

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

Gain an Additional Year of College Prep and Succeed

Cheshire Academy offers a Postgraduate (PG) program for students looking to strengthen and develop their academic skills and prepare for their next step of attending college. As a PG student at Cheshire, you'll be "all in" – joining clubs, athletic teams, music and theater productions. With access to upper-level coursework and challenging International Baccalaureate® classes, you'll be immersed in campus culture and community from Day 1.

Why Should I Choose Cheshire Academy's PG Program?

There are many reasons students choose Cheshire Academy's Postgraduate Program. Do you want to strengthen your academic profile and prepare for the college application process. Are you looking for an opportunity to hone your athletic skills with another year on the field or court? For the international student, the postgrad year at CA offers a chance to acclimate to the different learning and living environment in the United States.

With Cheshire Academy's four-year, comprehensive college counseling, athletic placement record, and experience with international students, you'll be well-prepared for your exciting next step.



Benefit from a Postgrad Year at Cheshire Academy

As a postgraduate, you'll get the gift of time. Time to grow – academically, athletically, mentally, and emotionally. Your PG year at Cheshire Academy will be rich with opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.

You'll be surrounded by a caring community with plenty of academic and extracurricular opportunities to explore and a top-notch college counseling and coaching team to support your goals.

20+
COMPETITIVE
SPORTS TEAMS



100%
COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

11

CLASSES
OFFERED

140

7:1

STUDENT-FACULTY
RATIO

Your Postgraduate Outcomes

From a college perspective, you'll be competitive in the application process and more confident with our professional counselors' guidance and a full year of academic progress.

From a general perspective, PG families often tell us how much their student has grown at Cheshire. Boarding students learn how to live collaboratively, and all students get to know classmates from around the world in a deeply caring environment. You'll leave for college significantly more prepared than when you arrived.

Be a Part of the Community

At Cheshire Academy, you won't be separated in a PG bubble. You'll be fully involved in our busy campus life. You will have full access to clubs, organizations, and teams and be eligible for leadership positions across the community. You'll live, learn, study, and graduate with your friends and classmates.

Thrive Academically

From the moment you decide CA is where you want to be, you'll be partnered with a college counselor, who will work with you and your family to identify the classes that best fit your interests, next steps in sequencing, and future academic goals. Together you'll embark on a highly personalized partnership that will support you in every step of the college counseling process – from college research to application preparation, essay writing to test prep, NCAA eligibility, and beyond.

A PG year is not just a fifth year of high school. It's a chance to continue to grow academically, explore parts of Cheshire's rigorous International Baccalaureate® Programme, and deeply invest in our academic program. With more than 140 classes offered, you'll pursue your interests and passions while preparing for the increased workload of the college level.



Your Future in the Arts

Postgraduate students are eligible for the yearlong Music Major and Art Major programs, designed for students considering majoring in art or music at the university level. Art majors are given personal workspace and access to CA's digital lab, ceramics room, and printmaking equipment to make their ideas reality. The Music Major offers honors-level music students an opportunity to express themselves through ensemble work, private lessons, and frequent opportunities to perform. Our Music and Art Major graduates have gone on to such prestigious schools as Berklee College of Music, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Savannah College of Art & Design, Parsons School of Design, Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture, Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University, and more.



Prepare for Next-Level Athletics

Postgraduate students at CA are eligible to participate in all athletics and prepare for sports on the collegiate level. Cheshire Academy coaches actively work to gain exposure for our talented athletes and we have a high placement record for many of our alums.

BY THE NUMBERS

At Cheshire Academy, the stats speak for themselves. In addition to their other pursuits, recent graduates by and large have gone on to play sports on the collegiate level.

93%

PGs in Collegiate Athletics
3-year avg.

2024 – 94% | 2023 – 90% | 2022 – 93%



COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Postgraduates from Cheshire Academy have earned spots at top institutions, such as:

- Berklee College of Music
- Endicott College
- Colgate University
- James Madison University
- New York University
- Pace University
- Pratt Institute
- Old Dominion University
- Scranton University
- SUNY Buffalo
- Syracuse University
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Hartford
- University of Miami
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of Tampa
- Yale University
- ...and many more!