



CAPE FEAR ACADEMY

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Frequently Asked Questions about Admission to Cape Fear Academy

Q: What makes your school distinct?

A: In short, our school's well-deserved reputation for academic excellence and abundant opportunities for students' individual growth is unsurpassed in this region. The varied program distinctions and the many data points or outcomes on which that reputation is built are best understood by visiting our campus and speaking with our faculty, staff and students.

Q: What are typical entry points?

A: While preschool/Little Explorers and kindergarten are ideal starting points, we encourage enrollment at the natural transition points for many schools in our region (grades 1, 6 and 9). Since many families move to this area or local families desire a school change, we may accept mission-appropriate candidates at any grade level, as space and timing permit.

Q: What do you seek in an applicant?

A: Admission criteria include: prior school reports and recommendations, admission testing, personal interviews or visits, indications of an appropriate fit between family and school, insight into which can be found at our Portrait of a Graduate and academic profile, and of the expectation of mutual support and financial sustainability.

Q: How do you determine placement once a student is admitted?

A: We respect and encourage diversity in its many forms, whether from learning styles to gender or from ethnicity to religious belief. We strive to create a balance in each classroom by knowing the individual attributes of our students and the community they will create when grouped as a cohort.

Q: What is your teacher-student ratio?

A: It averages 1:9.

Q: What is your usual grade and class sizes?

A: Preschool-5th grade has two classrooms per grade, with about 16 per class in preschool/Little Explorers, 18 in K, and 20 in grades 1-5. Grades 6-12 have about 60 students per grade, with academic sections comprised of up to 20.

Q: Is financial assistance available?

A: Yes, a budgeted amount is designated annually for aid, both need-based (K-12) and merit-based (6-12). Decisions regarding admissions and financial aid decisions are separate, and application for admission must be made prior to submitting any aid forms. In both instances, timely submission of applications and supporting documentation is advised.

Q: Must I re-apply annually?

A: For continued enrollment, no: assuming eligibility to re-enroll (academically, financially) families complete enrollment documents in early February. For financial aid, yes: those decisions are based on annually updated information, with new applications being filed by early March.

Q. By what organizations is your school accredited?

A. We are accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and AdvancED-SACS.