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Cheshire Academy was founded in 1794. The Academy is a selective independent, coeducational boarding and day school enrolling 316 students in grades 9-12 and a postgraduate year. Cheshire Academy endeavors to enroll students who are eager to pursue their passions and realize their potential. The Academy has a rich tradition of enrolling a diverse student body and providing a student-centered program. Cheshire Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Among other affiliations, the school is a member of the Secondary School Admissions Test Board (SSATB) the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) & the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS).

**CHESHIRE ACADEMY AT A GLANCE\***

- 316 students
- 16 Postgraduates, 106 Seniors, 90 Juniors, 67 Sophomores, 37 Freshmen
- 53% boarding, 47% day
- From 15 states and 23 countries
- 53 full-time faculty
- 70% with advanced degrees (up to M.A. or above)
- Average class size: 11

\* As of September 5, 2020

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Semester system
- Over 115 courses offered in 7 disciplines
- International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme

**CLASS RANK & GPA**

Beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, Cheshire Academy no longer applies weight to the student GPA. The GPA shown on the transcript is unweighted for the student's tenure at the Academy. In addition, as a matter of school policy, students are not ranked.

**REQUIRED GRADUATION CREDITS**

English	4
Mathematics	4
Social Studies	3
Sciences	2
Foreign Language	2
Fine & Performing Arts	1
Academic Electives	4

Twenty academic credits are required for graduation; of these credits, a minimum of five must be earned in the senior year, including one in English.

**CA's RESPONSE to COVID-19**

Students at CA completed the 2020 academic year (3/15-6/1/20) remotely. The 2020-2021 school year was hybrid. For both years, IB & AP exams were waived and traditional grades & credits were awarded.

**GRADING SCALE**

A+	4.33	100-97.0	C-	1.67	72.9-70.0
A	4.00	96.9-93.0	D+	1.33	69.9-67.0
A-	3.67	92.9-90.0	D	1.00	66.9-63.0
B+	3.33	89.9-87.7	D-	0.67	62.9-60.0
B	3.00	86.9-83.0	F	0.00	59.9-00.0
B-	2.67	82.9-80.0	P	Pass	
C+	2.33	79.9-77.0	Inc	Incomplete	
C	2.00	76.9-73.0	W	Withdrawn	

**GPA DISTRIBUTION**

4.23-4.00	10.7% of class
3.99-3.67	32.1% of class
3.66-3.33	23.8% of class
3.32-3.00	15.5% of class
2.99-2.67	10.7% of class
2.66-2.33	3.6% of class
2.32 and under	3.6% of class

\*Class of 2022 as of June 2021

1st Honors - GPA of 3.67 (A-) or higher, no grade lower than a B (3.0)  
2nd Honors - GPA of 3.33 (B+) no grade lower than a C+ (2.33)

**IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**

In 2021, 25 of 29 IB Diploma Programme candidates earned the IB Diploma. Students who elect the IB Diploma Programme choose 6 courses in languages, social studies, mathematics the experimental sciences, & the arts. They also fulfill three requirements: The Extended Essay; Theory of Knowledge; & Creativity, Action, Service. Participation is based on inquiries from students and recommendation by department chairs. All students taking IB course must complete the IB exams.

# COURSES OF STUDY

## ENGLISH

Literature, Culture, & Expression  
World Literature  
World Literature (H)  
College English  
IB English Language & Literature  
SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB English Literature HL II  
IB Literature & Performance SL II  
Contemporary Literature

### *Semester Electives:*

(do not count as 4 required credits)  
Creative Writing I/II  
ELL: Writing, Composition &  
Expression Intermediate  
ELL: Writing, Composition &  
Expression Proficient

### *Deleted from curriculum 9/2017 or later:*

American Literature  
American Literature(H)  
English I(IS)  
English II (IS)  
IB English Literature SL I/II, HLI  
Language & Literature: B

## FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Art Major (H)  
IB Music SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB Theatre SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB Visual Arts SL I/II, HL I/II

### Semester Electives:

Art Exploration (9th)  
(formerly Arts Survey)  
Ceramics  
Digital Imaging  
Dramatic Arts  
Drawing  
Music Skills & Performance  
Music Technology  
Music Theory  
Painting  
Photography  
Songwriting

### *Deleted from curriculum 9/17 or later:*

Acting  
Advanced Painting/Drawing  
Animation  
AP Music Theory  
Design Thinking  
Digital Photography  
Guitar  
Music Performance  
Printmaking  
Sculpture  
Studio Drawing & Painting  
Video Animation

## MATHEMATICS

Integrated Math I  
Integrated Math II; S, A, H  
Integrated Math III; S, A, H  
AP Statistics  
AP Calculus AB  
IB Math: Analysis & Approaches  
SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB Math: Applications &  
Interpretation SL I/II  
IB Computer Science SL I/II  
Data Analysis

### Semester Electives:

Big Data  
Coding  
Web Design  
Modeling Climate Change

### *Deleted from curriculum 9/17 or later:*

Algebra I  
Discrete Math  
Integrated Geometry/Algebra II  
Integrated Geometry/Algebra II/Trig  
Integrated Statistics  
Integrated Calculus Trig (H)  
Java & Program Design  
Precalculus  
Precalculus (H)  
Statistics  
Calculus I  
Coding/Web Design  
ADV Topics in Math (post Calculus)  
IB Math Studies I/II  
IB Math SL I/II, HL I/II

## LANGUAGE

French I, II, III  
Spanish I, II, III  
Novice/ Intermediate Mandarin  
IB French ab initio I/II  
IB Mandarin ab initio I  
IB Spanish ab initio I/II  
IB French SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB Spanish SL I/II, HL I/II

### *Deleted from curriculum 9/17 or later:*

ELL: American Culture I, II  
ELL: Listening and Speaking  
French IV, IV(H), V, V(H)  
Mandarin I, II, III  
IB Mandarin ab initio II  
IB Mandarin SLI, II  
Spanish IV, V  
Spanish II (H), III(H) IV(H)

## HISTORY

US History  
Modern World History  
Modern World History (H)  
IB Economics SL I/II  
IB History SL I/II, HL I/II  
Global Issues (PG)  
American Government & Constitution  
Contemporary History  
Human Psychology

### Semester Electives:

Philosophy  
Macroeconomics  
Microeconomics

### *Deleted from curriculum 9/17 or later:*

AP Psychology  
U.S. History (IS) (H)  
Economics  
World Cultures I, II (IS)  
US Cultures (IS)  
Psychology I, II  
Health & Wellness (9th)  
History of the Ancient World  
History of the Ancient World (H)  
Current World Issues  
IB History of the Americas  
SL I/II, HL I/II

## SEMINARS & OTHER COURSES

9th-Grade Seminar- 1 Semester  
Heroes, Quests, & Rites of Passage  
Improv, Creativity, & Divergent Thinking  
The Environment, Justice, & You  
Postgraduate Seminar  
IB Theory of Knowledge I, II

## SCIENCE

Integrated Science  
Chemistry  
Chemistry (H)  
Physics  
IB Biology SLI, HL I/II  
IB Chemistry SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB Physics SL I/II, HL I  
IB Sports/Exercise/Health Science SL

### Semester Electives:

Biotechnology & Forensics  
Engineering  
Environmental Science

### *Deleted from curriculum 9/17 or later:*

Anatomy & Physiology I,II  
Biology  
Biology (H)  
IB Chemistry SL  
IB Biology SL  
Physics (ADV)  
IB Environmental Systems &  
Society SL  
IB Physics HL1

**\*All Cheshire Academy Courses are College Preparatory**

### Important Abbreviations

**A: Accelerated**

**Adv: Advanced**

**H: Honors**

**S: Standard**

**SL: Standard Level**

**HL: Higher Level**