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Cheshire Academy was founded in 1794. The Academy is a selective independent, coeducational boarding and day school enrolling 359 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\***

- 359 students
- Postgraduate: 8, 12th Grade: 89, 11th Grade: 97, 10th Grade 90, 9th Grade: 75
- 56% boarding, 44% day
- Students from 11 states & 18 countries
- 55 full-time faculty
- 66% with advanced degrees
- Average class size: 12

\* As of August 5, 2024

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Semester system
- Over 125 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	3
Social Studies	3
Sciences	2
Foreign Language	2
Fine & Performing Arts	1
Academic Electives	3-4

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**

The 2021-2024 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	89.9-87.0	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C	2.00	76.9-73.0	W	Withdrawn	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**

4.17-4.00	13.95% of class
3.99-3.67	37.21% of class
3.66-3.33	24.42% of class
3.32-3.00	9.30% of class
2.99-2.67	4.65% of class
2.66-2.33	8.14% of class
<2.32	2.33% of class

\*Class of 2025 as of June 2024

- 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 2024, 19 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

Contemporary Literature  
Expressions of Community  
Expressions of Identity  
Expressions of Place  
IB English Language & Literature SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB English Literature HL I/II  
IB Literature & Performance SL  
Revolutionary Literature

Semester Electives:  
Creative Writing Fiction  
Creative Writing Nonfiction

### ELL

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

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2020 or later:*

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

### HISTORY/ SOCIAL SCIENCE

American Studies  
American Government & Constitution  
Human Psychology  
IB Economics SL I/II, HL I/II  
IB Environmental Systems & Society SL\*  
IB Geography SL  
IB History HL I/II  
Modern World History (H), (S)  
U.S. History on the World Stage

Semester Electives:  
Contemporary History  
Global Issues  
Macroeconomics  
Microeconomics  
Philosophy

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2020 or later:*

AP Psychology  
Global Issues (PG)  
IB History SL I, II  
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 9/2020 or later:*

AP Calculus AB  
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 Chinese A Literature\*\*  
IB Mandarin ab initio SL II  
Novice Spanish  
Intermediate Spanish  
IB Spanish ab initio SL I/II  
IB Spanish SL I/II, HL I/II

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2020 or later:*

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

### SCIENCE

Integrated Science I/ II/ II (H)  
IB Biology SL II, HL I/II  
IB Chemistry SL I/II, HL II  
IB Environmental Systems & Society SL\*  
IB Physics HL I/ II  
IB Sports/Exercise/Health Science SL  
Physics

Semester Electives:

Astronomy  
Biotechnology & Forensics  
Engineering  
Environmental Science

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Anatomy & Physiology I, II  
Biology / Biology (H)  
Chemistry / Chemistry (H)  
IB Biology SL, SL I  
IB Chemistry HL I  
IB Physics SL I/II  
Integrated Life Science  
Integrated Physical Science  
Health & Wellness 9th

### SEMINARS & OTHER COURSES

9th-Grade Seminar- 1 Semester  
Heroes, Myths, & Rites of Passage  
Lyrics, Pop Music, & Empathy  
The Environment, Justice, & You  
The Science of Emotion  
Postgraduate Seminar  
IB Theory of Knowledge I, II  
The Art of Argument

*Deleted from curriculum 9/2020 or later:*

10th-Grade Seminar- 1 Semester  
Media & News Consumption  
Music in Popular Culture & Society  
Representation of Women on Stage & Screen  
The French Connection in Connecticut

### 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 9/2020 or later:*

Art Major (H)  
Art Exploration/ Arts Survey  
Design Thinking  
Digital Photography  
Dramatic Arts  
Music Technology  
Music Theory  
Songwriting

## 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  
\*Course can count as a Social Science or Lab Science  
\*\*Course can count a Literature for native Mandarin Speakers & qualify students for IB Bilingual Diploma