



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE ACADEMY

NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS

2023-2024

CEEB Code: 143211



OUR MISSION

Christian Heritage Academy exists to equip and inspire students to be lifetime followers of Jesus Christ who love and serve others.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that every CHA student is rooted in a deep love for God, known within our community, engaged in educational excellence, and inspired to make a difference.

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES (ESOs)

CHA graduates:

- Walk in God's Ways
- Seek and Speak the Truth
- Think Critically, Creatively, & Collaboratively
- Explore God's Diverse World
- Excel in their Gifts
- Love Courageously

OUR DISTINCTIVES

As a school, Christian Heritage Academy is:

- Independent
- Parent-Governed
- Educationally Excellent
- Based on Biblical Values
- For the Children of Christian Families

UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

A 40-Year Legacy of Excellence

Christian Heritage Academy's Upper School continues the high standard of education set by our Preschool–8th Grade program that began in 1984. Our Upper School was established in 2009 to provide a college-preparatory, academically excellent learning environment for students in grades 9-12 that fosters enthusiasm, intellectual curiosity, and spiritual growth.

Our Program

Christian Heritage Academy's Upper School offers a distinctly Christian education, with an in-depth, spiritually rich curriculum at a college-preparatory level. The academic program is demanding and competitive with the best schools in the state, offering regular, honors and AP courses as well as dual credit courses with participating universities. With a low faculty-student ratio, our intentionally small classrooms provide a stimulating environment for learning, in-depth inquiry and exchange of ideas. Students are taught at every grade level to integrate facts, concepts and biblical principles, transferring information from one discipline to another. From the sciences and math to social studies and English, the Upper School uses a multi-disciplinary approach to foster critical thinking, intellectual engagement, creativity, and a holistic development of the student's character. A broad spectrum of learning and leadership experiences develops students who are both competent and confident, well-equipped for life and the rigors of college.

Faculty Distinctions

Certified by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), our Upper School faculty serve as "Living Curriculum Teachers," role models who live what they teach. Whether instructing in a classroom or building relationships with students, these articulate men and women demonstrate Christ-like servant leadership on a daily basis. They prayerfully guide their students toward intellectual and spiritual maturity, with a humble recognition that "a student...who is fully trained, will be like their teacher" (Luke 6:40 NIV). Our mentoring program is an important distinction of the Upper School experience. Furthermore, our faculty has an average of 14 years of experience in the classroom, and over 54% of our faculty/administration hold a Master's degree or higher and exemplify a lifelong love of learning, in addition to service in the Christian community.



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Honors and Recognitions

- Ranked by Niche.com, #1 Christian High School in Illinois (2018-25)
#14 Best College Prep Private High School in Illinois (2025)
- Accredited by Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Accredited by Cognia
- Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Approved School of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA)

Enrollment 2023-24

Upper School: 95
Class of 2024: 26
Total PK-12: 444

Awards and Honors

Class of 2024 National AP Scholar with Honor: 3
National AP Scholar: 3
Illinois State Scholar: 4

Class of 2023 National AP Scholar with Honor: 2
National AP Scholar: 3
Illinois State Scholar: 4

Class of 2022 National AP Scholar with Distinction: 2
National AP Scholar with Honor: 1
National AP Scholar: 5

Class of 2021 National AP Scholar with Distinction: 3
National AP Scholar with Honor: 2
National AP Scholar: 1
Illinois State Scholar: 4

Advanced Placement Course Offerings

AP Calculus AB	AP Precalculus
AP Calculus BC	AP Psychology
AP European History	AP Statistics
AP Human Geography	AP U.S. History

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percentage Scale	GPA unweighted (all subjects Unweighted) ⁴	GPA weighted (Academic Weighted) ⁵
A	90-100%	4.0	5.0
B	80-89%	3.0	4.0
C	70-79%	2.0	3.0
D	60-69%	1.0	2.0
F	below 60%	0.0	0.0

⁴ GPA (All-Subjects Unweighted): All courses (except Pass/Fail and Transfer courses) are considered in the All-Subjects Unweighted GPA calculation.

⁵ GPA (Academic Weighted): Only courses in the departments of Bible, English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are considered in the Academic Weighted GPA calculation. All Honors, AP, and dual credit courses receive an additional +1.0 GPA point.

CHA Upper School does not rank students.

ACT Scores Summary

Year	No. of Students Tested	Mean ¹				
		English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2024	50	25.4	23.9	24.7	22.5	24.2
2023	25	25.7	25.4	26.2	24.0	25.4
2022	20	26.4	25.1	28	24.1	26
2021	7	28.7	28.6	30.4	28.7	29.1

¹ Calculations based on students' highest composite score.

Dual Credit Opportunity

None offered in 2023-24



“ At CHA , the teachers prepared me well for college. Most importantly, they prayed for me and taught me about God.”
Caroline. (CHA Alumna, 2021)

Global and Local Service Learning Trips

- Dominican Republic (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)
- Costa Rica (2015)
- Cuba (2019)
- Texas border (2019)
- Chicago (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Nashville (2021, 2022)

Other Service Learning Opportunities

- Kids Alive International, Dominican Republic, an orphanage and rescue program for at-risk children
- LYDIA Home Association, Chicago, a safe home for children
- Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, a homeless shelter
- Center for Enriched Living, Chicago, a home for people with developmental disabilities
- Exodus World Service, welcome and support for refugees
- Willow Creek Care Center, Barrington
- Feed My Starving Children
- Food Collections for: Northfield Food Pantry, G.R.I.P., North Chicago Community Partners, Cityline Bible Church Food Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Kindred Life Ministries, support for teen parents
- Senior Centers: Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, Covenant Village
- HoneyRock, center for leadership development
- Breakthrough Urban Ministries, Chicago

Athletics

CHA Upper School participates in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Current athletic offerings include: Basketball, Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball.

IHSA Championships:

- Girls' Volleyball (Regional: 2013, 2017, 2021)
- Girls' Basketball (Regional: 2014, 2020)
- Girls' Soccer (Regional: 2015)
- Boys' Golf (Regional Finalist: 2017, 2023; Sectional Finalist: 2017, 2023; State Finalist: 2017, 2023)
- Boys' Cross Country (Regional Finalist: 2014, 2016, 2017)
- Girls' Cross Country (Regional Finalist: 2014, 2016; Sectional Finalist: 2016; State Finalist: 2016)

Clubs

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| National Honor Society | Technology Club | Creative Writing Club |
| Service Club | Tutoring Club | Asian Culture Immersion Club |
| Student Council | Worship Team | & many more! |

Fine Arts

- Vocal Music (Soli Deo Choir)
- Instrumental Music (Band)
- Musical Productions: *Disney's Little Mermaid JR* (2024), *Cinderella* (2018), *Beauty and the Beast* (2016), *Fiddler on the Roof* (2014), *Sound of Music* (2012)
- Dramatic Productions: *Peter Pan* (2023), *The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong* (2022), *Little Women* (2019), *And a Child Shall Lead* (2018), *It's a Wonderful Life* (2017), *Pride and Prejudice* (2015)

College Matriculation: Classes of 2013-2024

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| Abilene Christian University (TX) | Loyola University–Chicago (IL) |
| Asbury University (KY) | Michigan Technological University |
| Azusa Pacific University (CA) | Moody Bible Institute (IL) |
| Baylor University (TX) | Mount Holyoke (MA) |
| Belmont University (TN) | North Park University (IL) |
| Biola University (CA) | Northern Illinois University |
| Bradley University (IL) | Northwestern University (IL) |
| Butler University (IN) | Oakton Community College (IL) |
| Calvin University (MI) | Olivet Nazarene University (IL) |
| Cedarville University (OH) | Palm Beach Atlantic University (FL) |
| Columbia College of Chicago (IL) | Purdue University (TN) |
| Concordia University–Mequon (IL) | Saint Louis College of Pharmacy (MO) |
| Cornell College (IA) | Saint Louis University (MO) |
| DePaul University (IL) | Samford University (AL) |
| Drake University (IA) | School of Visual Arts (NY) |
| Duke University (NC) | Southern Illinois University–Carbondale |
| Elmhurst College (IL) | St. Cloud State University (MN) |
| Geneva College (PA) | Trinity College (IL) |
| Grove City College (PA) | Trinity International University (IL) |
| Harper College (IL) | University of Houston (TX) |
| Hope College (MI) | University of Illinois - Chicago |
| Illinois State University | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign |
| Illinois Wesleyan University (IL) | University of Michigan |
| Indiana University | University of Minnesota |
| Indiana Wesleyan University | University of Oklahoma |
| Judson University (IL) | University of Redlands (CA) |
| Kentucky Welding Institute | Urshan College (MO) |
| Lake Forest College (IL) | Vanderbilt University (TN) |
| Liberty University (VA) | Wellesley College (MS) |
| Lipscomb University (TN) | Western Illinois University |
| | Wheaton College (IL) |
| | Wilbur Wright College (IL) |

CHA Course Offerings

Subject	Semester Credits Required for Graduation			Dual Credit AP	
	Regular	Honors	Credit		
Bible	8				
Bible I (Old Testament)	•				
Bible II (New Testament)	•				
Bible III (Systematic Theology)	•				
Bible IV (Christian Ethics & Contemporary Issues)	•				
English	8				
English I	•	•			
English II	•	•			
American Literature	•	•			
Literature of Man's Quest for Meaning	•	•			
Mathematics	6				
Algebra I	•	•			
Geometry	•	•			
Algebra II	•	•			
Pre-Calculus	•				•
AP Calculus AB					•
AP Calculus BC					•
AP Statistics					•
Science & Applied Sciences	6				
Physics	•	•			
Chemistry	•	•			
Biology	•	•			
Environmental Science	•	•			
Social Studies	8				
Human Geography	•				•
European History	•				•
U.S. History	•				•
Psychology	•				•
Physical Education	8				
Fit for Life	•				
Strength & Conditioning	•				



Subject	Semester Credits Required for Graduation			Dual Credit AP	
	Regular	Honors	Credit		
World Language	(recommended)				
Spanish I	•	•			
Spanish II	•	•			
Spanish III	•	•			
Fine Arts & Technology Electives	2				
Drama					
Theatre	•				
Music					
Instrumental Ensemble	•				
Concert Choir	•				
Chamber Choir	•				
Visual Arts (one-semester electives)					
2-D Art	•				
Drawing and Painting	•				
3-D Art	•				
Sculpture and Ceramics	•				
Yearbook	•				
Technology (one-semester electives)					
Webpage Design	•				
Life Courses	4				
Health (required)	•				
Civics (required)	•				
Intro to Communication	•				
College & Career Prep I	•				
College & Career Prep II	•				
Consumer Education	•				
Electives	4				
Senior Seminar (required for seniors)	•				

Graduation Requirement: 52 Semester Credits



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