

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2008-2009

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 105-acre wooded site south of Athens, Georgia. The school enrollment is 907 students in pre-school through grade twelve. There are 306 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 1,824.

ACCREDITATION

The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school holds memberships in NAIS, SAIS, GISA, CEEB, CSS, ERB, NACAC, SACAC, 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. 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 Arts)	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 for each third are given below. **Advanced Placement and honors courses are weighted in the calculation but not on the transcript.** Six points are added to the transcript grade for Advanced Placement courses and three points for honors.

Grade Distribution for the Class of 2009 (grades 9-11):

Third	Range of Weighted GPAs	Mean Weighted GPA
1	4.0-3.93	3.97
2	3.87-3.33	3.59
3	3.33-2.47	3.01

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

From 1996 to 2008, seventy-one Athens Academy students were named Semifinalists in the National Merit Program and one hundred seven 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, four were named Semifinalists.

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PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2009

- There are 66 students in the 2009 senior class.
- Nine have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Thirty-five are enrolled in a total of 64 AP classes in: English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB and BC, Biology, Chemistry, French Language, Spanish Language and Latin Literature. Twenty-nine seniors also took a total of 70 AP courses prior to the twelfth grade.
- Twenty-seven percent of the class have completed or are enrolled in AP English, twenty-three percent have completed or are enrolled in AP Calculus, and nine percent are enrolled in three or more AP courses.
- Forty-seven percent have taken at least four years of the same foreign language.
- Seventy-one percent have taken biology, chemistry, and physics.
- The top third of the class have cumulative grade point averages ranging between 4.0 - 3.93. The middle third have cumulative averages ranging between 3.87 - 3.33. The final third have averages ranging between 3.33 - 2.47.
- The projected middle fifty percent of SAT combined scores for the class is 1150-1350/1710-2020; the critical reading is 560 - 680, the math is 600 - 670, and the writing is 550 - 670.
- One hundred percent of the class plans to enter college.

SENIOR SAT SCORES

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

Year (No. of Graduates)	2002(87)			2001(76)			2000(64)		
	Verbal	Math	Totals	Verbal	Math	Totals	Verbal	Math	Totals
Top 1/3 By SAT Scores	700	730	1430	710	740	1450	711	735	1446
Class Average	611	641	1252	617	646	1263	606	631	1237
National Average	504	516	1020	506	514	1020	505	512	1017
Georgia Average	489	491	980	491	489	980	488	486	974

2009 PROJECTION(66 Seniors)	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Average of Top 1/3 By SAT Scores	716	702	685	1418/2103
The Class Average	622	629	602	1251/1853
Mid-50% of Class	560-680	600-670	550-670	1150-1350/1710-2020

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, 1999-2008

From 1999 to 2008 Advanced Placement courses and examinations were offered in American History, European History, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English, French, Latin and Spanish. The class of 2008 took a total of 106 tests during their senior year, and ninety-four percent (94%) of their scores were 3 or above. During their high school careers, fifty-eight percent (58%) of the members of the class of 2008 took a total of 202 AP tests. Ninety-four percent (94%) of these scores were 3 or above.

	Total No. of Candidates	TOTAL SCORES				
		5	4	3	2	1
American History	244	98	99	35	12	0
Biology	197	108	63	22	4	0
Calculus AB	153	62	56	23	11	1
Calculus BC	67	52	12	3	0	0
Chemistry	171	90	58	23	0	0
English Literature and Composition	217	65	83	58	11	0
English Language and Composition	150	54	53	29	14	0
European History*	157	78	57	22	0	0
French Language	26	6	2	8	8	2
Latin Literature	61	38	17	5	1	0
Latin-Vergil	49	31	12	6	0	0
Spanish Language**	65	16	25	18	4	2
Spanish Literature***	11	1	5	4	1	0
Percentages of Scores		45%	35%	16%	4%	0%

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)
 Humanities Electives
 (one semester each)
 Economics (11, 12)
 Economics Honors (12)
 Political Science (Government) (11, 12)
 Political Science Honors (12)
 Visions in Literature and Film (12)

Algebra I Honors (8, 9)
 Algebra I (9)
 Geometry Honors (9, 10)
 Geometry (10)
 Algebra II Honors (10, 11)
 Algebra II (11)
 Trigonometry, Fundamentals of Mathematics
 and Probability (11, 12)
 Precalculus Honors AB (11, 12)
 Precalculus Honors BC (11, 12)
 AP Calculus AB (12)
 AP Calculus BC (12)
 Mathematics Elective (9-12)
 Statistics I and II

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)
 Science Elective (11, 12)
 Human Biology
 Human Biology Honors

French I (9)
 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(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)

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 (10-12)
 Newspaper (10-12)
 Yearbook (10-12)
 Technical Certification (9-12)
 Advanced Media & Technology (10-12)

Health & Physical Education (9-12)

Office Assistant/Help Desk (9-12)
 Teacher's Assistant (9-12)
 Mentor Leadership (12)

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES of the CLASS OF 2008

Agnes Scott*
 The University of Alabama*
 Arizona State University
 Auburn University*
 Augusta State University*
 Baruch College of the CUNY
 Birmingham-Southern College*
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bradley University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 College of Charleston
 University of Cincinnati*
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clemson University*
 Colby College*
 Columbia University*
 Dartmouth College*
 Davidson College*
 Denison University
 Duke University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emory University*

Florida State University*
 Furman University
 Gainesville State College*
 The George Washington University*
 Georgetown University*
 Georgia College and State University*
 Georgia Institute of Technology*
 Georgia Southern University*
 Georgia State University
 The University of Georgia*
 Harvard University*
 Indiana University at Bloomington*
 Kennesaw State University*
 Kent State University
 University of Kentucky*
 Lawrence University
 Marquette University
 The University of Maryland, College Park
 Marymount Manhattan College
 Maryville College
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Mercer University*
 University of Miami

The University of Mississippi*
 The University of Missouri – Columbia
 New York University*
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
 The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 North Carolina State University
 North Georgia College and State University
 Northwestern University
 University of Notre Dame
 Oberlin College*
 Oglethorpe University
 The Ohio State University
 Oxford College of Emory University*
 Pace University*
 The University of Pennsylvania
 Pepperdine University*
 University of Pittsburgh
 Presbyterian College
 Princeton University
 Radford University
 Rhodes College

Rochester Institute of Technology
 Santa Monica College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Sewanee: The University of the South*
 Shorter College
 The University of South Carolina
 The University of Southern California
 Southern Methodist University*
 St. John's College
 Stanford*
 University of Tennessee – Chattanooga
 Texas Christian University
 Tulane University
 Valdosta State University
 Vanderbilt University*
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Wake Forest University
 Washington and Lee University
 University of Wisconsin – Madison
 Wofford College

**Members of the Class of 2008 in attendance.*

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE 1971-2008

Abraham Baldwin Ag. College
 Alliance Francaise at Bordeaux
 Agnes Scott College
 University of Alabama
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
 American Academy of Dramatic Arts
 Amherst College
 Anderson College
 Appalachian State University
 University of Arizona
 Armstrong Atlantic State University
 Asbury College
 Atlanta College of Art
 Auburn University
 Augusta State University
 Bard College
 Barnard College
 Belmont Abbey College
 Belmont University
 Berry College
 Bethany College
 Birmingham-Southern College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Brenau University
 Brevard College
 Brock University, Canada
 Brown University
 Butler University
 University of California Berkeley
 University of California Los Angeles
 California Institute of Technology
 Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Centre College
 University of Cincinnati
 College of Charleston
 Charleston Southern University
 University of Chicago
 The Citadel
 Clark University
 Clemson University
 Cleveland Institute of Music
 Colby College
 Colorado College
 University of Colorado at Boulder
 Columbia University
 Columbus State University
 Converse College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 University of Delaware
 Duke University
 Earlham College
 Elon University
 Emmanuel College

Emory University
 Erskine College
 Fisk University
 Flagler College
 University of Florida
 Florida Southern College
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Francis Marion University
 Franklin and Marshall College
 Furman University
 Gainesville State College
 Georgetown University
 Georgia College and State Univ.
 University of Georgia
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Georgia Southern University
 Georgia State University
 Greensboro College
 Guilford College
 Hampden-Sydney College
 Hampshire College
 University of Hartford
 Harvard University
 Haverford College
 High Point University
 Hillsdale College
 Hollins University
 College of the Holy Cross
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 University of Illinois at Urbana
 Immaculata College
 Indiana University
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Kennesaw State University
 University of Kentucky
 Kenyon College
 Lafayette College
 LaGrange College
 Lake Forest College
 Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts
 Lenoir-Rhyne College
 Liberty University
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University
 Macalester College
 Manhattanville College
 Mars Hill College
 Mary Baldwin College
 Massachusetts Institute of Tech
 McGill University
 Mercer University
 Miami University (OH)
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 Milton College
 University of Mississippi

University of Missouri
 Morehouse College
 Mount Holyoke College
 New Jersey Institute of Technology
 New York University
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 North Carolina State University
 North Georgia College and State University
 Northwestern University
 University of Notre Dame
 Oberlin College
 Oglethorpe University
 Ohio State University
 Oral Roberts University
 Oxford College of Emory University
 Pace University
 Pasadena City College
 University of Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Philadelphia College of Textiles
 Philological College of Beograd, Yugoslavia
 Piedmont College
 Presbyterian College
 Princeton University
 Purdue University
 Queens University
 Queens University of Charlotte
 Randolph-Macon Woman's College
 Rhodes College
 Rice University
 University of Richmond
 Roanoke College
 University of Rochester
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
 St. Louis University, Brussels, Belgium
 St. Mary's College
 Salem College
 Samford University
 University of San Diego
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah College of Art & Design
 Sewanee: The University of the South
 Shorter College
 Smith College
 Southern Methodist University
 University of South Florida
 University of Southern California
 Southern Illinois Univ./Carbondale

Southern Polytechnic State Univ.
 Southwest Missouri State Univ.
 Southwest Texas State University
 Stanford University
 State University of New York at Buffalo
 Stephens College
 Stillman College
 Sullins College
 SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
 Swarthmore College
 Sweet Briar College
 Syracuse University
 University of Tampa
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
 University of Tennessee at Knoxville
 University of Texas at Austin
 Texas A&M University
 Trident College
 Trinity College (CT)
 Trinity University
 Truett-McConnell College
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School
 United States Military Academy
 United States Naval Academy
 Valdosta State University
 Valparaiso University
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 Virginia Military Institute
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Wake Forest University
 Warren Wilson College
 Washington College
 University of Washington
 Washington University
 Washington and Lee University
 Wellesley College
 Wesleyan College
 State University of West Georgia
 West Virginia Wesleyan College
 Western Carolina University
 College of William and Mary
 Williams College
 Wofford College
 The University of Wyoming
 Xavier University
 Xavier University of Louisiana
 Yale University
 Young Harris College

