

LOWER SCHOOL



At Cape Fear Academy we discover and develop individual potential, preparing each student for success in school and life by empowering them to succeed, motivating them from within, providing them with exceptional opportunities and preparing them to go further.

Imagine a program that includes everything from the First Grade Circus and Oceans Exhibition to science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Imagine students mastering multi-disciplinary learning techniques, creating their own businesses, participating in a weekly advisory program, and achieving average test scores at the 90th percentile nationally.

Now instead of imagining it, you and your child can be a part of it.

Welcome to the Lower School, where children in 1st through 5th grades thrive academically, socially and emotionally, and are well prepared for the transition to middle school.

Highlights include:

- 1-to-1 laptop program for grades 3-5
- STEAM projects
- Higher order thinking skills and competencies
- Geography and mapping projects
- Latin and Greek-based word study (grades 2-5)

	Contagious Passion	Personalized Education	Success Foundation	Measurable Results
WHAT WE DO	Our teachers love their jobs as much as they love their students.	Small classes mean individualized attention for students and partnerships with parents to help students thrive.	We transform failures into steps toward success; through resilience and responsibility, we empower students to aim high.	Our high standards, compassionate support, and rigorous learning environment deliver results.
HOW YOUR CHILD BENEFITS	This shows up in our students' passion for learning and enables them to outperform independent school peers.	Your child's unique learning style is matched with his interests and academic, social and emotional development.	This builds confidence and courage, preparing students to strive for their personal best.	Our students consistently outperform their independent school peers across many measures.

What sets our Lower School apart?

CONTAGIOUS PASSION

A teacher's excitement is contagious. We've seen time and time again that happy, talented teachers who care, create happy, talented students who care. Ours clearly love their jobs and your children. These skillful, supportive mentors foster a positive mindset and a passion for learning. The result is academic excellence, which allows our students to continually outperform their independent school peers.

PERSONALIZED EDUCATION

Here students help write their educational story. Our small classes allow them to work with their teachers to create an experience filled with public speaking, talent showcases, the arts, or technology prowess. As they move at their own pace, they develop a strong character with many happy and courageous moments along the way. We embrace each child's unique learning style, interests and academic, social and emotional development.

SUCCESS FOUNDATION

We help students turn failure into success, learning resilience and responsibility as they go. Most schools see failure as a roadblock to success. We help kids understand it as an occasional result of aiming high, and as an experience in which they can develop grit and accountability, in a supportive environment. Here, students aren't pushed to grow up—they grow up organically in their own time and become better students and leaders in the process, as they strive for their personal best.

MEASURABLE RESULTS

Our curriculum is designed to accelerate learning—at each student's pace, developing the critical thinking, leadership and communication skills to succeed. We cultivate understanding of concepts rather than mere memorization, and engage in cross-disciplinary learning that empowers inquiry and success. Rich resources, strategic instruction and encouragement foster long-term results, seen in consistently better test scores. Students leave us proud and confident, ready for the challenges and rewards of middle school.

Our parents and students share their passion for CFA

"My shy 2nd grade child was falling behind in public school. I knew she was getting lost in the shuffle, but no one would listen. It took only two weeks for her teachers at CFA to pick up on her needs, and now she is a happy and thriving student!"

"Every child is so friendly, welcoming, and supportive of the new students!"

"CFA addressed my concerns without me even having to ask. My child came from an immersion program. To support her, CFA organized an after school class so that she could keep up her advanced level of Spanish."