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Cheshire Academy was founded in 1794. The Academy is a selective independent, coeducational boarding and day school enrolling 350 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*

- 350 students
- Postgraduate: 21, 12th Grade: 90, 11th Grade: 86, 10th Grade 80, 9th Grade: 74
- 56% boarding, 44% day
- Students from 11 states & 22 countries
- 53 full-time faculty
- 66% with advanced degrees
- Average class size: 12

* As of August 8, 2023

ACADEMIC INFORMATION & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Semester system
- Over 135 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 and AP exams were waived. The 2021-2023 school years were conducted in person; IB and AP exams were given. For all years traditional grades and 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C	2.00	76.9-73.0	W	Withdrawn	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

4.22-4.00	9.52% of class
3.99-3.67	35.72% of class
3.68-3.33	21.43% of class
3.32-3.00	22.62% of class
2.99-2.67	8.33% of class
2.66-2.33	2.38% of class

*Class of 2024 as of June 2023

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 2023, 14 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, and Service. Participation is based on inquiries from students and recommendations by department chairs. All students taking an IB course must complete the IB exams.

COURSES OF STUDY

ENGLISH

College English (PG)
Contemporary Literature
Creative Writing Fiction (.5 Credit)
Creative Writing Nonfiction (.5 Credit)
Expressions of Community
Expressions of Identity
Expressions of Place
IB English Language & Literature
SL I/II, HL I/II
IB English Literature SL II, HL I/II
IB Literature & Performance SL
Revolutionary Literature

ELL

(does not count as 4 required credits)
ELL: Writing, Composition &
Expression Intermediate
ELL: Writing, Composition &
Expression Proficient

Deleted from curriculum 9/2019 or later:

American Literature
American Literature (H)
Creative Writing I/II
English I (IS)
English II (IS)
IB Literature & Performance SLII
Language & Literature: A, B
Literature, Culture, & Expression
World Literature (H), (S)

HISTORY/ SOCIAL SCIENCE

American Studies
American Government & Constitution
Contemporary History
Global Issues (PG)
Human Psychology
IB Economics SL I/II, HL I/II
IB Geography SL
IB History SL II, HL I/II
Modern World History (H), (S)
U.S. History on the World Stage

Semester Electives:

Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Philosophy

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2019
or later:*

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

MATHEMATICS/ COMPUTER SCIENCE

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

Semester Electives:

Big Data
Coding
Web Design

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2019
or later:*

AP Calculus AB
Discrete Math
IB Math Studies SL II
IB Math SL I/II, HL I/II
Integrated Statistics
Integrated Calculus
Java & Program Design
Modeling Climate Change

LANGUAGE

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

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2019
or later:*

French I, II, III,
Mandarin I, II, III, IV
IB Mandarin SL II
Spanish I, II, II (H), III, III (H)

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

Important Abbreviations

A: Accelerated
Adv: Advanced
IS: International Students
H: Honors
S: Standard
SL: Standard Level
HL: Higher Level

SCIENCE

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

Semester Electives:

Biotechnology & Forensics
Engineering
Environmental Science

Deleted from curriculum 9/2019 or later:

Anatomy & Physiology I, II
Astronomy
Biology / Biology (H)
Chemistry / Chemistry (H)
IB Biology SL
IB Environmental Systems &
Society SL
Health & Wellness 9th

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Art Major
IB Literature & Performance SL
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
Music Major

Semester Electives:

Acting & Directing
Ceramics
Digital Imaging
Drawing
Music Fundamentals
Music Production
Music Skills & Performance
Painting
Photography
Playwriting
Printmaking
Theater Production

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2019
or later:*

Art Major (H)
Art Exploration/ Arts Survey
Advanced Painting/Drawing
AP Music Theory
Design Thinking
Digital Photography
Dramatic Arts
Music Performance
Music Technology
Music Theory
Songwriting

SEMINARS & OTHER COURSES

9th-Grade Seminar- 1 Semester

Heroes, Myths, & Rites of Passage
Improv, Creativity, & Divergent Thinking
Lyrics, Pop Music, & Empathy
The Environment, Justice, & You
The Science of Emotions

10th-Grade Seminar- 1 Semester

Media & News Consumption
Music in Popular Culture & Society
Representation of Women on Stage & Screen
The French Connection in Connecticut
Understanding Human Rights

Postgraduate Seminar

IB Theory of Knowledge I, II
The Art of Argument