

FORSYTH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE 2009-2010



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DESCRIPTION

Forsyth Country Day School is an independent, nonsectarian, coeducational institution serving the greater Winston-Salem/Triad area of North Carolina. FCDS emphasizes traditional college preparatory education through three separate but integrated schools encompassing grades junior pre-kindergarten through twelve. The average class size is 18 and the student/teacher ratio is 7:1. The Upper School student body consists of 400 students, 113 of whom are seniors. Of the 113 seniors, 6 are students in the Multisensory Academy of Practitioners (MAP) program, which is a separate academic program with its own college profile.

Forsyth Country Day School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid, athletics and other school administered programs.

ACCREDITATION

Forsyth Country Day School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), as well as the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

OUR FACULTY

Forsyth Country Day School searches nationally to build a faculty of highly trained and experienced educators. Our faculty members bring experience from independent, parochial, and public secondary and post-secondary education, as well as from for-profit industries. At present, 70% of the administration, faculty, and staff associated with the Upper School have earned advanced degrees in their subject areas and/or in education.

REPORTING OF DISCIPLINE

Student behavior at Forsyth Country Day is governed by an Honor Code: As a member of the Forsyth Country Day School Community, I will maintain my honor and integrity at all times by creating and upholding an atmosphere of trust, respect, and consideration for all members of the school community.

A judicial board, comprised primarily of students, adjudicates any charges brought against students and makes recommendations to the Headmaster for a final decision. Through this process, disciplinary action may take several forms: a student may be placed on disciplinary probation, may be required to serve an in-school suspension, may be suspended out-of-school, or may be dismissed from school. The FCDS policy regarding our students and such disciplinary action is that if asked directly by a college, we will report any student's suspension (in-school or out), dismissal, or expulsion.

College Board & ACT Code: 344421

SPECIAL CURRICULUM FEATURES

Advanced Placement courses:

Art	French Language
Biology	Government
Calculus AB	Latin-Vergil
Calculus BC	Macroeconomics (Fall 2009)
Chemistry	Photography (<i>2D-Design</i>)
Comparative Government	Physics
English Lit./Comp.	Spanish Language
European History	Statistics
	United States History

Honors courses:

Advanced Robotics	CEO/Headmaster's Internship
Algebra II	Latin
Band-Level III and IV	Orchestra—Level III and IV
Biology (Fall 2009)	Mod. World History (Fall 2009)
Chemistry (Fall 2008)	Physics
Chorale-Level III and IV	Pre-AP Art
English II and III	Pre-Calculus
French IV and V	Spanish IV and V
Freshman/English I Seminar	Green Seminar

Mandarin Chinese is offered through Chinese IV, but not at the Honors or AP level until the 2010-2011 school year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English:	4 credits
Foreign Language:	3 credits (of the same language in the Upper School)
History:	3 credits (including one unit each of U.S. and Modern World History)
Mathematics:	4 credits
Lab Science:	3 credits (one unit each of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
Art & Music :	1/2 credit each
Physical Education:	2 credits
Electives:	1 credit, minimum

**Note: most students graduate with 24 or more credits*

GRADING

FCDS utilizes the following grading scale in its classrooms: A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D= 60-69; F=59 & below. All grades listed on the transcript—excluding Health/PE—are included in calculating GPA. FCDS has a two-semester academic calendar. Two quarter grades (40% each) and a comprehensive 2-hour exam (20%) comprise each semester's final grade. The fall and spring semester grades are averaged to compute a year-end final grade.

OUR CURRICULUM

The FCDS curriculum offers 120 courses in 10 subject areas, with opportunities for advanced study in all 10 areas. Students may enroll in a maximum of 7 courses, though the majority will enroll in 6 each semester. Departmental and/or administrative recommendation is required for students to enroll in all Honors and AP courses (students may appeal to gain entry to a course if not recommended; nearly all appeals are granted). All students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam in respective subjects. Many Honors English III students elect to take the English Language exam, but it is not required by our curriculum. All AP courses and many Honors courses use college textbooks and match the pace of a college course.

Starting in 2007, we introduced the first course (H-Advanced Robotics) in a series of robotics and engineering courses to Upper School students. When fully implemented (in 2011), students enrolling in the entire 4-year engineering sequence will earn a special designation upon graduation. In 2008, Introduction to Engineering will be offered to 9th and 10th graders. It will be the prerequisite for future courses that emphasize selective engineering paths.

CLASS RANK

By policy, FCDS does not assign any specific numerical ranks to its students. Quintile information and a general grade distribution of cumulative GPAs are provided in this document.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Students earn annual honors designations for the following academic performance (all on our 4-point scale): Forsyth Scholars – 4.000; High Honors – 3.666; and Honors – 3.333. Other honors designations include Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Foreign Language Honor Societies, and Junior Marshal. Departmental awards are conferred each spring.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students in the classes of 2005-2009 earned over 13 million dollars in college scholarships. These awards include the Angier B. Duke, Benjamin N. Duke and University Scholarships to Duke University; the Coca-Cola Scholarship; Morehead-Cain Scholarship to The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Park Scholarship to N.C. State; National Merit Scholarships; Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships; Toyota Community Scholars; and a variety of both academic and athletic scholarships from colleges and organizations nationwide.

NATIONAL MERIT

In the past three years (2006-2009) Forsyth Country Day has had the following:

- * Twelve Finalists
- * Three Semifinalists
- * Eighteen Commended Students
- * One National Achievement Scholar

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ARTS

Ninety-one percent of students in 9th grade through 12th grade participate in at least one Fine Arts program. Last year at the Heritage Festival in Philadelphia, our Orchestra was rated "Superior" and won the Outstanding Orchestra award, and our Band was rated "Superior". Our Ensemble received ratings of "Superior" by the NC Music Educators Association and performed in the Biltmore Estate's Holiday Program. Students in our Visual Arts programs earned 8 Gold Keys and 11 Silver Keys in the Scholastic Art Awards Competition.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ATHLETICS

Ninety percent of Upper School students participated in interscholastic athletics as either athletes or managers. Varsity teams have won state or conference championships in football, field hockey, boys' and girls' cross country, boys' soccer, wrestling, girls' basketball, golf, boys' and girls' tennis, softball, lacrosse, and boys' and girls' track and field in the past two years.

RANGE OF CUMULATIVE GRADE AVERAGES

103 Returning Averages Reported—Class of 2010

GPA Range	# of Students
4.50 and above	5
4.00 to 4.49	20
3.50 to 3.99	31
3.00 to 3.49	26
2.50 to 2.99	14
2.00 to 2.49	6
Below 2.00	1

QUINTILE GROUPINGS

103 Returning Averages Reported—Class of 2010

Quintile	GPA
1st quintile	4.11—4.65
2nd quintile	3.69—4.09
3rd quintile	3.32—3.68
4th quintile	2.89—3.31
5th quintile	1.96—2.88

A.P. & HONORS COURSE ENROLLMENT at FCDS only

103 Returning Students—Class of 2010

(includes planned senior year courses)

# of A.P. courses	# of Students	# of Honors courses	# of Students
8	1	10	1
7	5	9	1
6	16	8	3
5	14	7	5
4	12	6	8
3	12	5	13
2	14	4	9
1	11	3	15
0	17	2	18
		1	15
		0	15

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM RESULTS

In 2009, 162 Forsyth Country Day School students took 341 exams in 17 subjects. Students earned scores of 3 or better on 75% of those exams.

SAT SCORES

Senior Year Mid-50% SAT Ranges			
2006	CR520-650	M530-660	T1050-1310
2007	CR520-650	M520-650	T1040-1300
2008	CR520-650	M540-650	T1060-1300
2009	CR530-650	M510-650	T1070-1290

Class of 2010: Mean SAT Scores & Cum. GPA'S (through June 2009; 103 averages reported)				
1st Q	CR679	M659	W662	4.35
2nd Q	CR609	M636	W633	3.88
3rd Q	CR577	M576	W571	3.50
4th Q	CR555	M523	W549	3.12
5th Q	CR495	M474	W478	2.48

ACT SCORES

Senior Year Mid-50% Composite Ranges		
2007	22-28	42 students
2008	20-26	44 students
2009	22-28	40 students

SAT SUBJECT TEST SCORES

SAT Subject Test No. of Tests & Averages 2006-2009		
Chemistry	21	669
English Literature	36	673
French w/ Listening	15	617
Korean w/ Listening	1	790
Math Level I	27	581
Math Level II	104	620
Physics	11	616
Spanish	12	551
Spanish w/ Listening	11	580
U.S. History	118	671
World History	1	800

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

One hundred percent of Forsyth County Day graduates are accepted to colleges and universities nationwide. Students in the classes of 2005-2009 were accepted to the following institutions (* indicates 3 or more acceptances):

Abilene Christian University	Eckerd College	Marymount Manhattan College	Sarah Lawrence College
The University of Alabama*	Elon University*	Marymount University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Albany College of Pharmacy	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - FL*	McGill University	Seton Hall University
Allegheny College	Emory & Henry College*	Meredith College*	Sewanee: The University of the South*
American University*	Emory University*	University of Miami	Smith College
Anderson University	Erskine College	University of Michigan*	University of South Carolina Upstate
Appalachian State University*	Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts	Middlebury College	University of South Carolina*
Arizona State University	Flagler College	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of South Florida
The Art Institute of Charlotte	Florida International University	University of Mississippi*	University of Southern California
University of the Arts	Florida State University	University of Missouri, Columbia	Southern Methodist University
Auburn University*	Florida Institute of Technology	Montana State University, Bozeman	St. John's University
Averett University	Forsyth Technical Community College	The University of Montana, Missoula	St. Lawrence University
Bard College	Franklin and Marshall College	Montreat College	Stanford University
Barnard College	Franklin College-Switzerland	Mount Holyoke College	Surry Community College
Barton College*	Furman University*	Muhlenberg College	Sweet Briar College*
Bellarmino University	Gannon University	University of New Hampshire	Syracuse University
Belmont Abbey College	Gardner-Webb University*	New York University*	University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Berry College	George Mason University	University of North Carolina at Asheville*	Texas Christian University
Boston College*	The George Washington University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*	Transylvania University
Boston University*	Georgetown University*	University of North Carolina at Charlotte*	Tufts University*
Bowling Green State University	Georgia Institute of Technology*	University of North Carolina at Greensboro*	Tulane University
Brandeis University	Georgia Southern University	University of North Carolina at Pembroke*	Union University
Brevard College*	University of Georgia*	University of North Carolina at Wilmington*	United States Military Academy
Brigham Young University	Goucher College	University of North Carolina at Wilmington*	United States Naval Academy*
University of British Columbia	Greensboro College*	North Carolina State University*	The State University of New York, Buffalo
Brown University	Guilford College*	Northeastern University	Vanderbilt University*
Bryn Mawr College	Hamilton College-New York	Northwestern University*	Vassar College*
University of California at Berkeley	Hampden-Sydney College*	Oberlin College	Villanova University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Hampton University	Occidental College	Virginia Commonwealth University*
California State University, Fullerton	Harding University	Oglethorpe University	Virginia Military Institute
Campbell University*	Harvard University	The Ohio State University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Cape Fear Community College	Hawaii Pacific University	Ohio University	University of Virginia*
Carnegie Mellon University	High Point University*	Ohio Wesleyan University	Wake Forest University*
Carson-Newman College	Hollins University	Oklahoma Christian University	Washington and Jefferson College
Catawba College	Howard University	Old Dominion University*	Washington and Lee University*
Centre College	University of Illinois at Chicago	Oxford College of Emory University	Washington College
College of Charleston*	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of the Pacific	Washington University in St. Louis*
University of Chicago	Indiana University at Bloomington	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Washington
Chowan University	The University of Iowa	Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College	Wellesley College
The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina*	Ithaca College	Pennsylvania State University, University Park*	West Virginia University, Institute of Technology
Clark University*	Jacksonville University	University of Pennsylvania*	Western Carolina University*
Clemson University*	James Madison University*	Pepperdine University	College of William and Mary*
Coastal Carolina University	Johns Hopkins University*	Pfeiffer University*	Wingate University*
Colby College	Kennesaw State University	University of Pittsburgh	Winston-Salem State University
Colgate University	Kenyon College	Princeton University*	Winthrop University
College for Creative Studies	La Salle University	Providence College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Colorado at Boulder*	Lafayette College	Purdue University*	Wofford College*
Colorado College	Lees-McRae College*	Queens University*	Xavier University
Colorado School of Mines	Lenoir Community College	Radford University	Yale University*
Colorado State University	Lenoir-Rhyne College*	Randolph-Macon College	
Columbia University *	Liberty University	Rhodes College	
Concordia University Wisconsin	Lipscomb University	Rice University	
Cornell University	Louisburg College*	University of Richmond*	
College for Creative Studies	Louisiana State University*	Ringling College of Art and Design	
Curry College	University of Louisville	Roanoke College*	
Dartmouth College	Lynchburg College*	Roger Williams University	
Davidson College*	Macalester College	Rollins College	
Denison University	Marquette University	University of San Francisco	
University of Denver*	Marshall University		
DePauw University	Mary Baldwin College		
Dickinson College	Maryland Institute College of Art		
Drexel University*	University of Maryland, College Park		
Duke University*			
East Carolina University*			