



# Woods Charter School

## 2021-22 High School Profile

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- **STUDENT BODY** High school enrollment is 186. Class sizes range from 8-24, promoting student engagement and leadership. Enrollment is capped at 46 students per grade level, the size of each graduating class. We do not rank students.
- **GRADE SCALE** A four-point weighted grade scale includes final grades from WCS courses taken in high school.
- **CLASSES** are year-long, with 52-minute periods of in-person instruction per day. Grades are posted each trimester.
- **ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES** include Standard, Honors, and AP courses within a challenging academic program that builds a broad base of knowledge and allows for inquiry, interests, and opportunities. Individualized academic counseling takes place within the teacher-student advisory model as students plan their academic progress to meet their personal goals. Eligible students may select community college or other outside advanced courses for enrichment. Senior advisors work with small cohorts to guide the college process, with a focus on finding a "good fit" for each student.
- **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** 22 credits are required for graduation, including 4 math, 4 English, 4 social studies, 3 science, 4 electives and Health & Physical Education. Students must accrue 50 hours of community service.
- **CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS** include Project Wayfinder SEL curriculum, Student Government, an 8-week Enrichments program, a robust selection of student-run clubs, varsity athletics, service opportunities, peer mentoring, and access to community college courses.
- Students have access to teacher conferencing, peer tutoring, technology support, advising sessions, and books and other materials. Students are versed in G-Suite for Education tools like Google Sheets, Docs, Scholar, etc.

Woods Charter School was founded in 1998 as a college preparatory secondary school. It has grown to include grades K-12 and maintains a focus on academic excellence.

### 2021 AP Program Highlights

- 21 AP exams offered
- 88 students took 274 AP exams
- 26 AP Scholars
- 8 AP Scholars with Honor
- 20 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 5 National AP Scholars
- 3 AP Capstone Diplomas
- 84% of AP test-takers scored 3, 4, or 5

Woods Charter School operated remotely from March 2019 through March 2020. Students attended school 2.5 days per week April-June 2020.

Fully in-person instruction resumed August 2020.

Due to COVID-19, Spring 2020 grades are marked C19, in accordance with NC law. Year-long, one-credit courses are represented by two half credits during 2020-21.

Five hours of community service were waived for 2019-20

### Student Accomplishments

Our students impact the world beyond Woods with their academic excellence and extracurricular commitments. The 45-member class of 2021 includes:

- ▶ 1 NMSQT semi-finalist
- ▶ 4 NMSQT Commended Students
- ▶ 14 students in advanced outside courses
- ▶ 3 NC Governor's School awardees
- ▶ 17 Scholar-athletes (GPA > 3.5)

| Weighted Grade Scale [Honors courses earn .5 extra points; AP courses earn 1 extra point]* |         |         |        |         |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----|
| Letter                                                                                     | A       | B       | C      | D       | F   |
| % Range                                                                                    | 90 -100 | 80 - 89 | 70 -79 | 60 - 69 | <60 |
| Weight (4.0 scale)                                                                         | 4       | 3       | 2      | 1       | 0   |

# Course Offerings

Students must earn 22 credits to graduate.  
Each year-long course equals one credit.

## English - 4 credits

English I or Honors English I  
English II or Honors English II  
English III or Honors English III  
English IV or Honors English IV or  
AP Literature & Composition

## World Language - 3 credits

French I and II  
Honors French III  
or  
Spanish I and II  
Honors Spanish III

## Math - 4 credits

Math 1  
Math 2 or Honors Math 2  
Math 3 or Honors Math 3  
Math 4 or  
Honors Pre-calculus

## Social Studies - 4 credits

World History or  
Honors World History  
Civics and Economics or  
Honors Civics and Economics  
American History I & II or  
Honors American History I & II or  
AP US History *plus* additional  
social studies elective

## Science - 3 credits

Biology or Honors Biology  
Chemistry or Honors Chemistry  
Honors Environmental Science or  
AP Environmental Science

## Health & Physical Education 1 credit

### 3 Additional Electives

AP Capstone (Seminar, Research)

AP 2-D Art  
Visual Art (Adv., Int., Prof.)  
Music Lab; Honors Music Lab

Honors French IV, and V; AP French  
Language and Culture  
Spanish IV, V (Honors); AP Spanish  
Language and Culture

Computer Science  
Honors Computer Science  
Honors Special Topics in  
Computer Science  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Science Principles  
Principles of Engineering  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics

AP Comparative Gov't & Politics  
AP European History  
History of Human Thought  
Honors History of Human Thought  
AP Psychology

AP Biology/AP Biology Lab  
AP Chemistry  
Marine & Aquatic Science  
Honors Physics

## State Testing Scores

All North Carolina 11th grade students take the ACT.

The 2021 composite average ACT score for the class of 2022 was 26.8.

\*NC 2021 End-of-course proficiency scores declined during the pandemic; historical and projected scores will be higher.

## SAT Scores 2020

|              | EBRW       | Math       |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Woods</b> | <b>629</b> | <b>633</b> |
| <b>NC</b>    | <b>548</b> | <b>540</b> |
| <b>US</b>    | <b>520</b> | <b>510</b> |

## \*NC End-of-Course Proficiency 2020

|            | Woods | NC    |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Math 1     | 63.2  | 25.1  |
| Math 3     | 77.3  | 44.6  |
| Biology    | 63.6  | 45.6  |
| English II | 88.9  | 58.5  |
| ACT        | >95%  | 55.8% |

## Weighted GPA Range Class of 2021

| %    | GPA    |
|------|--------|
| Max  | 4.611  |
| 75th | 4.4164 |
| 50th | 4.2861 |
| 25th | 3.5083 |
| Min  | 2.37   |

## Points of Interest

**Dynamic, dedicated faculty** includes CDC Science Ambassador, Fulbright Distinguished Teacher, NSF Noyce Teacher Mentor, NSF Research Experience for Teachers awardee in Nanotechnology, NEH Summer Institute scholar, 3 National Board Certified Teachers, NC Environmental Educator

**85%** of high school faculty hold advanced degrees

**Ranked 145** by *Newsweek*, **264** by *US News Best High Schools 2020*

**Advisory cohorts** provide guidance and build community

**Annual 8-week experiential learning and enrichment program**

**50 hours of community service** required for graduation

**100% graduation rate** in 2021

**91%** of 2021 graduates college-bound (73% 4-year, 18% 2-year)

**Recent merit scholarship awards** include the Morehead-Cain, Levine Scholars, Benjamin Newton Duke Scholars, National Merit Award, National Hispanic Scholars Award

## College Acceptances 2017-2021

*Appalachian State University*  
*American University*  
*Bard College*  
*Berklee College of Music*  
*Boston College*  
*Bowdoin College*  
*Brigham Young University*  
*Carleton College*  
*Case Western Reserve*  
*Clemson University*  
*Colorado School of Mines*  
*Davidson College*  
*Duke University*  
*Earlham College*  
*East Carolina University*  
*Eckerd College*  
*Elon University*  
*Emory and Henry College*  
*Emory University*  
*Fordham University*  
*Guilford College*  
*Haverford College*  
*Harvard University*  
*Hollins University*  
*Kent State University*  
*Kenyon College*  
*Meredith College*  
*Middlebury College*  
*Mount Holyoke College*  
*Northeastern University*

*North Carolina State University*  
*Oberlin College*  
*Pomona College*  
*Queens University of Charlotte*  
*Reed College*  
*Salem College*  
*Savannah College of Art & Design*  
*Sarah Lawrence College*  
*Sewanee: The University of the South*  
*Smith College*  
*Stanford University*  
*Swarthmore College*  
*Tufts University*  
*US Coast Guard Academy*  
*US Merchant Marine Academy*  
*University of Chicago*  
*University of Florida*  
*University of Georgia*  
*University of Iowa*  
*University of Kentucky*  
*UNC Asheville*  
*UNC Chapel Hill*  
*UNC Charlotte*  
*UNC Greensboro*  
*UNC School of the Arts*  
*UNC Wilmington*  
*University of South Florida*  
*University of Tampa*  
*University of Virginia*  
*Wake Forest University*