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Cheshire Academy was founded in 1794. The Academy is a selective independent, coeducational boarding and day school enrolling 367 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*

- 367 students
- Postgraduate: 16, 12th Grade: 105, 11th Grade: 104, 10th Grade 78, 9th Grade: 64
- 48% boarding, 52% day
- Students from 24 states & 14 countries
- 60 full-time faculty
- 67% with advanced degrees
- Average class size: 11

* As of August 31, 2026

ACADEMIC INFORMATION & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Semester system
- Over 138 courses offered in 7 disciplines
- International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme
- International Baccalaureate® Bilingual Diploma
- Global Citizenship Distinction

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	1.5
Academic Electives	4-5

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.

Global Citizenship Distinction

A companion to the highly regarded International Baccalaureate® Diploma, Cheshire Academy offers a separate Diploma Distinction in Global Citizenship (GC). This distinction is a concentration within the academic program for students interested in pursuing an education with greater focus on sustainability, service, leadership, and diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

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

4.14-4.00	9.8% of class
3.99-3.68	33% of class
3.67-3.33	24.3% of class
3.32-3.00	18.4% of class
2.99-2.67	8.8% of class
2.66-2.33	1.9% of class
<2.32	3.8% of class
Class of 2027 as of June 2026	

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 2026, 76% of IB Diploma Programme candidates earned the IB Diploma. Five students also received the IB's Bilingual 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

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
Journalism & Multimedia Reporting

Semester Courses:

Creative Writing Fiction
Creative Writing Nonfiction
Genre Fiction
Literary Theory: Class
Literary Theory: Gender
Literary Theory: Race

ELL

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

Inactive:

Contemporary Literature
IB English Literature SL I/II
Literature & the Environment
Revolutionary Literature

HISTORY/ SOCIAL SCIENCE

Eastern & Western Civilization
Human Psychology
IB Economics SL I/II, HL I/II
IB Env Systems & Society SLI/II
IB Global Politics SL I/II
IB History HL I/II
Modern World History
U.S. History on the World Stage
World Religions

Semester Courses:

American Government & Constitution
Contemporary History
Global Conflict Resolutions
Global Issues
Power of Voice

Inactive:

American Studies
The Art of Argument
Global Issues (PG)
IB History SL I, II
IB History of the Americas
SL I/II, HL I/II
Macroeconomics/Microeconomics
Modern World History (H)
Philosophy
U.S. History (H), (S)

MATHEMATICS/ COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Statistics
IB Math: Analysis & Approaches
SL I/II, HL I/II
IB Math: App & Interpretation
SL I/II
IB Computer Science SL I/II
Integrated Math I
Integrated Math II (A), (D), (S)
Integrated Math III (A), (D), (S)

Semester Course:

Big Data
Coding
Functions Analysis
Logic & Probability
Math Fluency
Modeling
Numeracy
Trigonometry
Web Design

Inactive:

AP Calculus AB
Data Analysis
Modeling Climate Change

LANGUAGE

Novice French
Intermediate French
IB French ab initio SL I/II
IB French SL I/II, HL I/II
IB Chinese A Literature SL I/II*
Novice Spanish
Intermediate Spanish
IB Spanish ab initio SL I/II
IB Spanish SL I/II, HL I/II

Inactive:

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

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology
Integrated Life Science
Integrated Physical Science
Integrated Science I
IB Biology HL I/II
IB Chemistry SL I/II
IB Env. Systems & Society SL I/II
IB Physics HL I/ II
Physics

Semester Courses:

Astronomy
Ecology
Engineering
Environmental Science
Forensic Science
Genetics
Nutrition Science
STEM Research & Methodology
Sustainable Energy

Inactive:

Anatomy & Physiology I, II
Biology / Biology (H)
Biotechnology & Forensics
Chemistry / Chemistry (H)
IB Biology SL I/II
IB Chemistry HL I/II
IB Sports/Exercise/Health Science SL
IB Physics SL I/II
Integrated Science II/ II (H)

SEMINARS & OTHER COURSES

9th-Grade Seminar
Global Citizenship Seminar
Postgraduate Seminar
IB Theory of Knowledge I, II

Deleted from curriculum 9/2022 or later:

9th-Grade Seminar- 1 Semester (Heroes, Myths, & Rites of Passage, Lyrics, Pop Music, & Empathy, The Environment, Justice, & You, The Science of Emotion)
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 Courses:

Acting & Directing
American Musical
Ceramics
Digital Imaging
Drawing
Music & Pop Culture
Music Fundamentals
Music Production
Music Skills & Performance
Painting
Photography
Printmaking
Theater Tech & Design

Inactive:

Art Major (H)
Art Exploration
Digital Photography
Dramatic Arts
Music Technology
Music Theory
Playwriting
Songwriting
Theater Production

For full Curriculum Guide information [click here](#)

All Cheshire Academy Courses are College Preparatory

Important Abbreviations

A: Accelerated
Adv: Advanced
IS: International Students
H: Honors
H*: Beginning 2025-2026 Honors Distinction is available in all non-IB courses
S: Standard
SL: Standard Level
HL: Higher Level
*Course can count a Literature for native Mandarin Speakers & qualify students for the IB Bilingual Diploma