

COLLEGE PROFILE

2024-2025

High School Code: 340717

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School at a Glance

- Empowering students with language-based learning differences including disorders in reading (dyslexia), written expression (dysgraphia), math (dyscalculia), and/or attention deficit disorders
- Multisensory, college preparatory curriculum
- 100% of faculty trained in the Orton-Gillingham Approach
- Average 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- Individual and prescriptive plans of instruction for each student
- Full range of programs beyond the classroom including, arts, athletics, after-school activities, and clubs
- Self-advocacy training for students to understand their learning styles and strengths
- Executive skills infused into classroom

Enrollment Statistics / Class Size

Grades K-12: 281 Upper School: 70

K to 8: 211

Teaching Faculty: 63 Student-Faculty Ratio: 4:1

Average Class Size School-Wide: 6 Average Class Size Upper School: 6

The Fletcher School Overview

Mission

The Fletcher School empowers students with learning differences to achieve bright futures by offering an individualized, multisensory, college preparatory curriculum that prepares them to reach their full potential.

Unlocking Extraordinary Futures

Established in 1982, The Fletcher School unlocks extraordinary futures one student at a time. Our bright, talented, and often gifted students learn in small, structured classes with an average 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio. Each student has an individual and prescriptive learning plan developed for them.

Applicants are considered for admission based on documentation of average or above-average intelligence, difficulty in one or more academic areas or learning processes, and a Specific Learning Disability (SLD) and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnosis. Evidence that learning disabilities are not the result of primary emotional or behavioral problems is required.

Student Body/Student Life

The Fletcher School has two divisions: Lower and Intermediate Schools, Grades K-5, and Middle and Upper Schools, Grades 6-12. Our students are provided a comprehensive educational program through academic and cocurricular offerings, developing their academic and social competence.

Fletcher's structured and individualized learning environment emphasizes multisensory techniques supported by the Orton-Gillingham Approach. Instruction is sequential, cumulative, and repetitious to achieve mastery and ensure success for the student. Our students are taught to understand their unique learning styles, building the skills necessary to utilize their strengths.

Academic Overview

The Fletcher School develops and aligns its curriculum and instructional design with the mission and expectations for student performance. Curriculum and instruction create a structured, individualized, and multisensory learning experience that prepares students with learning differences and/or attention deficit disorders to reach their full potential. The college preparatory curriculum follows the North Carolina Future-Ready Course of Study based upon the Common Core State Standards.

The curriculum at The Fletcher School promotes the active involvement of students in the learning process, including opportunities to explore the application of higher-order thinking skills and to investigate new approaches to applying learning. Teachers utilize a variety of educational approaches in the learning process, including collaborative learning, educational outreach programs, and technology infused throughout. Ninth graders enroll in First Year Seminar, and twelfth graders enroll in Senior Exit class, which provide personalized assistance and guidance during these transitional years.

Levels of Independence

In addition to letter grades, faculty use an additional assessment technique to measure student progress in Grades 5-12. Each student is assessed based on "Levels of Independence" in eleven categories: Response Inhibition, Working Memory, Emotional Control, Sustained Attention, Flexibility, Task Initiation, Planning, Organization, Time Management, Goal-Directed Persistence, and Metacognition. Students' skills in each area are assessed using the following categories to measure executive skills: Beginning, Emerging, Progressing, and Mastering.

Teachers offer students differentiated and direct instruction in small group settings to support their needs based on their individual learning styles. The unique environment of The Fletcher School enables us to provide the following to every student:

- Wait time given for effective processing and understanding
- Use of alternative assessment techniques to match student's learning style
- A structured environment with classroom routines
- Digital literacy tools (Read & Write, Grammarly, iBooks)
- Advocacy skill development

- Development of executive skills: organization, study skills, and time management
- Repetition/reteaching
- Multisensory and multimodality instruction
- Study guides for tests
- Instruction paced according to the student's rate of learning

Grading Scale

| Letter Grade | Range | GPA Value |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| Α+ | 98-100 | 4.00 |
| А | 92-97 | 4.00 |
| Α- | 90-91 | 3.67 |
| B+ | 88-89 | 3.33 |
| В | 82-87 | 3.00 |
| B- | 80-81 | 2.67 |
| C+ | 78-79 | 2.33 |
| С | 72-77 | 2.00 |
| C- | 70-71 | 1.67 |
| D+ | 68-69 | 1.33 |
| D | 62-67 | 1.00 |
| D- | 60-61 | 0.67 |
| F | 0-59 | 0.00 |

Pattern of the School Year

In Grades 6-12,
The Fletcher School
operates on a schedule of
two semesters, with
examinations at the end of
each semester.

Upper School Extracurricular Activities

Activities vary annually based on student interest and teacher availability:

Clubs

- Art Club
- Acapella Club
- Collaging Club
- Cooking Club
- Creativity and Design
- Debate Club
- Escape Room Club
- Film Appreciation Club
- Improv Club
- Music Lessons

- NFL Pick-em Club
- · Nintendo Club
- Photography Club
- Spirit Club
- Study Hall
- Table Top Games
- Tea and Movie Club
- Weight Training Club

Sports Teams

- · Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Cross Country
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Girls' Volleyball

Graduation Requirements

| Content Area | Course of Study | |
|---------------------|---|--|
| English | English I, II, III, IV | |
| Mathematics | Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (and one selection from Functions & | |
| | Modeling, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus I) | |
| Science | Earth & Environmental Science, Biology (and one selection from Physical | |
| | Science, Chemistry or Physics) | |
| Social Studies | Civics & Economics, World History, United States History, Personal Finance | |
| World Language | Spanish I, II, III, IV, American Sign Language I, II, III, IV (at least two credits required) | |
| Required Electives | First-Year Seminar, Health, Physical Education, Senior Exit | |
| Fine Arts Electives | Modern Ensemble, Visual Art I, II, III, Mixed Media, Painting, Sculpting, | |
| | Yearbook I, II (at least one credit required) | |
| Other Electives | Language Composition I, II, III, IV, Leadership, Psychology, Public Speaking, | |
| | Strength and Conditioning I, II (at least 4 credits) | |

- The Fletcher School curriculum meets the North Carolina Future-Ready Requirements for Graduation.
- Each student's schedule is created based upon their individual academic needs.

College Attendence & Scholarships

Graduates from the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 have received 261 college and postsecondary program acceptances and were awarded \$9,183,295 in scholarships.

Class of 2020 (15 graduates): awarded \$1,307,580 Class of 2021 (17 graduates): awarded \$3,103,145 Class of 2022 (15 graduates): awarded \$2,563,562 Class of 2023 (15 graduates): awarded \$1,542,608 Class of 2024: (9 graduates): awarded \$666,400

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 5 YEARS = \$9,183,295

Core Values

The Fletcher School empowers each community member to reach their full potential by adhering to these core values:

- I take personal responsibility for my actions and intentions.
- I commit to learn and grow.
- I accept myself and other community members.

Together, we unlock extraordinary futures one student at a time.

Standardized Test Results / GPA

Average for Class of 2024

SAT composite score: 1210.....AVG score: 1210
ACT composite score range: 13-33......AVG score: 23
Average GPA......3.42

Average for Class of 2023

SAT composite score range: 900-1230.....AVG score: 1049 ACT composite score range: 14-31.....AVG score: 22 Average GPA......3.34

Accreditation/Memberships

- Approved by the NC Department of Public Instruction as a non-public school
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
- · Apple Distinguished School
- · Cognia
- International Dyslexia Association (IDA)
- Learning Disabilities Association (LDA)
- The Association of LD Schools (ALDS)
- · No Place for Hate

College Acceptances

Agnes Scott College American University American University of Paris Anderson University Appalachian State University **Auburn University** Barry University Barton College Beacon College Belmont University Belmont Abbey College Berry College Brenau University Brevard College Bridgewater College Caldwell Community College California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Campbell University Cape Fear Community College Carson-Newman University Catawba College Central Connecticut State University Central Piedmont Community College Centre College The Citadel Charleston Southern University Clemson University Clemson University - Bridge Program Coastal Carolina University College of Charleston Colorado College Colorado State University Curry College Davis & Elkins College **Drexel University** East Carolina University East Tennessee State University Eckerd College **Elon University** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach Emerson College Flagler College Florida Gulf Coast University Florida State University Frances Marion College **Furman University** Gardner-Webb University George Mason University Georgia Southern University Goucher College Greensboro College Grinnell College Guilford College Guilford Technical Community College Hampden-Sydney College Hawaii Pacific University **High Point University** Hofstra University Illinois Institute of Technology International Diving Institute Iona College James Madison University Johnson & Wales University

Kenyon College King University

Lake Forest College Lander College Landmark College Lees-McRae College Lenoir-Rhyne University Liberty University Life University Limestone University Loras College Louisiana State University Loyola University - Maryland Lynn University Manhattanville College Marist College Marshall University Mars Hill University McDaniel College Memphis College of Art Meredith College Michigan State University Middle Tennessee State University Mills College Millsaps College Montreat College Mount Holyoke College Murray State University Newberry College North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University North Carolina Central University North Carolina State University North Dakota State University North Greenville University Northeastern Technical College Oglethorpe University Ohio State University Oklahoma State University Pratt Institute Purdue University Queens University of Charlotte Regis University Richmond, The American International University in London Ringling College of Art and Design Roanoke College Rochester Institute of Technology Rollins College Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Saint Mary's College of California Salem College Samford University Santa Clara University Savannah College of Art and Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago Sewanee: The University of the South Slippery Rock University South Dakota State University Southern Connecticut State University Southern Methodist University Southern Piedmont Community College Stanly Community College State University of New York (SUNY),

Oneonta

Stetson University

Syracuse University

Texas Christian University The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Tusculum College University of Advancing Technology University of Alabama University of Arizona University of California, Davis University of California, Santa Cruz University of Colorado, Boulder University of Colorado, Colorado Springs University of Connecticut University of Denver University of Florida University of Hartford University of Lynchburg University of Memphis University of Mississippi University of Nebraska University of North Carolina at Asheville University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of North Carolina at Greensboro University of North Carolina at Pembroke University of North Carolina at Wilmington University of North Florida University of North Georgia University of Northern Colorado University of San Francisco University of South Carolina University of South Dakota University of South Florida University of Tampa University of the Ozarks University of the Pacific University of Vermont Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Virginia Wesleyan College Warren Wilson College Wayne State College Wentworth Institute of Technology West Virginia University West Virginia Wesleyan College Western Carolina University Whittier College William Peace University Wingate University Winthrop University Wofford College **Xavier University** York Technical College Young Harris College