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School at a Glance

- Serving students in Grades K-5 with specific learning disabilities and students in Grades 6-12 with specific learning disabilities and/or attention deficit disorders
- Specific learning disabilities may include diagnoses such as: reading, written expression, or math disorders; dyslexia and dysgraphia; language processing deficits
- College preparatory curriculum based on North Carolina course of study
- Average 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio in Grades K-12
- Faculty proficient in the Orton-Gillingham approach which is a multisensory, structured, sequential, diagnostic, and prescriptive way to teach literacy
- Individual plans of instruction developed
- 1:1 school-issued Apple devices K-12
- Apple Distinguished School designation 2015-17, 2017-19, 2019-2022
- Offering full-day school program, afters school programs, tutoring, and summer programs
- Outside the Classroom programs include arts, athletics, and other student interests
- Self-advocacy training to help students understand their learning styles and strengths
- Executive Functioning skills infused into classroom instruction

The Fletcher School Overview

Where Performance Meets Potential

Established in 1982, The Fletcher School is a place of extraordinary potential—a joyful learning environment lit by the smiles of our students. You need only spend a few moments in our corridors or classrooms to hear, to see, and to understand the Fletcher difference.

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 school divisions: Lower and Intermediate Schools – Grades K-5 and Middle and Upper Schools – Grades 6-12. Through academic and co-curricular offerings, our students are provided a comprehensive educational program, developing their academic and social competence.

With an average ratio of six students to one teacher, the structured and individualized learning environment emphasizes multisensory techniques supported by the Orton-Gillingham approach. Instruction is sequential, cumulative, and repetitious in order 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 and reach their full potential.

Enrollment Statistics / Class Size

Grades K-12: 280
Upper School: 66
K to 8: 214
Teaching Faculty: 59
Student-Faculty Ratio: 4:1
Average Class Size School-wide: 6
Average Class Size Upper School: 6

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.

Academic Overview

The Fletcher School develops and aligns the curriculum and instructional design with the mission and expectations for student performance. Curriculum and instruction are designed to 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 Standard Course of Study which is 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 the learning process. Freshmen and Senior students enroll in year-long seminars 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 eight different categories: Self-advocacy, Motivation, Organization, Transitions, Attention, Classroom Engagement, Academic Demands, and Interpersonal Relationships. Students' skills in each area are assessed using the following categories to measure progress: Emerging, Developing, Progressing, or Advancing.

In small group settings, teachers offer students differentiated and direct instruction 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 Gold, Grammarly, iBooks)
- Advocacy skill development

- Development of Executive Functioning 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
A+	98-100	4.00
A	92-97	4.00
A-	90-91	3.67
B+	88-89	3.33
B	82-87	3.00
B-	80-81	2.67
C+	78-79	2.33
C	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 18-week 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
- Beta Club
- Board Games Club
- Book Club
- Creative Writing
- Debate Team
- Filmmaking Club
- Karate
- Music Lessons
- Public Speaking
- Running Club
- Sculpture and Mosaic Club
- Self-Defense
- Spirit Club
- Techsperts Club
- Theatre Club
- War and Culture Club
- Yoga Class

Sports Teams

- Boys' Basketball Team
- Cross Country Team
- Flag Football Team
- Girls' Basketball Team
- Golf Team
- Soccer Team
- Tennis Team
- Ultimate Frisbee Team
- Volleyball Team

Graduation Requirements and Program of Study

Content Area	Course of Study
English Literature	Literature I, II, III, IV
English Composition	Composition I, II, III, IV
Math	Math I, II, III, IV
Social Studies	Civics & Economics, World History, United States History I, United States History II
Science	Environmental Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Foreign Language	Spanish I, II, III, IV, American Sign Language
Electives	First-Year Seminar, Senior Seminar, Graphics Arts I & II, Fine Art I & II, Math Resource Lab, Resource Lab, Film Studies, Yoga and Mindfulness, Personal Finance
Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education

- The Fletcher School curriculum meets the North Carolina requirements for graduation.
- Each student’s schedule is created based upon their individual academic needs.
- Electives are subject to change each year.

College Attendance & Scholarships

Fletcher graduates have been accepted into more than 150 colleges and universities since the School’s first graduating class in 2004.

Graduates from the Classes of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 were accepted into 173 colleges and postsecondary programs and awarded \$6,645,525 in scholarships.

Class of 2017 (18 graduates): awarded \$376,288

Class of 2018 (12 graduates): awarded \$304,000

Class of 2019 (22 graduates): awarded \$1,554,512

Class of 2020 (15 graduates): awarded \$1,307,580

Class of 2021 (17 graduates): awarded \$3,103,145

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LAST 5 YEARS
= \$6,645,525

Honor Code

In order to ensure an atmosphere of integrity prevails, K-12 students are required to uphold an honor code. An environment of truth is basic to the system of cooperation and mutual respect that underpins faculty/student interactions.

The Fletcher Honor Code: “As a member of The Fletcher School community, I will act with honesty, respect and integrity in every aspect of school life in the completion of assignments and during interactions with my peers and teachers.” Students must abide by the Honor Code in every aspect of school life.

Standardized Test Results / GPA

Average for Class of 2020

SAT score range: 780-1380.....AVG score: 1140

ACT score range: 11-33.....AVG score: 21.96

Average GPA.....3.29

Average for Class of 2021

SAT score range: 760-1540.....AVG score: 1138

ACT score range: 14-36.....AVG score: 22.96

Average GPA.....3.31

SAT/ACT Code: 340717

Accreditation/Memberships

- Approved by the NC Department of Public Instruction as a non-public school
- National Association of Independent Schools
- Member of NC Association of Independent Schools
- Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Designated as an Apple Distinguished School
- International Dyslexia Association
- Learning Disabilities Association
- Council of Exceptional Children
- Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

College Acceptances

American University
American University of Paris
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Auburn University
Barton College
Beacon College
Belmont University
Belmont Abbey College
Berry College
Brenau University
Brevard College
Caldwell Community College
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Campbell University
Cape Fear Community College
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
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
Johnson & Wales University
Lake Forest College
Lander College
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Life University
Limestone University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University - Maryland
Lynchburg College
Lynn University
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marshall University
Mars Hill University
McDaniel College
Memphis College of Art
Meredith College
Michigan State University
Mills College
Millsaps College
Montreat College
Mount Holyoke 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
Richmond, The American International University in London
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
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
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
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 Memphis
University of Mississippi
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 Northern Colorado
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of the Pacific
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
University of Vermont
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia Wesleyan College
Warren Wilson 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