

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2011-2012

ATHENS ACADEMY



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SCHOOL

Athens Academy is an independent non-profit college preparatory co-educational school founded in 1967. The school is located on a 154-acre wooded site south of Athens, Georgia. The school enrollment is 954 students in pre-school through grade twelve. There are 297 students in the Upper School, grades 9-12. The curriculum provides general college preparatory and honors programs. The college preparatory program will adequately prepare the student for the college of his realistic choice. The honors program offers students of outstanding ability and performance the opportunity to accelerate their studies. The College Board Advanced Placement Program is offered as an outgrowth of the Academy's honors program. Art, music, physical education and drama classes are offered in addition to the traditional academic disciplines. Co-curricular activities include clubs, student service organizations, and a full athletic program. Enrollment is open to people of all races, religions, and national origins. The total number of graduates since 1971 is 2,039.

ACCREDITATION

The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS.) The school holds memberships in NAIS, GISA, CEEB, CSS, ERB, NACAC, SACAC, ACCIS and The Cum Laude Society.

COURSES AND GRADING

Athens Academy operates on a two-semester calendar year with each semester concluding with the semester examination which constitutes one-fourth of the semester grade. The final grade for the year is determined by the average of the two semester grades. Each two-semester academic course yields one Carnegie unit of credit.

Graduation requirements include nineteen academic units and three additional units for a total of twenty-two Carnegie units of credit. While the number of Upper School credits required for graduation will remain the same (22 total, 19 academics), students graduating in 2012 and beyond will be required to earn a minimum of four units of Upper School-level mathematics and four units of Upper School-level science. Algebra I, Physical Science, and Foreign Language taken in the eighth grade count toward this distribution requirement. The nineteen academic units must include:

ACADEMIC COURSES

English	4 units
Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)	3 units
History (American History)	3 units
Science (Biology)	3 units
Foreign Language (In the same language)	2 units
Academic Electives	4 units

NON-ACADEMIC COURSES AND ELECTIVES

Fine Arts (Music, Drama, or Studio Art)	1 unit
Physical Education (Health)	1 unit
Any other academic or non-academic elective	1 unit

GRADE POINT AVERAGE/CLASS RANK

Athens Academy does not report class rank. Because of Athens Academy's selective admissions policy and its demanding college preparatory curriculum, the specific ranking of students requires making distinctions based on too fine a margin.

The ranges of the weighted cumulative grade point averages for grades 9-12 by thirds are given below. **Advanced Placement and honors courses are weighted in the cumulative weighted GPA calculation but not on the transcript.** Six points are added to the cumulative weighted GPA for Advanced Placement courses and three points for honors. The highest GPA possible is 4.0.

Grade Distribution for the Class of 2012 (grades 9-11):

Third	Range of Weighted GPAs	Mean Weighted GPA
1	4.0-3.8	3.96
2	3.73-3.4	3.61
3	3.30-2.27	3.01

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

From 1998 to 2011, eighty-two Athens Academy students were named Semifinalists in the National Merit Program and one hundred twenty-five were named as Commended Students. In the National Achievement Program, four students were named Semifinalists and five Commended Students. In the National Hispanic Scholar Program, five were named Semifinalists.

Athens Academy admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin.

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PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2012

- There are 77 students in the 2012 senior class.
- Thirteen have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program, five as semifinalists and eight as commended.
- Fifty are enrolled in a total of 122 AP classes in: English Literature and Composition, Microeconomics, Calculus AB and BC, Biology, Physics, French Language, Spanish Language and Latin Vergil. Thirty-seven seniors also took a total of 97 AP courses prior to the twelfth grade.
- Forty-five percent of the class have completed or are enrolled in AP English, twenty-five percent have completed or are enrolled in AP Calculus, and twenty-seven percent are enrolled in three or more AP courses.
- Fifty-one percent have taken four years of the same foreign language.
- Eighty-six percent have taken biology, chemistry, and physics.
- The top third of the class have cumulative grade point averages ranging between 4.0-3.8. The middle third have cumulative averages ranging between 3.73-3.4. The final third have averages ranging between 3.38-2.27.
- The projected middle fifty percent of SAT combined scores for the class is 1130-1410/1700-2110; the critical reading is 570-690, the math is 560-720, and the writing is 570-700.
- One hundred percent of the class plans to enter college.

SENIOR SAT SCORES

Year (No. of Graduates)	2011(84)				2010(66)				2009(65)			
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Totals	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Totals	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Totals
Top 1/3 By SAT Scores	713	728	706	1441/2147	713	723	716	1436/2152	729	708	706	1435/2141
Class Average	606	631	596	1237/1833	606	625	604	1231/1835	632	638	615	1270/1885
National Average	497	514	489	1011/1500	501	515	492	1016/1508	501	515	493	1016/1509
Georgia Average	485	487	473	972/1445	488	490	475	978/1453	490	491	479	981/1460

Year (No. of Graduates)	2008(79)				2007(80)				2006(80)			
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Totals	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Totals	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Totals
Top 1/3 By SAT Scores	720	728	710	1448/2158	733	730	732	1463/2195	712	723	727	1435/2162
Class Average	613	627	608	1240/1848	629	640	620	1269/1889	624	643	621	1267/1888
National Average	502	515	494	1017/1511	502	515	494	1017/1511	503	518	497	1021/1518
Georgia Average	491	493	482	984/1466	494	495	483	989/1472	494	496	487	990/1477

Year (No. of Graduates)	2005(80)			2004(70)			2003(70)		
	Verbal	Math	Totals	Verbal	Math	Totals	Verbal	Math	Totals
Top 1/3 By SAT Scores	730	735	1465	729	736	1465	706	727	1430
Class Average	644	652	1296	622	650	1272	619	646	1265
National Average	508	520	1028	508	518	1026	507	519	1026
Georgia Average	497	496	993	494	493	987	493	491	984

2012 PROJECTION (77 Seniors)	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Totals
Average of Top 1/3 By SAT Scores	734	752	740	1486/2226
The Class Average	634	632	625	1266/1891
Mid-50% of Class	570-690	560-720	570-700	1130-1410/1700-2110

Beginning in March 2005, the College Board added a third section, Writing, to the SAT. Because of this change, the total possible score increased to 2400. Also, the section of the test previously called "Verbal" is now called "Critical Reading." In order to make an accurate comparison between scores from year to year, we have figured the totals since 2006 based on the previous 1600 scale (combining Critical Reading and Math) in the first number, as well as on the new 2400 scale (second number).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, 2002-2011

From 2002 to 2011 Advanced Placement courses and examinations were offered in American History, European History, Microeconomics, Biology, Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, English, French, Latin and Spanish. During their high school careers, fifty-eight percent (58%) of the members of the class of 2011 took a total of 231 AP tests. Ninety-six percent (96%) of these scores were 3 or above.

	Total No. of Candidates	TOTAL SCORES				
		5	4	3	2	1
American History	254	111	105	30	8	0
Biology	225	117	73	25	7	3
Calculus AB	138	81	39	14	4	0
Calculus BC	66	54	10	2	0	0
Chemistry	179	77	69	28	1	4
English Literature and Composition	240	67	99	63	11	0
English Language and Composition	140	64	53	20	3	0
European History*	163	78	61	29	0	0
French Language	23	7	2	7	5	2
Latin Literature	60	40	16	3	1	0
Latin-Vergil	56	33	18	5	0	0
Microeconomics	22	4	12	4	2	0
Physics	18	1	7	3	5	2
Spanish Language**	83	16	31	24	8	4
Spanish Literature***	11	1	5	4	1	0
Percentages of Scores		44.6%	35.6%	15.6%	3.3%	.9%

Advanced Placement Examinations are given by the College Board for use in awarding college credit for work done in high school. Advanced Placement Examinations are scored on a scale of 1-5. A score of 5=Extremely well qualified; 4=Well qualified; 3=Qualified; 2=Possibly qualified; 1=No recommendation.

All students who are enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP examinations.

The scores of all graduating students taking an examination while in grades 10, 11 or 12 are included in this report.

*This course is normally taught to tenth graders.

**The AP Examination was taken after completing Spanish IV Honors prior to 1998-99. AP Spanish Language was offered for the first time in 1998-99.

***AP Spanish Literature was offered in 2002-03, 2004-05, and 2005-06.

COURSE OFFERINGS

ATHENS ACADEMY UPPER SCHOOL

English 9
 English 9 Honors
 English 10
 English 10 Honors
 English 11
 English 11 Honors
 English 12 Electives
 English 12 Honors Electives
 AP English Language and Composition(11)
 AP English Literature and Composition(12)

World History (9)
 World History Honors (9)
 Modern European History (10)
 Modern European History Honors (10)
 AP European History (10)
 United States History (11)
 United States History Honors (11)
 AP United States History (11)
 AP Microeconomics (12)
 Humanities Electives
 (one semester each)
 Economics (11, 12)
 Economics Honors (12)
 Global Challenges (12)
 Political Science (Government) (11, 12)
 Political Science Honors (12)
 Visions in Literature and Film (12)
 World History: 1945-present (12)

Algebra I (9)
 Algebra I Advanced (9)
 Geometry Advanced (9, 10)
 Geometry Honors (9)
 Algebra II Advanced (10, 11)
 Algebra II Honors (10)
 Algebra and Modeling (12)
 Precalculus (11, 12)
 Precalculus Honors (11)
 Calculus (12)
 AP Calculus AB (12)
 AP Calculus BC (12)
 Mathematics Elective
 Statistics (12)

Physical Science (9)
 Biology Honors (9)
 Biology (9, 10)
 Chemistry Honors (10)
 Chemistry (11)
 Conceptual Physics Honors (11)
 Physics (11-12)
 Advanced Physics Honors (12)
 AP Chemistry (11)
 AP Biology (12)
 AP Physics C: Mechanics
 Science Electives (11, 12)
 Evolutionary Genetics (11)

Human Biology
 Human Biology Honors

French I Honors (9)
 French II (9,10)
 French II Honors (9,10)
 French III (10, 11)
 French III Honors (10, 11)
 French IV (11, 12)
 Pre-AP French Honors (11, 12)
 AP French Language and Culture(12)

Latin I Honors (9)
 Latin II Honors (9, 10)
 Latin III Honors (10, 11)
 Latin IV Honors (11, 12)
 AP Latin - Vergil (11, 12)
 AP Latin Literature (11, 12)
 Advanced Classical Language (11, 12)

Spanish I (9)
 Spanish I Honors (9)
 Spanish II (9, 10)
 Spanish II Honors (9, 10)
 Spanish III (10, 11)
 Spanish III Honors (10, 11)
 Spanish IV (11, 12)
 Pre-AP Spanish Honors (12)
 AP Spanish Language (11, 12)
 Advanced Spanish Language & Literature
 Honors (12)

Jazz Band (9-12)
 Band and String Orchestra (9-12)
 Chorus (9-12)
 Drama/Acting (9-12)
 Performing Arts (9-12)
 Studio Art (9-12)
 Painting and Drawing (10-12)
 Print Making (10-12)
 3-D Design (10-12)
 Advanced 3-D Design (11, 12)
 3-D Sculptural Techniques (10-12)
 Photography (10-12)
 Senior Art Portfolio (12)
 Journalism: Newspaper (10-12)
 Journalism: Yearbook (10-12)
 Advanced Media Production (10-12)

Health & Physical Education (9-12)

Office Assistant (9-12)
 Teacher Assistant (9-12)
 Seminars (9-12)

The grade level of students typically in each course is given in parentheses.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES of the CLASS OF 2011

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Georgia Institute of Technology*	University of Pittsburgh
Agnes Scott College*	Georgia Southern University*	Portland State University
The University of Alabama*	Georgia State University*	Presbyterian College*
The University of Alabama at Birmingham	The University of Georgia*	Providence College
American University	Hampden-Sydney College	Reed College*
Appalachian State University *	University of Hartford*	Rhodes College*
Auburn University *	Harvard University*	Ringling College of Art and Design
Baruch College of the CUNY	Howard University*	Saint Louis University*
Bates College	The University of Iowa	Samford University
Baylor University	Johns Hopkins University	Sewanee: The University of the South*
Belmont University*	LaGrange College	Shorter University*
Bennington College	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Smith College
Berry College	Louisiana State University	University of South Carolina*
Birmingham-Southern College*	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Southern California
Boston University	Maryville College	Southwestern University
Brevard College	Mercer University	St. John's University - Staten Island Campus
University of California at Davis	Miami University, Oxford	Syracuse University*
University of California at Santa Barbara	University of Miami	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Centre College	Michigan State University	Texas Christian University
College of Charleston*	University of Michigan*	The University of Texas, Austin*
Chatham University	University of Mississippi*	Tusculum College
University of Cincinnati	Montreat College	Valdosta State University
Clemson University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*	Vanderbilt University*
University of Colorado at Boulder	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*	The University of Vermont
Colorado State University	The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Virginia Commonwealth University
Columbus State University*	North Carolina State University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Dayalbagh Educational Institute*	Northwestern University*	University of Virginia*
Elon University	Oglethorpe University*	Wake Forest University*
Emerson College*	The Ohio State University	Washington and Lee University*
Emory University	University of Oregon*	Washington University in St. Louis*
Florida State University	Oxford College of Emory University*	The University of West Georgia
Furman University	Pacific Northwest College of Art*	Westminster College
Gainesville State College*	Pennsylvania State University, University Park*	Winthrop University
Georgetown University*	Piedmont College	Wofford College
Georgia College and State University*		Young Harris College*

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE 1971-2011

Abraham Baldwin Ag. College	Florida State University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Sullins College
Agnes Scott College	Fordham University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
University of Alabama	Francis Marion University	North Carolina State University	Swarthmore College
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Franklin and Marshall College	North Georgia College and State University	Sweet Briar College
Alliance Francaise at Bordeaux	Furman University	University of Tampa	Syracuse University
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	Gainesville State College	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Amherst College	Georgetown University	University of Texas at Austin	Texas A&M University
Anderson College	Georgia College and State Univ.	Texas Christian University	Trident College
Appalachian State University	University of Georgia	Trinity College (CT)	Trinity University
University of Arizona	Georgia Institute of Technology	Truett-McConnell College	Tufts University
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Georgia Southern University	Tulane University	United States Air Force Academy
Asbury College	Georgia State University	United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School	United States Military Academy
Asheville Buncombe Technical College	Greensboro College	United States Naval Academy	Valdosta State University
Atlanta College of Art	Guilford College	Valparaiso University	Vanderbilt University
Auburn University	Hampden-Sydney College	Vassar College	University of Vermont
Augusta State University	Hampshire College	University of Virginia	Virginia Military Institute
Bard College	University of Hartford	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Wake Forest University
Barnard College	Harvard University	Warren Wilson College	Washington College
Belmont Abbey College	Haverford College	Washington University	Washington and Lee University
Belmont University	Hillsdale College	Wellesley College	Wesleyan College
Berry College	Hollins University	West Virginia Wesleyan College	Western Carolina University
Bethany College	College of the Holy Cross	Westmont College	College of William and Mary
Birmingham-Southern College	Howard University	Williams College	Wofford College
Boston College	Illinois Institute of Technology	The University of Wyoming	Xavier University
Boston University	University of Illinois at Urbana	Xavier University of Louisiana	Yale University
Bowdoin College	Immaculata College	Young Harris College	
Brenau University	Indiana University		
Brevard College	Jacksonville State University		
Brock University, Canada	James Madison University		
Brown University	Johns Hopkins University		
Butler University	Kennesaw State University		
University of California at Berkeley	University of Kentucky		
University of California Los Angeles	Kenyon College		
California Institute of Technology	Lafayette College		
Carleton College	LaGrange College		
Carnegie Mellon University	Lake Forest College		
Case Western Reserve University	Lawrence University		
Centre College	Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts		
College of Charleston	Lenoir-Rhyne College		
Charleston Southern University	Liberty University		
University of Chicago	Louisiana State University		
University of Cincinnati	Loyola University		
The Citadel	Macalester College		
Clark University	Manhattanville College		
Clemson University	Mars Hill College		
Cleveland Institute of Music	Mary Baldwin College		
Colby College	Massachusetts Institute of Tech		
Colorado College	McGill University		
University of Colorado at Boulder	Mercer University		
Columbia University	Miami University (OH)		
Columbus State University	University of Miami		
Converse College	University of Michigan		
Cornell University	Middlebury College		
Dartmouth College	Milton College		
Davidson College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities		
Dayalbagh Educational Institute	University of Mississippi		
University of Delaware	University of Missouri		
Duke University	Morehouse College		
Earlham College	Mount Holyoke College		
Elon University	New Jersey Institute of Technology		
Emmanuel College	New York University		
Emerson College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill		
Emory University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte		
Erskine College			
Fisk University			
Flagler College			
University of Florida			
Florida Southern College			

