



# Scholars Academy High School

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## Dare to Know!

### Mission Statement

The purpose of Scholars Academy is to serve Horry County Schools' most academically capable students at an accelerated rate and level commensurate with their abilities. HCS Scholars Academy is located on the campus of Coastal Carolina University (CCU).

### Academic Opportunities

Scholars Academy offers 19 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, as well as dual-enrollment courses with Coastal Carolina University (CCU) beginning in the second semester of the ninth grade. Students have the opportunity to explore fields of study under the guidance of HCS and CCU and will accumulate approximately two years of college credits with successful completion of AP exams and CCU courses. HCS Scholars Academy is a College Board recognized AP Capstone school. Scholars Academy students have the opportunity to enroll in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) courses through a combination of AP classes and dual-enrollment through CCU. Scholars Academy students also have been afforded opportunities to participate in research activities alongside CCU professors. Scholars Academy's advantages include increased access to teachers during the school day with our Scholars Station and spaces available for peer support and collaborative work.

### Entrance Requirements

Algebra 1 and English 1 are required. Geometry is highly recommended. Students must apply online. Only rising 9th-grade students may apply.

### ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

The Class of 2023 had 13 National Merit Finalists and seven National Merit Scholarship winners. The Class of 2024 has 15



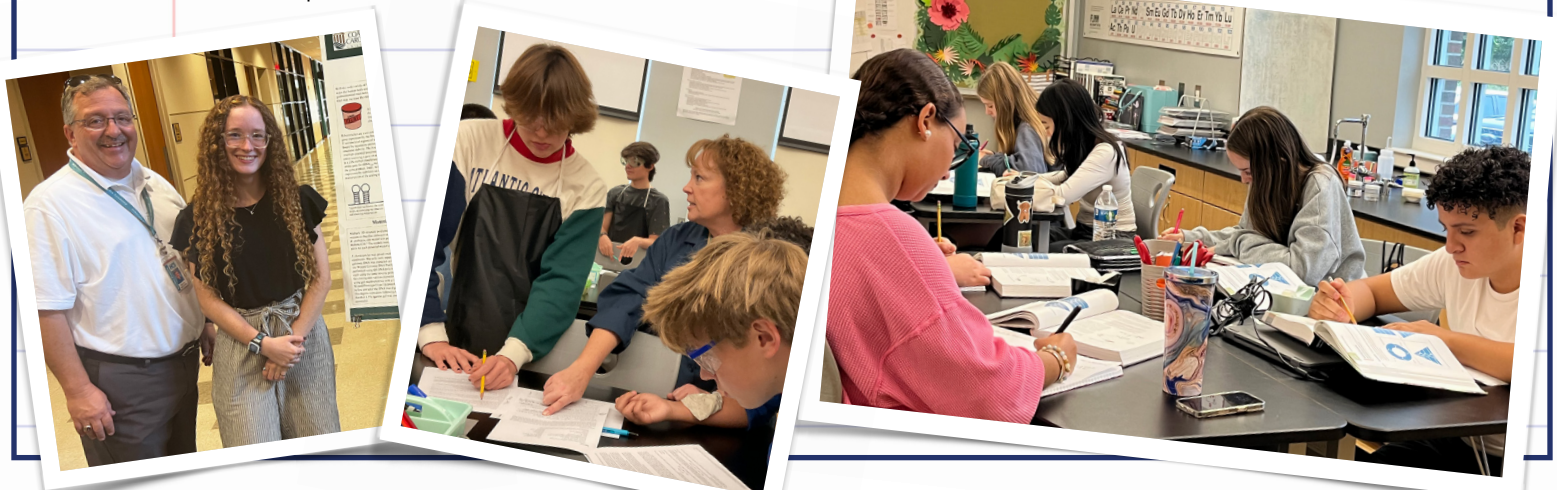
National Merit Semi-Finalists. In 2023, ninth- and tenth-grade classes completed EOC exams in Biology (100% passing rate) and English 2 (100% passing rate), and they successfully completed over 500 dual-enrollment credit hours at Coastal Carolina University with an average college GPA of 3.86. The average SAT score for the Class of 2023 was 1431, and the average ACT score was 31. Scholars Academy had a 97% passage rate for all Advanced Placement tests given in 2023. Students at Scholars Academy completed over 5,500 community service hours during the 2022-2023 school year. The 42 members of the Class of 2023 were offered over \$8 million in scholarships.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is the first year that students enrolled at Scholars Academy will graduate from Scholars Academy High School instead of from their attendance area base schools.

### ATHLETIC AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Scholars Academy has had numerous students who have participated in athletics at their attendance area base schools and advanced to state-level competitions.



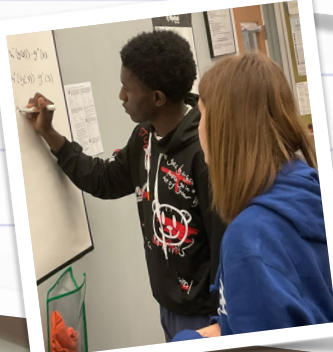


## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

100% of Scholars Academy students were deemed college & career ready, and students from the Class of 2022 gained admission to one or more of the following schools: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cornell University, Stanford University, University of South Carolina Honors College, Clemson University Honors College, Georgia Tech, Duke University, University of Washington (Seattle), University of California (UCLA), College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina University, West Point Military Academy, Colorado School of Mines, University of Delaware, University of Florida, Florida Polytechnic University, Elon University, Erskine College, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Hampton Sidney College, Seton Hill University, Swarthmore College, Tulane University, and Wofford University.

## AP COURSES OFFERED

- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Comparative Government
- AP U.S. History
- AP World History
- AP European History
- AP Human Geography
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics C (Mechanics, Electricity, & Magnetism)
- AP Capstone Seminar
- AP Capstone Research



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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Scholars Academy offers over 15 student-driven clubs, four academic honor societies, and National Honor Society. Students are also eligible to participate in club activities through their attendance-area school. Examples of clubs offered are Robotics, Current Events, Mock Trial, FCA, Biology Club, Interact Club, and Ultimate Frisbee. Scholars also hosts a Winter Formal, Scholars Squad events, field day events, etc.

## FINE ARTS

Students may participate by audition for select CCU ensembles (Choir, Symphonic Band) and may participate in performing arts opportunities at their attendance area high schools. Visual artists may take advanced art courses through CCU. Orchestra students may participate in Long Bay Youth Symphony.

## ATHLETICS

Students participate in athletics through attendance area base schools.



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