

Making Your Way in the Admission Process

Important Dates in the Application Process:

February 1

Cheshire Academy admission application deadline

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Cheshire Academy financial aid application deadline

March 10

Notification of admission decisions and financial aid awards

Early April

Revisit Days at Cheshire Academy for accepted students

April 10

Students are asked to accept Cheshire Academy's offer of admission

A Guide for Parents

In its 225-year history, Cheshire Academy has been known for its program of individualized attention for each student. Parents commend us for meeting students where they are in their academic and social development, and for serving the needs and aspirations of a range of learners. We do this exceptionally well.

As you consider what's next for your child, we sincerely hope you will give CA a close look and that we can make your experience during the admission process an easy one. Most students enter the Academy in their freshman or sophomore year; however, joining the school as a junior, senior or postgraduate is also common, and for some, an opportunity to repeat a year. What all applicants share in common is a desire for top academics in a supportive and attentive high school environment.

Below are the steps to take in the quest for what's next: make a formal inquiry, schedule a campus tour, plan an interview, and apply. We are here to assist you throughout the process and we look forward to getting to know you and your child.

1) Inquire Online or by Phone

If you haven't already done so, please visit CheshireAcademy.org/inquire to complete our online inquiry form. If you prefer, you can call our Admission Office at 203-439-7250 to express your interest in Cheshire Academy and receive more information.

2) Schedule a Campus Tour and Interview

Please call our Admission Office at 203-439-7250 or send an email to admission@cheshireacademy.org to schedule a tour and interview. We host candidates Monday through Friday.

Typical Weekly Admission Visit Schedule

Monday	8:50 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
Tuesday	8:50 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
Wednesday	8:50 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	
Thursday	8:50 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
Friday	8:50 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:55 p.m.

Please allow two to two-and-a-half hours for your visit, which will include a tour of campus led by a student tour guide. After the tour, you and your child will meet separately with one of our Admission Officers for a brief conversation about your child's interests and experiences, as well as your shared goals and aspirations. Please let us know, in advance, if you would like to speak with a specific faculty member or coach about a particular program and we will do our best to arrange a meeting. We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful campus!

3) Register for Standardized Testing

Students who plan to enroll in grades 9 or 10 should register to take the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT). Go to SSAT.org or call (609) 683-4440, to create an account and find testing locations near you. Please remember to list Cheshire Academy as a school to which your student is applying.

Students who plan to enroll in grades 11 or 12, or for a postgraduate year, will be asked to provide PSAT, SAT or ACT scores.

International students should take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is not his or her primary language. Visit ETS.org and use TOEFL code 8672 to specify Cheshire Academy.

4) Complete the Application

Completed applications are due on February 1. Cheshire Academy accepts SSAT's Standard Application Online (SAO), which can be found at SSAT.org/SAO. You can use the same login information created for testing (above). You will be asked to provide:

- Applicant information
- Student essays
- Parent questionnaire
- Transcripts for the current and the previous academic year (we request transcripts from all years of high school for those applying for 11th grade, 12th grade or a postgraduate year)
- Letter of recommendation from a current English teacher
- Letter of recommendation from a current math teacher
- Letter of recommendation from a current guidance counselor or principal
- Standardized Test results (SSAT, SAT, ACT, PSAT, TOEFL, etc.)
- Application fee (\$60 domestic applications; \$150 international applications)

5) Inquire About Financial Aid

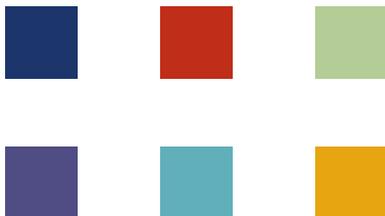
The goal of our financial aid program is to provide access to those who qualify for need-based financial aid and may not be able to otherwise afford The Academy. This year, we awarded \$4.0 million in financial aid with an average award of approximately \$23,500.

Need-based financial aid is determined by School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) and by Cheshire Academy's Financial Aid Committee. While we do have a generous financial aid budget, we cannot guarantee funding to everyone who qualifies.

To be eligible for consideration in the first round of financial aid awards, you must complete your financial aid application by February 1.

To apply, create an online account through the SSS website at SolutionsBySSS.com and submit the Parent Financial Statement (PFS) online. Cheshire Academy's school code is 2362. If you have questions about submitting your PFS, call SSS Customer Service at 800-344-8328.

For more information, as well as forms and publications you can download, you will find links on the financial aid page of our website. You may also contact Rich Ferraro, Cheshire Academy's associate director of financial aid, at 203-439-7304.



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