



# Experience pisgah

College Prep. Life Ready.

**Founded in 1986, Mount Pisgah Christian School's mission is to provide an outstanding college preparatory education grounded in Christian faith and values. Pisgah is an independent, coeducational school serving students from pre-K through 12th grade.**

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Mount Pisgah Christian School holds dual accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and is a member of numerous professional educational organizations including the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAAIS).

**Pisgah admits academically qualified students without regard to race, creed, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin.**

Upon entering the Upper School, each student meets with the Guidance Counselor to develop a four year course of study that fulfills the graduation requirements and offers an appropriate schedule with a variety of elective opportunities. Pisgah's innovative Advisory program provides opportunities for students to explore and discover interests and passions, recognize and develop natural abilities and strengths, and discover who they are and what possibilities lie ahead for them. Beginning in the freshman year, students are provided information and guidance about the college process, including timeline and helpful hints. In the student's junior year, the advisor discusses "best fit" options for college choices and helps students develop a more detailed timeline for managing the application process. As a personal service, the college advisor oversees the successful completion and delivery of applications to each student's universities of choice.



# THE CURRICULUM AND OFFERINGS

The curriculum is distinctly college preparatory, and includes honors-level courses in each of our academic core disciplines, as well as a variety of Advanced Placement (AP) offerings. Placement in an honors or AP course requires a qualifying grade in the prerequisite class and the teacher's recommendation.

In addition to our college preparatory academic foundation, our distinctly Christian context for learning challenges students to question messages of a popular culture that, at times, devalues notions such as truth and beauty. Our focus on traditional liberal arts training in math, science, and the humanities, as well as strong emphasis on technology and the arts, gives students the tools needed for success in college. In addition to the core and additional AP courses listed below, our offerings include required religion courses, PE/health, and a full complement of electives.

## English

English I, English I Honors  
English II, English II Honors  
English III, English III Honors  
English IV, English IV Honors  
AP Literature

## Mathematics

Algebra II, Algebra II Honors  
Geometry, Geometry Honors  
Advanced Algebra and Trig.  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
Calculus  
Statistics  
AP Calculus AB

## Science

Biology, Biology Honors  
Chemistry, Chemistry Honors  
Human Anatomy & Physiology  
Physics  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry

## Social Sciences

Ancient History  
Ancient History Honors  
World History  
World History Honors  
AP World History  
US History  
AP US History  
Government/Economics  
Gov/Econ Honors  
AP European History

## Foreign Language

Spanish I, II, Spanish II Honors  
Spanish III, Spanish III Honors  
Spanish IV Honors  
AP Spanish  
French III

## Other AP Courses

AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Science AB  
AP Studio Art

## GRADING SYSTEM

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
F	Below 70

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

DISCIPLINE	UNITS
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3(4)
Social Studies	3(4)
Foreign Language	3(4)
Christian Education	2
Physical Ed/Health	1
Fine Arts	1
Electives (.5 credits) (Including Technology)	1
<b>Total Carnegie Units</b> (Recommended units are in parentheses)	<b>22(25)</b>

AP TESTS (% >OR=3)*	2004-2008	2009	TOTAL
Biology	78%/23	83%/6	79%/29
Calculus	5%/22	14%/7	7%/29
Chemistry	13%/16	100%/3	26%/19
Computer Science A	33%/15	50%/6	38%/21
Computer Science AB	100%/3	100%/2	100%/5
English Literature	67%/46	73%/11	68%/57
European History	–	100%/3	100%/3
French Language	33%/3	–	33%/3
Spanish Language	33%/6	50%/2	38%/8
Studio Art (2D/Draw)	38%/16	50%/2	39%/18
US History	85%/26	92%/12	87%/38
World History	94%/36	100%/5	95%/41

*AP Test Results (% > or = 3)/  
Number of Students*

*\*Note: All students must take the AP exam, regardless of class grade.*

*All students who earn a 87 in the pre-requisite course and the teacher's recommendation are eligible to take an AP course. Guidance liberally encourages students to attempt the most difficult course possible.*

*62% Pass Rate Overall*

## CLASS OF 2010

The Class of 2010, comprised of 45 students, will become the seventh graduating class in Pisgah's history. World language includes Spanish, with other languages available through online options. Pisgah's historical AP test scores through May of 2009 indicate that 62% of students pass the exam. All Pisgah students are required to take the AP test as a condition of participating in that course. It is also important to note that the Pisgah guidance team encourages students to attempt the most difficult courses possible. The Class of 2010 is currently enrolled in 42 AP classes in Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science AB, English Literature, European History, Spanish Language, and Studio Art. We do not rank students, so please utilize the grade distribution table at right to place the student's academic achievement in context. Our top GPA score (weighted) going into the senior year was 98.92. Students at Pisgah have the opportunity to participate in mission trips and other community service events. For the first time this year, students are required to participate in 25 hours of community service per year. Students may also earn a Christian leadership honor upon graduation for service meeting defined criteria well above and beyond these minimums.

### CLASS OF 2010 GPA DISTRIBUTION

QUARTILE	GPA
Maximum	98.92
Q3 (75th)	93.03
Median	89.67
Q1 (25th)	86.97

## CLASS RANK

Due to the size of our student body, we do not rank students. Small differences in GPA could result in significant differences in rank or percentile. We therefore believe class rank is a potentially biased statistic for our students. We also wish to discourage any unhealthy competition for grades. We rank only insofar as to determine the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of each class. To qualify for these honors, the student must have attended Pisgah for a minimum of two full academic years prior to graduation. The calculation is based on all Upper School coursework and Middle School coursework taken for Upper School credit up to and including the fall semester grades of the class's senior year. The GPA for this distinction is calculated on a 100-pt scale to two decimal places.

## MINI-MESTERS

This year, Pisgah has instituted the mini-mester concept in order to connect students to enhanced elective opportunities. Twice a year, in January and March, all students will have the opportunity to concentrate in two different electives of their choosing for each mini-mester. During the mini-mesters, students' regular classes will be temporarily suspended while students are allowed intensive concentration on a particular subject or to be engaged in academic/Christian mission-related travel. This year over 70 different electives were offered. These electives carry .25 credit weight and with four total opportunities per school year, students can earn up to 1.0 credits per year. Students with at least one AP course may only receive up to .75 credits as they are required to utilize one of the mini-mesters for continued AP preparation.

- The cumulative GPA is comprised of a numerical average of all course credits. It includes courses taken in middle school for high school credit (often Foreign Language and Algebra I).
- Students take a minimum of six courses per semester.
- Grades in AP courses are given a 6-point weight. For example, a grade of 86 will appear as a 92 on the transcript.
- Honors courses are given a 3-point weight.
- We do not rank, except to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

### CUMULATIVE SAT TEST RESULTS

AREA	MEDIAN	MIDDLE 50% OF SCORES
Critical Reading	565	520-623
Mathematics	560	500-610
Writing	570	520-610

*Based on graduated seniors 2004-2009*

## 2004-2009 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS

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100% of Pisgah students have earned acceptance to a four-year college; 96% have attended a four-year college; and 4 % have chosen to attend a two-year institution. Italics identify those colleges which students have matriculated.

Abraham-Baldwin Agricultural College  
 Agnes Scott College  
 Augusta State University  
 Appalachian State University  
 Asbury College  
 Auburn University  
 Baylor University  
 Belmont University  
 Barry University  
 Berry College  
 Birmingham-Southern College  
 Brenau University  
 California State Univ.—Fullerton  
 California State Univ. —Northridge  
 Carson-Newman College  
 Charleston Southern University  
 The Citadel  
 Clemson University  
 Columbia College—Chicago  
 College of Charleston  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Columbia College  
 Columbus State University  
 Cornell University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Cumberland University  
 Davidson College  
 Eckerd College  
 Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne  
 Elon University  
 Emory University  
 Florida College  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Florida State University  
 Furman University  
 Gainesville State College  
 The George Washington University  
 Georgia College and State University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Georgia Perimeter College  
 Georgia Southern University  
 Georgia State University  
 Greensboro College  
 Guilford College  
 Hollins University  
 Indiana University  
 Jacksonville University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Kennesaw State University  
 LaGrange College  
 Lee University  
 Liberty University  
 Mars Hill College  
 Mercer University  
 Michigan State University  
 Middle Tennessee State University  
 Millsaps College  
 North Carolina State University  
 North Georgia College and State University  
 Northwestern University  
 Oglethorpe University  
 The Ohio State University  
 Oxford College at Emory University

*Palm Beach Atlantic University*  
*Presbyterian College*  
*Purdue University*  
*Queen's University*  
 Randolph-Macon Women's College  
*Reinhardt College*  
*Samford University*  
*Savannah College of Art and Design*  
*Seattle Pacific University*  
*Sewanee (The University of the South)*  
 Shorter College  
*Southern Methodist University*  
 Spartanburg Methodist College  
 Spring Hill College  
*Stanford University*  
*State University of West Georgia*  
 Stetson University  
 Spartan Aeronautical and Technical College  
*Syracuse University*  
 Sweetbriar College  
*Texas A & M University*  
*Texas Christian University*  
*Thomas University*  
*Trinity College*  
 Towson University  
 Troy University  
 Tulane University  
*Tufts University*  
*United States Air Force Academy*  
*United States Coast Guard Academy*  
*United States Military Academy (West Point)*  
*University of Alabama*  
 University of Alabama-Birmingham  
 University of Alaska-Fairbanks  
 University of Arkansas  
 University of California—Santa Barbara  
 University of Colorado-Boulder  
*University of Connecticut*  
*University of Georgia*  
*University of Houston*  
 University of LaVerne  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of North Carolina—Asheville  
*University of North Carolina—Greensboro*  
*University of North Carolina-Wilmington*  
*University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)*  
 University of Richmond  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of South Florida  
 University of Tennessee  
 University of Virginia  
*University of Washington*  
 Vanderbilt University  
*Valdosta State University*  
*Virginia Commonwealth University*  
 Washington & Jefferson College  
*Warren Wilson College*  
 Western Carolina University  
 Wingate University  
 Winthrop University  
 Wofford College  
 Young Harris College

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### BOYS VARSITY

BASEBALL  
 BASKETBALL  
 CROSS COUNTRY  
 FOOTBALL  
 GOLF  
 SOCCER  
 TENNIS  
 TRACK AND FIELD

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### GIRLS VARSITY

BASKETBALL  
 CHEERLEADING  
 CROSS COUNTRY  
 SOCCER  
 SOFTBALL  
 TENNIS  
 TRACK AND FIELD  
 VOLLEYBALL

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### BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY

BASEBALL  
 BASKETBALL  
 CROSS COUNTRY  
 FOOTBALL  
 TRACK

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### GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY

BASKETBALL  
 SOFTBALL  
 VOLLEYBALL

*Pisgah is a member of GHSA*

