Our Upper School is where cutting-edge curriculum and competitive-edge results meet.

Thanks to the benefits of CFA’s unique teacher-student relationships, our students are capable of both independent learning and exceptional achievement.

The school offers all the programs you’d expect for a place full of high achievers—honors programs, advanced placement courses, and overall academic rigor. So it’s no wonder that 100% of our students go to college and that 80% of our graduates are accepted at their first choice college.

Students benefit from a caring campus community that produces confident, accomplished scholars equipped and ready to succeed in any endeavors they pursue. Central to that experience is our exceptional college planning program.

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Highlights include:
- Emphasis on critical thinking as well as oral and written communication
- AP and Honors classes with college level coursework
- Global education courses
- The opportunity for international travel
- 1:1 Laptop Program
- Award-winning Journalism, Fine Arts and Athletic Programs
- Summer Internship Program
- Robust Community Service Program
- Flex scheduling 2 days/week for help sessions, clubs, project-based work, and peer collaboration
What sets our Upper School apart?

**EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS**
High expectations, honest dialogue and unequaled access form valuable platforms for each student’s success. Our teachers are among the best in the nation, developing critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills in our students. But they go beyond excellent classroom instruction to mentor students and become their guardian angels. These meaningful relationships create a vibrant continuum of communication and care.

**AUTONOMOUS EXCELLENCE**
Sometimes the best way to prepare for college is to create an environment that simulates it. That’s why we not only offer rigorous coursework that results in stellar AP and test scores, but we also foster a unique culture of accountability by allowing students to emulate a college experience. It creates an unmatched environment of trust, flexibility and self-directed thinking that delivers a cutting-edge curriculum with competitive-edge results.

**INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING**
Low student teacher ratios and small classes mean students are always active participants in their education. When this happens, passions are discovered and cultivated. And when extra attention is necessary, it’s there, from specialized tutoring to individualized exam preparation. Our endless opportunities allow students to shine in their own custom-designed educational experience, giving them the confidence and resilience to succeed in everything from math to musicals.

**MEASURABLE RESULTS**
Caring relationships with teachers, friends, family, and learning are the basis for building the confidence necessary to go further in education and in life. Whether in our close-knit school family, in service to the community, or on trips locally and abroad, we cultivate student’s relationships with one another, with learning, and with the larger world, preparing them to achieve their personal best. 100% of our students attend college, many at their first choice, with the social, emotional and academic skills to succeed.

- CFA students take over 250 AP exams annually and over 92% of those exams score a 3, 4, or 5. The North Carolina average is 56%.
- 90% of each graduating class completes an AP course.
- 100% of our students are accepted to colleges.
- Over $2 million in merit scholarships are awarded annually to the graduating class.
- Over 80% of our graduates are accepted to their first-choice school.
- Two thirds of CFA alumni graduate from college within 4 years. The national average is 27%.

Our parents and students share their gratitude to CFA

"We have been very impressed with all the assistance the upper school faculty provided in the transition to CFA. It has really proven the feeling we had about CFA being the right environment for our family."

"My daughter is so much happier and engaged at CFA. She has an improved attitude towards her school work, and has support to achieve her goals."