

Cresset Christian Academy

Profile

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School verse: *"They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

Characteristics:

Cresset Christian Academy is dedicated to the purpose of reaching young men and women for Christ and training them to serve Him. The Academy is one of the ministries of Cresset Baptist Church and shares the same facilities. Since the Academy's beginning in 1975, it has grown from an enrollment of 60 students to the present student body of 310 students in preschool through grade twelve. Cresset offers a well-rounded Christian education for the youth of 7 NC counties and 12 foreign countries. The high school is a discipleship model college preparatory program.

Staff:

There are forty members of the Cresset Christian Academy teaching/administrative staff (K-12). Each is a strong Christian, active in a local church. Our teachers hold teaching or administrative certificates through the Association of Christian Schools International. At least 38% have graduate studies; over 26% have masters or higher degrees. Average years of experience: 10. Average years at Cresset: 6

Accreditation:

Cresset Christian Academy (K-12) is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our Preschool (Cresset Kids) has a 4-star rating.

Explanation of Transcript:

The class rank of students in grades 9-12 is determined using a 4.0 weighted scale. All courses are taught from a college-preparatory perspective, with some courses being labeled Honors due to advanced content and some labeled AP because they are Advanced Placement courses. Honors courses are worth one additional point i.e. A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0. AP courses are worth two additional points. Prior to 2011-2012, Cresset was on a seven-point scale. Effective 2011-2012 Cresset is on a ten-point scale.

Courses:

Academic classes meet for 36 weeks, 5 periods per week, 45-50 minutes per period. One unit of credit represents one successfully completed academic course. All students are required to take a Bible course each year. Bible Study classes are rigorous academic classes which combine critical thinking skills, written composition, and the study of history and philosophy. In addition to academic classes each high school student is required to complete 36 hours of community service annually.

Grading Scale: Effective 2011-2012

			College Prep	Honors	AP
90-100	A	Excellent	4.0	5.0	6.0
80-89	B	Very Good	3.0	4.0	5.0
70-79	C	Satisfactory	2.0	3.0	4.0
60-69	D	Passing	1.0	2.0	3.0
0-59	F	Failing	0	0	0

Minimum requirements for Graduation for Graduates 2012 – 28 credits to include the following courses:

Bible	4	(or one course for each year of attendance at Cresset)
English	4	(each year, includes grammar, composition, literature)
Science	3	(Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, Anatomy & Physiology or Environmental Science)
Social Studies	3	(World History, U. S. History, Government and Economics)
Mathematics	4	(Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Advanced Math or Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus)
Foreign Lang.	2	(Spanish, 2 years of same foreign language required)
Fine Arts	2	
Health	1	
Electives	5 or more	

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses:

Honors courses in academic courses are scheduled every year. English, Environmental Science, Studio Art, 3-D Design, Music Theory and Calculus AB courses may be taught at the AP level. Students who have the potential to succeed in these courses can usually enroll in them. Students are recommended by their teachers, approved by their parents, and accepted by their own decision.

Annual Testing Program:

Grades 1-9	Stanford Achievement Tests
Grade 10	PLAN (a test of the ACT group, with career interest inventory)
Grade 11	PSAT required; SAT or ACT strongly recommended
Grade 12	SAT or ACT strongly recommended

Special Programs:

- Chapel - a weekly opportunity for student worship, with active student leadership.
- Student Council - student leaders elected at large by student body to work with class officers.
- Athletic Competition: Students can compete in soccer, cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, baseball, softball, track, tennis, and golf. Teams are formed based on student interest.
- Academic Competition: Students participate in Creative Writing, Speech Contest, Envirothon, Music Festivals, Art Festivals. and Science Fairs.
- National Beta Club – a service and academic honors group that recognizes student leaders.
- Band, Concert Choir, and Academy Singers represent the school in performances at home and away.
- Yearly drama productions such as *Man of La Mancha*, *Peter Pan*, *Les Miserables*, *The King and I*, and *The Wizard of Oz* utilize the combined efforts of the band, drama, choral and art departments.
- Cresset LEAD (Leadership and Discipleship) Program began with 2011-2012 academic year.

Graduating Class of 2011

Number 24
 SAT Average 1500
 Critical Reading 479 (range 350-650)
 Math 507 (range 380-670)
 Writing 513 (range 370-660)
 Acceptance into 4 year colleges 83%
 Acceptance into community college 21%
 1 National Merit Semifinalist
 1 North Carolina Teaching Fellow

Graduating Class of 2010

Number 25
 SAT avg. 1660
 Critical Reading 575 (range 400-800)
 Math 546 (range 350-750)
 Writing 539 (range 390-650)
 Acceptance into 4 year colleges 80%
 Acceptance into community college 20%
 1 National Merit Scholar

Graduating Class of 2009

Number 20
 SAT avg. 1669
 Critical Reading 550 (range 330-670)
 Math 575 (range 480-800)
 Writing 544 (range 380-670)
 Acceptance into 4 year colleges 100%

Graduating Class of 2008

Number 12
 SAT avg. 1513
 Critical Reading 500 (range 390-720)
 Math 534 (range 340-610)
 Writing 480 (range 400-600)
 Acceptance into 4 year colleges 75%
 Acceptance into community college 25%

Graduating Class of 2007

Number 37
 New SAT avg. 1500
 Critical Reading 505 (range 340-650)
 Math 500 (range 390-650)
 Writing 496 (range 370-700)
 Acceptance into 4 year colleges 90%
 Acceptance into community colleges or military 10%

Graduating Class of 2006

Number 20
 SAT avg. of students accepted into 4 yr. colleges 1488
 Critical reading 507 (range 410-690)
 Math 502 (range 400-610)
 Writing 479 (range 390-600)
 Acceptance into 4 yr. colleges 55%
 Acceptance into community colleges 45%

Graduates

Virtually 100% of each senior class pursue postsecondary education, with over 80% typically attending four-year institutions. Colleges they have attended include the following:

Alamance Community College	Eastern College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	UNC-Charlotte
Appalachian State University	Eastern State University	Mercer University	UNC-Greensboro
Art Institute of Chicago	Elizabeth City State University	Meredith College	UNC-Pembroke
Atlantic Christian College	Elon University	Methodist University	UNC-Wilmington
Asuza Pacific University	Emmanuel College	Montreat College	University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Baptist College of Charleston	Emmaus Bible College	Mt. Olive College	University of Colorado-Boulder
Barton College	Emporia State University	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Detroit-Mercy
Baylor University	Florida State University	North Carolina Central University	University of Georgia-Athens
Belmont Abbey	Freewill Baptist Bible College	North Carolina State University	University of Ireland-Maynooth
Belmont University	Gardner-Webb University	North Carolina Wesleyan College	University of Lyon, in Lyon, France
Bennett College for Women	Georgetown University	Oral Roberts University	University of Pennsylvania
Birmingham-Southern College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Pensacola Christian College	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Bob Jones University	Guilford College	Pfeiffer College	University of Washington-Seattle
Campbell University	Hampton University	Piedmont Bible College	United States Naval Academy
Carson Newman College	Harding University	Potomac State College	Valley Forge Military College
Clemson University	High Point University	Purdue University	Vance-Granville Community College
Columbia International University	Houghton College	Queens College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Columbia Union College	Howard University	Samford University	Wake Forest University
Converse College	Indiana University	Southeast Baptist College	Wake Technical Community College
Danville Regional Medical Center	IntraMed Institute	Southern Adventist University	Watts School of Nursing
Davidson College	Illinois Institute of Technology	St. Andrews Presbyterian College	Wesleyan College
Duke University	Lee University	St. Louis University	West Virginia Wesleyan
Durham Tech Community College	Lees-McRae College	Stanford University	Western Carolina University
East Carolina University	Liberty University	Taylor University	Wingate University
East Coast Bible College	Louisburg College	UNC-Asheville	Winston-Salem State University
	Lynchburg College	UNC-Chapel Hill	Wofford College