



SALEM ACADEMY

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Four-year independent
girls' boarding & day school

2023–2024 school enrollment
76 students

Class of 2024: 22 students

Students from
10 states and 7 countries

College preparatory program with
100% college acceptance

Accredited by the SAIS-SACS

Member of the
NAIS, NCAIS, SAIS, ICGS,
TABS, SBSA, NACAC, SACAC

Student-to-teacher ratio 6:1

5 Athletic Teams

79% of students
receive need-based or scholarship aid

41% of students
are from underrepresented communities

Arts performances:
2 concerts and 2 theatrical
performances per year

80% of faculty/staff
have advanced degrees

Average class size is 9

2023–2024 PROFILE

Head of School
Ms. Kristina Porazzi Sorrells

Assistant Head of School
Dr. Sara Spong

College Counselor
Dr. Katie MacDonald

Mission Statement: Educating girls since 1772, Salem Academy fosters compassionate and creative leaders, prepared for college and life, who chart their paths with character, curiosity, and courage.

School & Community

Now in its third century of sustaining a community in which girls learn best, Salem Academy remains dedicated to fostering the intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical growth of young women.

Founded in 1772 by the Moravian church, Salem Academy flourishes today as an independent, college-preparatory day and boarding school that celebrates its diversity and affirms each student's uniqueness.

As advocates for women in leadership roles, we recognize our place in a global society and persist in our commitment to a lifetime of learning. We pledge ourselves to retain and nurture those values that encourage each student to take risks, show integrity, and discover her passion as she sets out on her own journey.

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Over the course of the last eight years, Salem Academy has evaluated curricular offerings that would provide both access and flexibility to college level courses for its students. Salem Academy shares educational spaces with Salem College and has a unique opportunity to provide college level coursework. In addition, many Academy faculty have advanced degrees in their specialty areas and are dually appointed to teach at the Academy and College. This unique arrangement allows for students to take courses by both Academy and College faculty and earn college credit for those courses. Because students have access to the full range of college courses, there are more options for exploration of a variety of potential college majors prior to high school graduation. In contrast to AP classes, Salem College courses provide transferable credits for students based on their focus and dedication to the coursework throughout the semester and rather than a single test taken on one day. Because of the relationship between the Academy and College, students are able to seamlessly attend courses at both institutions, earn college credit, and explore a variety of courses.

The Class of 2023 earned over \$3 million dollars in merit scholarships. In the last five years, Salem has had several full scholarships such as the David M. Rubenstein Scholar at Duke University, three Park Scholars at North Carolina State University, a Goodnight Scholar at North Carolina State University, a Leadership & Character Scholar and two Stamp Scholars at Wake Forest University.

Over the course of 10 years, the Academy robotics program has grown to two competitive FIRST Tech Challenge teams. The teams consistently place in the top 15% of the NC FTC state competition and have had the opportunity to compete at the world level. For three of the past six years, a member of the robotics program has been chosen as a Dean's List Finalist. Only 100 Finalists are chosen worldwide. Members have also been chosen as North Carolina Regional Winners for the National Center for Women & Information Technology Aspirations in Computing awards.

Salem Academy has a vibrant Debate, Model United Nations, and Youth and Government program as part of its elective class options. Salem Academy's Model United Nations Club was formed in 2011. Since that time Salem Model U.N. Club members have won dozens of individual delegate awards, including Best Delegation, or first place. In 2022, a senior team took best delegation, a first place award, at the Appalachian State University Model U.N.

For the last three summers, Salem Academy debaters have participated regularly in the The Coolidge Cup, a national invitational speech and debate tournament sponsored by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation. Since 2019, Salem has placed multiple times in the semi-finals of the Piedmont Environmental Alliance Debate at Wake Forest University, and won the tournament in 2022.

In the fall of 2022, the Academy expanded its public speaking and politics offerings through the Triangle YMCA Youth and Government program. The culmination of the program was a four-day conference in Raleigh where students participated in mock North Carolina legislative and court sessions. One Academy sophomore, a delegate, successfully argued for a bill on gerrymandering in the House of Representatives winning the Erica Wolfe Award for the best first-year delegate. A junior international student won best lawyer in the first Court of Appeals winning three cases in U.S. constitutional law.

Fall 2020 Due to the continued rise in COVID-19 cases in our area, Salem Academy operated on a remote learning model utilizing synchronous methods. Course averages were calculated on a 100-point scale.

Spring 2021 Salem Academy had a hybrid learning model in spring of 2021. Boarding students were not on campus and continued to learn remotely from their home. Day students did attend classes in person with a hybrid approach of faculty teaching both in person and online students simultaneously. Course averages were calculated on a 100-point scale.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2024*

3.67-4.81

*THIS GPA DISTRIBUTION IS FOR STUDENTS WHO
HAVE BEEN AT SALEM ACADEMY SINCE 10TH
GRADE.

Salem currently offers 3 AP courses and courses with Salem College. Students can begin taking AP and Salem College courses in their junior year and must be recommended for admission to those courses. Students have a maximum of 5 core courses per semester.

GPA: Honors, AP and Salem College courses are the most rigorous courses we offer in each discipline by grade level. Our Honors courses are weighted with a 1.0 quality point and our AP and College courses are weighted with 2.0 quality points.

Successful completion of January Term each year of attendance is a graduation requirement. January Term is a period of approximately two weeks that is set aside for learning and exploration through courses, community service, and internships that are not typically encompassed by the curriculum of regular classes.

Seniors must also complete a public speaking requirement by delivering a formal speech before the entire school community. This assembly talk derives from a research paper written in their senior English class.

GRADING SCALE	
A+ 97-100	C+ 77-79
A 93-96	C 73-76
A- 90-92	C- 70-72
B+ 87-89	D+ 67-69
B 83-86	D 63-66
B- 80-82	D- 60-62
F 59- under	

GPA CALCULATION	
A+ 4.3	C+ 2.3
A 4.0	C 2.0
A- 3.7	C- 1.7
B+ 3.3	D+ 1.0
B 3.0	D 1.0
B- 2.7	D- 1.0

Advanced Placement (AP) courses will receive 2.0 quality points added to the GPA, and honors courses will receive 1.0 quality point. Salem College courses also receive 2.0 quality points. The five core academic classes, fine arts classes, and religion are calculated in the GPA. Only Salem Academy/College courses and VISnet courses are factored into the official cumulative GPA.

SAT/ACT TESTING

Salem Academy will not be reporting SAT/ACT mean ranges this year due to the limited number of students who tested.

Department	Credits Required	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS Course Availability
English	4 English is required all four years	English I or Honors English I* English II or Honors English II* English III or AP English Language & Composition* English IV or Honors English IV & Salem College English 221*
History	3 US History is required	World Civilizations, Honors World Civilizations, Introduction to Civics & Economics, Honors Introduction to Civics & Economics, Women in Western History; Honors Women in Western History Honors United States History or Salem College American History I* and II* Salem College
Math	4 Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2 plus one beyond required	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Honors Algebra II*, Advanced Functions & Modeling, PreCalculus, Honors PreCalculus*, AP Statistics*, Salem College Finite Math, Salem College Calculus I, Salem College Calculus II, Salem College Finite Math 060
Science	3 Biology & Chemistry required	Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Advanced Environmental Science & Sustainability, Honors Physics Salem College Chemistry*, Salem College Biology*, Salem College Earth Science*, Salem College Physics*
World Language	3	Spanish I, Spanish II, Honors Spanish II, Honors Spanish III, Salem College Spanish 206/209* Latin I, Latin II, Honors Latin III, AP Latin Literature*
Physical Education	1	Freshman PE, Freshman Health Sophomore PE
Fine Arts	0.5	Theatre I, Advanced Theatre, Theatrix A Capella , Studio Art 1 and 2, Drawing
Other Electives	2	Yearbook, Robotics team, Model UN/Debate (can all be taken multiple years); Honors Computer Sci Principles, Honors Banned Books Salem College Classes

AP SCHOOL SUMMARY	2021	2022	2023
Total AP Students	25	20	26
Number of Exams	54	35	39
AP Students with Scores 3+	21	16	23
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	81	80	92

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2018–2023

Agnes Scott College
 Alabama State University
 Albion College
 American Musical and Dramatic Academy
 American University
 Appalachian State University*
 Arizona State University (Main Campus)
 Auburn University
 Barry University
 Belmont University
 Bennington College
 Berry College
 Boise State University
 Boston College*
 Boston University
 Bowling Green State University (Main Campus)
 Bradley University
 Brandeis University
 Brevard College
 Bridgewater College
 Bucknell University
 CUNY Hunter College
 California College of the Arts
 California Lutheran University
 California State University (East Bay)
 Campbell University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Catawba College
 Central Piedmont Community College
 Champlain College
 Christopher Newport University
 Citadel Military College of South Carolina
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clark University
 Clemson University
 College of Charleston
 Colorado School of Mines
 Columbia University
 Davidson College
 DePaul University
 Dickinson College*
 Dillard University
 Drexel University
 Duke Kunshan University
 Duke University
 East Carolina University
 East Tennessee State University
 Eastern Kentucky University
 Elon University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Farleigh Dickinson University
 Ferrum College
 Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida Southern College
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Furman University
 Gardner-Webb University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Georgia Institute of Technology (Main Campus)
 Georgia State University
 Greenville Technical College
 Grinnell College
 Guilford College
 Hampton University
 Hendrix College
 High Point University
 Hofstra University
 Hollins University
 Howard University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Indiana University (Bloomington)
 Indiana University-Purdue University (Indianapolis)
 Iona College
 Irvine Valley College
 Ithaca College
 James Madison University
 John Cabot University

Johns Hopkins University
 Kean University
 Kent State University
 Kenyon College
 La Salle University
 Lafayette College
 Lawrence University
 Lehigh University
 Lenoir-Rhyne University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Liberty University
 London Film Academy
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Marshall University
 Maryland Institute College of Art
 Massachusetts College of Art and Design
 McGill University*
 Memorial University of Newfoundland
 Mercer University
 Meredith College
 Miami University (Oxford)
 Michigan State University
 Midwestern State University
 Montana State University
 Montreat College
 Mount Holyoke College
 Mount Saint Mary's College
 New College of Florida
 New York University
 North Carolina A & T State University
 North Carolina Central University
 North Carolina State University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Norwich University
 Oberlin College
 Ohio University (Main Campus)
 Olin College of Engineering
 Orange Coast College
 Pace University (New York City)
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Parson's Paris at New School
 Pennsylvania State University (Scranton)
 Pennsylvania State University (University Park)
 Pepperdine University
 Portland State University
 Pratt Institute
 Purdue University (Main Campus)
 Queen's University
 Queens University of Charlotte
 Radford University
 Reed College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Roanoke College*
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
 Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
 Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Mary's College of California
 Salem College
 Samford University
 Santa Barbara City College
 Santa Clara University
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of Visual Arts
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Seton Hall University
 Sewanee: The University of the South
 Simmons University
 Spelman College
 St. John's University (New York)
 Stetson University
 Stockton University
 SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
 SUNY University at Buffalo
 SUNY University at Albany
 Susquehanna University
 Swarthmore College
 Sweet Briar College

Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas State University
 The American University in Rome
 The College of New Jersey
 The College of Wooster
 The New School
 The Ohio State University
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Manchester
 The University of Montana
 The University of Tampa
 The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
 Tougaloo College
 Towson University
 Tulane University of Louisiana
 Union College
 University of Akron Main Campus
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
 University of British Columbia
 University of California (Berkeley)
 University of California (Davis)
 University of California (Irvine)
 University of California (Los Angeles)
 University of California (Riverside)
 University of California (San Diego)
 University of California (Santa Barbara)
 University of California (Santa Cruz)
 University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Houston
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Kentucky
 University of Lynchburg
 University of Mary Washington
 University of Maryland (College Park)
 University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
 University of Massachusetts (Boston)
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan*
 University of Michigan (Dearborn)
 University of Minnesota (Duluth)
 University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri (Kansas City)
 University of New Orleans
 University of North Carolina at Asheville
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 University of North Carolina at Pembroke
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 University of North Florida
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Ontario Institute of Technology
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)
 University of Portland
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 University of San Francisco
 University of South Carolina
 University of South Carolina (Upstate)
 University of Southern California
 University of Southern Mississippi
 University of St Andrews
 University of Toronto
 University of Tulsa
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
 University of Victoria
 University of Virginia (Main Campus)
 University of Washington (Seattle Campus)

University of Waterloo
 University of Westminster
 University of Wisconsin (Madison)
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Wake Forest University*
 Warren Wilson College
 Washington & Jefferson College
 Washington and Lee University
 Washington State University
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Wesleyan College
 West Virginia University
 Western Carolina University
 Western Washington University
 William and Mary
 Williams College
 Wingate University
 Winston-Salem State University
 Wofford College
 Xavier University of Louisiana
 York University

**Members of the Class of 2023 attending*