

2026-2027 Profile

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HAMMOND THINKING AHEAD

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ABOUT HAMMOND

Previously known as Hammond Academy, Hammond School is an independent, co-educational day school founded in 1966. The school enrolls college-bound students in prekindergarten through grade 12 who are bright, talented, possess good character, and are willing to perform in a rigorous academic environment. Approximately 23% of students receive need-based aid, which is determined by the School Scholarship Services of Princeton, NJ.

Hammond does not discriminate on the basis of color, nationality, or ethnic origin in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. Hammond has a faculty and staff of 155 men and women. The student:teacher ratio is nine to one.

Hammond places an emphasis on global studies and experiential education with travel both nationally and abroad. Upper School students participate in extensive extracurricular opportunities in athletics, arts, and service. 93% of students participate in athletics and have won 169 state championships since the school's founding. Hammond also has a diverse and prolific performing and visual arts community which provides an opportunity for choral tours, drama productions, dance performances, and art exhibits. Although there is no community service requirement, students are highly involved in philanthropy and humanitarian work.

ACCREDITATION

Hammond is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Southern Association of Independent Schools.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Hammond's emphasis on forward-thinking extends from the faculty to the student body. Beginning in the earliest grades, curricular and co-curricular programs are crafted to help prepare students for future grades, each level building on the former. Programs unique to Hammond differentiate the educational experience from other schools.

• Country of Study Program

Hammond annually selects a country for year-long study that supplements the curriculum across disciplines. A faculty member from each division of the school spends several weeks during the summer in the selected country where they study the culture, history, and language, helping them bring the country to life for our students.

• Hammond Abroad

Hammond Abroad offers a selective, formative summer opportunity to rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Students engage in an interdisciplinary program that explores the connection between at least two academic disciplines. Classroom work and travel abroad complete this experiential program.

• Experiential Education/Field Studies

Throughout the Hammond student's Middle and Upper School years, opportunities for experiential education abound. Class trips include North Carolina whitewater rafting, college visits, Costa Rica, and a senior outdoor expedition.

• Public Policy and Social Change Signature Program

Public Policy and Social Change is available to students in 12th grade. Students in the program focus attention on a particular platform issue and give a presentation their senior year on the issue or topic of choice. In 2026, seven students graduated with this distinction.

BY THE NUMBERS



1059
Students



19
Buildings



1
Primitive
Tech Center



2
Innovation
Centers



24
Varsity
Teams



1
Planetarium



5
Fine Arts
Studios



110
Acres



2
Libraries



100%
College
Acceptance

CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Hammond School is a demanding academic program designed to prepare our students for university coursework. Because of this rigorous academic focus, when evaluating a Hammond transcript, it is important to take into account the challenging nature of all coursework offered at Hammond School. Standard level courses, as well as those designated Honors, AP or Post-AP, are demanding in quality, content and design. Enrollment in standard level coursework does not signal a lack of academic rigor or challenge.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4 Credits

Mathematics 4 Credits (Including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)

History 4 Credits

(Including World History I, World History II, US History, Government, .5, Economics, .5)

Science 3 Credits (Including Biology, Chemistry, Physics*)

World Language 3 Credits (In same world language)

Fine Arts 1 Credit

Physical Education/Wellness 1 Credit**

Electives 3 Credits

* may be substituted with AP Biology or AP Chemistry

** may be earned through athletic participation

COURSE LOAD

Ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students typically enroll in six courses per semester. Twelfth grade students typically enroll in five courses per semester unless special permission is granted to do otherwise.

ADVANCED COURSES

Enrollment in Honors, AP, and Post-AP coursework requires faculty endorsement. The only Honors courses typically available to Middle School students are Algebra I Honors and Geometry Honors. Enrollment in AP coursework is an honor typically reserved for juniors, seniors, and a limited number of sophomores. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams. Post-AP courses are designated for students who have completed all AP offerings in the related subject area.

In the 2025-2026 school year, Hammond began offering one Dual Enrollment Course, Music Appreciation, taught by Hammond faculty. Credit is awarded through the University of South Carolina, Sumter.

ACADEMIC STATISTICS

Number of AP/Post-AP courses taken (includes planned courses for 12th grade; does not include courses taken at other schools)	Percent of the Class of 2027 taking these courses
9+	24%
5-8	19%
3-4	21%
1-2	27%

Class of 2027 Mean GPA Distribution (cumulative GPA through July 2026)			
Quartile 1	Quartile 2	Quartile 3	Quartile 4
5.079	4.420	3.938	3.320

GRADING SCALE/GPA/CLASS RANK

Hammond utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale, which designates the quality-point range for each numeric **unweighted grade** and **gives weighted credit on GPA value only**. Honors courses are weighted an additional 0.5 point and AP/Post-AP/Dual Enrollment courses are weighted an additional 1 point. Credit earned through other institutions does not affect Hammond GPA and does not appear on Hammond transcripts.

The South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy determines class rank. While Hammond has a policy on the academic ranking of students, rank is not used for the purposes of college admission. It is our belief that rank neither provides a valid measure of performance nor offers a true distinction between members of a highly-talented class. We do offer other data that should assist in the evaluation of performance. We humbly ask that admissions staff take into consideration the rigor of curriculum at Hammond as evidenced by class statistics and college matriculations.

SC Uniform Grading Scale

Average	Grade	College Prep	Honors	AP
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	A	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	A	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	A	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	A	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	A	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	A	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	A	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	A	4.100	4.600	5.100
90	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	B	3.900	4.400	4.900
88	B	3.800	4.300	4.800
87	B	3.700	4.200	4.700
86	B	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
84	B	3.400	3.900	4.400
83	B	3.300	3.800	4.300
82	B	3.200	3.700	4.200
81	B	3.100	3.600	4.100
80	B	3.000	3.500	4.000
79	C	2.900	3.400	3.900
78	C	2.800	3.300	3.800
77	C	2.700	3.200	3.700
76	C	2.600	3.100	3.600
75	C	2.500	3.000	3.500
74	C	2.400	2.900	3.400
73	C	2.300	2.800	3.300
72	C	2.200	2.700	3.200
71	C	2.100	2.600	3.100
70	C	2.000	2.500	3.000
69	D	1.900	2.400	2.900
68	D	1.800	2.300	2.800
67	D	1.700	2.200	2.700
66	D	1.600	2.100	2.600
65	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
64	D	1.400	1.900	2.400
63	D	1.300	1.800	2.300
62	D	1.200	1.700	2.200
61	D	1.100	1.600	2.100
60	D	1.000	1.500	2.000
59	F	0.900	1.400	1.900
58	F	0.800	1.300	1.800
57	F	0.700	1.200	1.700
56	F	0.600	1.100	1.600
55	F	0.500	1.000	1.500
54	F	0.400	0.900	1.400
53	F	0.300	0.800	1.300
52	F	0.200	0.700	1.200
51	F	0.100	0.600	1.100
0-50	F	0.000	0.000	0.000
WF	-	0.000	0.000	0.000
WP		0.000	0.000	0.000

CURRICULUM

	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	WORLD LANGUAGES	SOCIAL STUDIES
9TH GRADE	Foundations in Literature and Composition Foundations in Literature and Composition (H)	Algebra I Geometry Geometry (H)	Biology Biology (H)	French I Spanish I Spanish II Spanish II (H)	World History I World History I (H)
10TH GRADE	American Literature American Literature (H)	Algebra II Algebra II (H)	Chemistry Chemistry (H)	French II French II (H) Spanish II Spanish II (H) Spanish III Spanish III (H)	World History II World History II (H) AP European History
11TH GRADE	British Literature British Literature (H) AP English Language & Composition	Algebra III Precalculus and Trigonometry Precalculus and Trigonometry (H) AP Precalculus	AP Biology AP Chemistry Physics Physics (H)	French III French III (H) Spanish III Spanish III (H) Spanish IV Spanish IV (H)	U.S. History U.S. History (H) AP U.S. History
12TH GRADE	World Literature World Literature (H) AP English Literature & Composition	Probability and Calculus (H) AP Calculus AB, BC Post AP Adv. Algebra/Discrete Math Post AP Multivariable Calculus	AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Environmental Science AP Biology AP Chemistry	French IV French IV (H) AP French Language Spanish IV Spanish IV (H) AP Spanish Language	American History Research Seminar (H) AP European History AP U.S. Government AP U.S. Government and Advanced History Seminar
ELECTIVES	Hammond Abroad: England - The Sun Never Sets Italy - Halfway Along the Road (H) England - King Arthur: Myth & Memory (H) France - The Art & Architecture of France (H)	Computer Science I Computer Science II (H) AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles Honors Design Lab Post AP Design Lab AP Statistics	Anatomy and Physiology (H) Applied Psychology Ecology Ecology (H) Sports Psychology AP Psychology AP Research AP Seminar	Economics Macroeconomics (H) Microeconomics (H) Exemplary Leadership Government & Current Events History of Religion (H) Religion & Philosophy Intro to Philosophy Intro to Philosophy (H) Business & Personal Finance (H) AP Business & Personal Finance	

FINE ARTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Art 2D, 3D Foundations
Art 2D, 3D Intermediate
Art 2D, 3D Advanced

AP Studio Art (2D, Drawing, 3D)
Dance
Drama

Technical Theatre
Concert Band
Chorus

Dual Enrollment Music Appreciation
Wellness & Exercise
Yearbook

CLASS OF 2026



70

Graduates



34

Honor Graduates
GPA of 4.5+

1290

AVG SAT

113

colleges

29

states
District of Columbia
France

Acceptances

28.3

AVG ACT

31

colleges

16

states

Attending

Class of 2026 Mean Test Scores

	Mean SAT	Mean ACT
Quartile 1	1473	34
Quartile 2	1345	29.1
Quartile 3	1255	26.1
Quartile 4	1121	23



31%

Palmetto Fellows
Scholarship Recipients
4.00+ GPA
SAT/ACT 1400/31 and above

67

took
441 AP and
Post-AP Courses

64%

recognized by
College
Board

45

named
AP Scholars
AP Scholars / Honor
AP Scholars / Distinction

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Semi-finalists & finalists	4	6	3	2	1	3	3	3	3	2
Commended	2	2	1	6	2	1	2	0	6	5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

Score	2026 - Percentage		2025 - Percentage		2024 - Percentage		2023 - Percentage		2022 - Percentage	
5	132	31%	114	27%	99	28%	48	17%	54	19%
4	127	30%	142	33%	107	31%	70	25%	82	28%
3	93	22%	102	24%	98	28%	95	35%	90	31%
Pass Rate	352/430	82%	358/428	84%	304/348	87%	213/275	77%	226/290	78%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RECORD

Recent graduates have been offered admission at the following colleges and universities. Colleges in **red** indicate matriculations 2022 - 2026.

American University	Florida State University	Parsons School of Design	University of Florida
American University of Paris	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Georgia
Anderson University	Furman University	Plymouth State University	University of Illinois
Appalachian State University	George Mason University	Presbyterian College	University of Kentucky
Arizona State University	George Washington University	Purdue University	University of Maryland
Auburn University	Georgetown University	Queens University/Charlotte	University of Massachusetts
Barton College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Miami
Baylor University	Georgia Southern University	Rhodes College	University of Michigan
Bellarmine University	Hampden-Sydney College	Richmond, the American International	University of Minnesota
Belmont University	Hampton University	College in London	University of Mississippi
Berklee College of Music	Harvard University	Roanoke College	University of North Carolina/Asheville
Berry College	High Point University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill
Boston University	Hollins University	Rollins College	University of North Carolina/Charlotte
Brandeis University	Howard University	Rutgers University	University of Pennsylvania
Bucknell University	Indiana University	Samford University	University of Pittsburgh
Campbell University	Johns Hopkins University	San Diego State University	University of Richmond
Carnegie Mellon University	King's College/London	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Rochester
Case Western Reserve University	Lafayette College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of South Carolina
Centre College	Lander University	Skidmore College	University of South Carolina/Aiken
Charleston Southern University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Southern Methodist University	University of South Carolina/Beaufort
Citadel, The	Lehigh University	Spelman College	University of South Carolina/Upstate
Claremont McKenna College	Louisiana State University	Stanford University	University of Southern California
Clemson University	Loyola University/Chicago	St. John's College/Annapolis	University of Tennessee
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola University/New Orleans	Stetson University	University of Tennessee/Martin
College of Charleston	Marist University	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
College of Wooster	Mars Hill University	Swarthmore College	University of Virginia
Colorado School of Mines	Maryland Institute College of Art	Tennessee Technological University	University of Washington
Columbia International University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Texas A&M University	University of Wisconsin
Columbia University	Mercer University	Texas Christian University	U.S. Air Force Academy
Connecticut College	Michigan State University	Trinity College	U.S. Military Academy
Cornell University	Midway University	Tufts University	Vanderbilt University
Dartmouth College	Mississippi State University	Tulane University	Vassar College
Davidson College	Morehouse College	University of Alabama	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Denison University	New York University	University of Alabama/Huntsville	Wake Forest University
DePaul University	Newberry College	University of California/Berkeley	Washington and Lee University
Duke University	North Carolina A&T State University	University of California/Davis	Washington University/St. Louis
East Carolina University	North Carolina State University	University of California/Los Angeles	William & Mary
Elon University	Northeastern University	University of California/San Diego	Winthrop University
Emory University	Northwestern University	University of California/Santa Barbara	Wofford College
Emory University/Oxford	Oberlin College	University of Colorado	Yale University
Erskine College	Ohio State University	University of Connecticut	*Partial List
Fashion Institute of Technology	Oklahoma State University	University of Denver	
Flagler College	Pace University	University of Edinburgh	