing to attend in-person classes. At the discretion of their families, students completed classes in-person, synchronous, and asynchronous. The school schedule returned to the typical 7-period day with a modified block period two days of the week.

Graduation Requirements

GAC requires all students to successfully complete our college preparatory curriculum with a minimum of 26 Carnegie Units, designated as follows:

English4 units
Mathematics4 units
Social Sciences3 units
Sciences4 units
Foreign Language2 units
Health/PE1 unit
Bible4 units
Electives4 units

Class of 2023 Statistics

Application Outcomes

Summary:

Total graduates	148
Applications submitted	
Average per student	7
Total acceptances	
Institution Summary:	
Number institutions applied to	213
Number institutions accepted to	170

Percent of Graduates Attending:

Number institutions attending.....

In state	51%
Out of state	49%
Four-year institutions	99%
Two year institutions	
Public institutions	73%
Private institutions	27%

Standardized Testing

SAT Mid - 50%

EBRW	550 - 670
Math	
Combined Score	1110 - 1320

ACT Mid - 50%

Composite.....23 - 29

#AP tests taken	456
# of students taking exam	224
Student Pass Rate	
Exam Pass Rate	

AP Testing - Summary 2023

Includes tests taken from all classes. All students enrolled in an AP class are required to sit for the AP exam.

In 2023, College Board recognized 94 GAC AP Scholars: 35 AP Scholars; 16 AP Scholars with Honor; and 43 AP Scholars with Distinction.

Grade Point Averages

Weighted Cumulative GPA includes all high school courses. Transcripts show unweighted numeric grades. GPA 4-point calculation weights .5 of a quality point for Honors and Dual Credit and 1 quality point for AP courses. GAC does not provide individual student rank.

Evaluation System

Grading Scale

A+	98-100	B-	80-83	D+	73
Α	94-97	C.+	78-79	D	71-72
Α-	90-93	Č	76-77	D-	70
B+	87-89	Č-	74-75	F	Below 70
В	84-86				

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Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

GAC offers 31 Advanced Placement (AP) classes, 29 Honors classes, 20 Dual Credit (DC) classes. AP and Honors courses require minimum PSAT scores, grades, and teacher recommendations. Due to high rigor of AP courses, GAC advises 1 sophomore year, 2 junior year, and 3 senior year as a most demanding curriculum. More AP classes allowed by appeal. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exam.

Language Arts

AP English Literature and Composition* AP Language and Composition' DC Creative Writing 1 & 2* DC English 12 Honors English 9,10 & 11*

Science

AP Biology* AP Chemistry*

AP Computer Science Principles* AP Computer Science A* AP Environmental Science*

AP Physics 1

AP Physics C Mechanics*
AP Physics C Electricity and Magnetism
DC Human Anatomy & Physiology *

DC Physics Honors Biology Honors Chemistry

Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology

Honors Physics

AP Music Theory*

Social Studies

AP Art History* AP European History* AP Human Geography* AP Macroeconomics AP Micreconomics AP Psychology*

AP United States Government and Politics* AP United States History*

AP World History DC Economics

DC Government DC Psychology' DC US History

Mathematics

AP Statistics* AP Calculus AB* AP Calculus BC

Multi-Variable Calculus (Post AP)*

DC Pre-calculus Honors Algebra 1

Honors Algebra 2/Trigonometry

Honors Geometry Honors Math Analysis Honors Pre-calculús

Foreign Language

AP Chinese Language and Culture* AP French Language and Culture*

AP Latin

AP Spanish Language and Culture*

DC Greek' DC Hebrew* DC Latin 4, 5 DC Spanish 5

Honors Chinese 2, 3, 4, 5* Honors French 2, 3, 4, 5* Honors Latin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4, 5

Visual Arts AP 3-D Art & Design AP 2-D Art & Design AP Drawing

DC Advanced 3-D Design

DC Capstone Scholar DC Old Testament Survey DC New Testament Survey DC Introduction to Life Calling*

* Indicates advanced coursework available through Ethos. Full Ethos curriculum also includes 55 college prep offerings.

Curriculum

GAC has a two-semester calendar year. Students are enrolled in 7 classes per semester, earning .5 Carnegie unit for each course taken (excluding a study hall period). In addition to traditional face-to-face learning, GAC students may take online classes through Ethos School, designated with "OL" on transcripts.

Dual Credit Program offers 11th and 12th grade students the opportunity to take selected GAC academic coursework that meets the curriculum standards for college credit through Colorado Christian University.

Hybrid Learning offers students pursuing the arts, athletics, or other focus areas at an elite level to take a half day of classes on campus and the rest through Ethos School.

DC Capstone Scholars, selected by application, are top students who study philosophy, ethics, and theology over the year. The course culminates in a chance to present and defend a thesis for senior Bible credit and DC credit in philosophy.

Ethos. GAC operates The Ethos School, a fully online, asynchronous platform delivering our GAC approved curriculum. www.ethosschool.org

College Acceptances Class of 2023

Abilene Christian University

Agnes Scott College Anderson University

Appalachian State University
Arizona State University-Tempe
Auburn University

Augusta University

Baylor University

Belmont Abbey College Berry College

Birmingham Southern College

Brown University Case Western Reserve University Clark Atlanta University

Clemson University

Colgate University

College of Charleston Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University - Fort Collins Columbia University in the City of New York Columbus State University

Cornell University Covenant College

Davidson College Duke University

Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University -

Daytona Beach

Emory University Emory University
Emory University - Oxford College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Institute of Technology

Florida Southern College

Florida State University Fordham University

Furman University

Gardner-Webb University Geneva College

General College George Mason University Georgia Guinnett College Georgia Institute of Technology - Main Campus Georgia Southern University

Georgia State University Georgia State University - Perimeter College Hampton University

Harding University Harvard University

Hawaii Pacific University High Point University
Howard University

Huston-Tillotson University Indiana State University

Jacksonville State University

Jacksonville University

Kennesaw State University

Lander University

Liberty University

Lipscomb University Louisiana State University

Loyola University Chicago Loyola University New Orleans Lynn University

Marshall University McDaniel College

McGill University Mercer University

Mississippi State University Morehead State University Morehouse College Morgan State Unive

Mount Holyoke College

New York University
North Carolina A & T State University North Carolina State University at Raleigh Northwestern University

Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University - Main Campus Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus Pepperdine University Piedmont University

Presbyterian College

Princeton University **Purdue University - Main Campus**Reinhardt University

Rhodes College

Rice University

Rutgers University - New Brunswick

Samford University
Savannah College of Art & Design Seton Hall University

Shorter University

Soka University of America Southern Methodist University

Southern University at New Orleans Spelman College

Stevens Institute of Technology

Tallahassee Community College Tennessee State Universit

Texas A & M University - College Station Texas Christian University The George Washington University The New School

The University of Alabama
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
(Honors College)

The University of Tampa The University of Tennessee - Chattanooga

The University of Tennessee - Knoxville Toccoa Falls College Tuskegee University

Union College (NY)
United States Naval Academy University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Arizona University of Arizona University of California - Berkeley University of Colorado Boulder University of Colorado Boulder University of Denver

University of Detroit Mercy University of Florida University of Georgia

University of Georgia (Honors) University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign University of Illinois Chicago

University of Kentucky University of Louisville University of Maryland - College Park

University of Miami University of Michigan - Ann Arbor University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

University of Mississippi University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of North Carolina Wilmington University of North Florida

University of North Georgia University of North Georgia - Oconee Campus University of Notre Dame

University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus University of Richmond University of Rochester

University of San Francisco University of South Carolina - Columbia University of South Florida - Main Campus

University of Southern California

University of Outhern California
University of Utah
University of Virginia - Main Campus
University of Washington - Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Valencia College

Vanderbilt University Villanova University Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia State University

Virginia Tech

Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University

Washington University in St. Louis Western Kentucky University Wofford College

Xavier University Xavier University of Louisiana

Bold represents matriculations