



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL FACT SHEET

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2008-2009 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- 77% Proficiency on End of Course Exams
- 69% of students made more than a year's worth of growth
- 8 out of 11 End of Course content areas achieved "high growth"
- School Safety – 100% Score on Safety Audits
- Recent Graduates – \$3.9 million in academic scholarships
University of Pennsylvania, Wake Forest, Cornell, Chapel Hill, NC State, Vanderbilt, Clemson, Georgia, USC

COURSE OFFERINGS

- **Advanced Placement** – English Literature/Composition, English Language/Composition, Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, US History, European History, American Government, Psychology, Calculus AB and BC, Statistics, Art History, Art Drawing, Spanish Literature, Spanish Language, Music Theory, German, French, World History, Human Geography
- **Honors** – English I-IV, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, World History, Civics and Economics, US History, Discrete Math, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre – Calculus, Spanish
- **Languages** – French I-AP, German I- AP, Spanish I- AP, and Mandarin Chinese I-IV, *Latin II-IV (For students currently enrolled in course during 2009-2010)
*Availability based on requests
- **International Studies** – An Asia International Society "school within a school" program which provides students with the skills necessary to be successful in the workplace of the 21st century and will empower all students to be engaged citizens of the world. The Academy will emphasize international studies through an integrated curriculum intertwined with global awareness and language acquisition.
- **Arts** – Band, Orchestra, Visual Arts, Graphic Design, Photography, Drama/Theatre, Chorus and Chamber Choir
- **Special Programs** – Air Force JROTC, AVID, Culinary Arts, Health Services, Construction Technology, Automotive Technology, Horticulture, Fashion Merchandising, Sports Marketing, College Experience, Computer Networking, Project Lead the Way, Housing and Interiors, Computer Programming, Early Childhood

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

NHS, NTHS, Dream Team, ACE Club, Book of the Month Club, Broadcast Club, Leo Club, Key Club, DECA, FBLA, Teacher Cadets, Student Council, Poetry Lounge, Science Olympiad, Model United Nations, International Issues Club, Debate Team, Dance Team, AIS Student Council, Renaissance Leadership, Peer Mediation, Chess Club, FFA, JROTC, Marching Band, Art Club, Drama Club, Photo Club, Newspaper/Yearbook

Baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling

TEACHING STAFF

- Total classroom teachers: 186
- 44% of staff with 10 or more years of experience
- 27 teachers have Master's Degrees
- 17 National Board Certified Teachers
- 15 Former Graduates
- AP Certified Teachers

Ensuring academic success for all students