COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES CLASS OF 2026

American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University (Tempe)
Aston University
Auburn University at Montgomery
Auburn University
Augusta Technical College
Averett University
Babson College
Barnard College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berry College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brenau University
Brown University
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of Coastal Georgia
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
DePauw University
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)
Emerson College
Emory & Henry University
Emory University
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Northwestern Technical College
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Hampden-Sydney College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Hawai'i Pacific University
High Point University
Howard University
IE University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Ithaca College
Jacksonville State University
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Kennesaw State University
King's College London
Lanier Technical College
Liberty University
Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Maryland
Lynn University
Marymount Manhattan College
McGill University
Mercer University
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Middle Georgia State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Mississippi State University
Missouri Valley College
Montana State University
Morehouse College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio University (Main Campus)
Pace University (New York City)
Penn State University (University Park)
Point University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queens University of Charlotte
Radford University
Reinhardt University
Rhodes College
Richmond American University London
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University (Camden)
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Rutgers University (Newark)
Saint Mary's University
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee: The University of the South
Shorter University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Tallahassee State College
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The American University of Paris
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Naval Academy
University College Dublin
University of Alabama
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Birmingham
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (San Diego)
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of Leicester
University of Maine
University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of Mississippi
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Dakota
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida (Main Campus)
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
University of Texas
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
University of West Georgia
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan College
Western Michigan University
Wingate University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
Colleges in Bold = Matriculation

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The Honor Council, established by students in 1915, is comprised of representatives from grades 9-12 and assisted by one faculty advisor. The purpose of the Honor Council is two-fold: to increase students' understanding of the Honor Code and to preserve its integrity by giving justice to any student under suspicion of dishonesty. It may recommend penalities up to and including dismissal.

The Discipline Committee is comprised of nine elected students and five faculty members. Its goal is to lead each student toward a sense of responsibility to the school community. While the committee may recommend penalties up to and including dismissal, counseling and guidance for each student appearing before the committee is a very important role played by its members.

The Student Council is a body of elected student leaders that advocates and provides opportunities for the student body that are founded in "Wisdom, Service and Honor," the school's motto. The Student Council acts as representatives from the student body to the administration to make Darlington a better place for students.

The "Y" Cabinet, established in 1924, is a religious life organization directed by the student-elected cabinet composed of representatives from each grade. It affords a means of expression and opportunities for service for those who desire to lead an active religious life. Among other activities, the "Y" Cabinet sponsors clothing and food drives for local, national, and international charities.

House Leadership Positions are selected by the faculty and the current prefects in each of Darlington's six residental houses. These positions—head prefects, academic prefects, house manager, and international liaisons, to name a few—provide leadership opportunities for both day and boarding students to play an active role in the life of their house and the culture of the school.

The Servant Leadership Committee is comprised of 12 Upper School students who create, organize, and develop service opportunities in the Rome community.

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2026-27 College Admission Profile

History and Philosophy

Established in 1905, Darlington School is an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory school for students in grades PK-12 and PG, with boarding beginning in grade 9.

The school emphasizes traditional studies and expects its students to develop competence in English, mathematics, history, science, a foreign language, technology, and an appreciation of the fine arts. Darlington seeks to develop the best of academic and social growth for each of its students. Darlington's philosophy is best stated in the school's motto: *Wisdom more than Knowledge, Service beyond Self, Honor above Everything.*

Darlington admits academically qualified students without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Student Body

Darlington has an ethnically, racially, geographically, and socioeconomically diverse student body. Approximately 52% of the students receive need-based financial aid. While the majority of the students come from the Southeast, in 2025-26, students were enrolled from 19 states (Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington) and from 25 countries (United States, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Jamaica, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, and Vietnam).

College Attendance

Traditionally, all graduates attend college–97% entering four-year institutions and 3% entering two-year institutions. The 99 graduates of the Class of 2026 received acceptances from 219 different colleges and universities in 38 states, including Washington, DC, England, Spain, Canada, France, and Ireland. They attended 62 different colleges and universities. These are listed on page four of this profile.

College Scholarships

Fifty-one members of the Class of 2026 were offered 121 academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships valued at $8.2 million.

Pattern of School Year

Darlington operates on a schedule of two 18-week semesters, with examinations at the end of the school year.

Enrollment Statistics and Class Size

Grades ..... PK–12 & PG
Enrollment 774
Upper School 445
Pre-K to 8 329
Upper School – Boarding 200
Upper School – Day 245
Teaching Faculty 87
Student-Faculty Ratio 9:1
Average Class Size 15

Accreditation ..... Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Southern Association of Independent Schools

Membership in the Following

National Association for College Admission Counseling, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, The College Board, National Association of Independent Schools, Georgia Independent School Association, Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools, The Association for Boarding Schools, Small Boarding School Association, Southeastern Association of Boarding Schools, Secondary School Admissions Test Board, Georgia High School Association, The Cum Laude Society, Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education

College Board — ACT Code 112585

Advanced Placement Courses

Darlington offers Advanced Placement courses in 22 areas, which are found in the Program of Studies on page three of this profile. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams in those subjects.

Students must have a 90 or higher average in the previous course and the teacher's recommendation. Freshmen generally do not have the opportunity to take AP courses; sophomores are limited to two courses, juniors and seniors to four. Occasionally exceptions may be made. In 2025-26, 63% percent of the students took AP courses and exams.

Honors Courses

Darlington offers Honors courses in English, math, social studies, sciences, and foreign languages. These courses are designated as such on the transcript. High school subjects taken in the eighth grade receive high school credit.

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Dean of College Guidance

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College Guidance Office Administrator

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Graduation Requirements and Course of Study

Darlington has one graduation award, the diploma, which carries with it the school's recommendation to college. The minimum program of study leading to graduation includes 23 units, 19 of which must be in the major academic subjects, as follows. Darlington does not participate in any dual enrollment or early graduation programs.

English	4 units	Fine Arts	1 unit
Mathematics	4 units	Electives	4 units
Science	3 units	Health/PE	1 units
History	3 units	Community Service	15 hrs/year
World Language	3 units		

The minimum mark credited toward graduation is 70, and no student will be eligible for graduation who does not in his/her final year pass all major subjects.

If a student has been exempted from Darlington's world language requirement, the exemption will be noted on his/her transcript. The student will take additional electives in lieu of world language.

Community Service Graduation Requirements

All students are required to complete 15 hours of community service each year. Students may meet this requirement by participating in school-sponsored servant leadership opportunities after school and on weekends. Students may also accumulate hours of service through non-school-related opportunities as long as they provide documentation from the organization served.

Standard Course Load

All underclassmen are required to take a minimum of six classes each year; seniors are required to take a minimum of five classes. Students may take a maximum of seven courses.

Grading Scale

Grading is numerical; letter grade equivalents and grade points are as follows:

A	=	100-90 (Excellent)	=	4.0 grade points
B	=	89-80 (Very Good)	=	3.0 grade points
C	=	79-70 (Satisfactory)	=	2.0 grade points
F	=	Below 70 (Failing)	=	0.0 grade points
WP	=	Withdrawn from course with passing mark		
WF	=	Withdrawn from courswas failing mark		

Honors and AP marks are weighted five points for grade-point averages (GPA). Course grades reported on transcripts are unweighted.

E. L. Wright Awards

E. L. Wright Awards are presented each year to the students with the highest average in each course. The award is noted on the recipient's transcript.

Class Rank

Due to the rigorous nature of our program, Darlington does not rank its students. Given the size and makeup of our student body, slight variations in GPA can make a significant difference in class rank. A student's cumulative GPA is reported to colleges instead of class rank.

Disclosure of Conduct Records

As a NACAC member, Darlington will, when requested on the institution's application, report student conduct records to colleges — including, but not limited to, serious disciplinary violations, honor violations, probation, suspension, and dismissal.

Advanced Placement Exams 2026

In 2026, 268 Darlington students participated in the Advanced Placement Program and took AP exams; 54% of the exams were scored 3 or higher. In 2026, Darlington had 59 AP Scholars, 12 AP Scholars with Honor, and 27 AP Scholars with Distinction, for a total of 98 AP Scholars.

Class of 2026 – Averages – SAT & ACT Scores & GPAs

(Test Optional)

Most Darlington seniors took either an ACT or an SAT or both during the year. With so many colleges becoming test-optional, many seniors chose to report scores to some colleges and not to others. We have no way of determining which scores were submitted where.

Quintile	SAT Total	ACT	GPA
1st	1383.0	26.0	4.338
2nd	1262.5	27.0	4.159
3rd	1149.5	23.0	4.020
4th	1103.5	20.3	3.779
5th	984.2	18.4	3.215

Class of 2026 – SAT Score Ranges – Middle 50% of Scores

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing.....540 - 670
Math.....510 - 650
Total .....1040 - 1310

Class of 2026 – ACT Score Ranges - Middle 50% of Scores

Composite.....19 - 27

Program of Studies 2026-27

English
English I
Engish I Honors
Engish II
English II Honors
English III
AP English Language
English IV
AP English Literature

History
Ancient Roots
Ancient Roots Honors
Modern World History
AP World History
U.S. History
AP U.S. History
AP U.S. Government
AP Comparative Government
Intro into Economics
AP Micro/Macro Economics
AP Psychology

Mathematics
Algebra I
Algebra II
Algebra II Honors
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Pre-Calculus
Calculus
AP Pre-Calculus
Probability and Statistics
AP Statistics
Pre-Calculus Finance
Linear Algebra Honors
Multivariable Calculus Honors
AP Calculus (AB)
AP Calculus (BC)
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles

Science
Biology (L)
Chemistry (L)
Physics 1 (L)
Physics 1 Honors (L)
Zoology (L)
Anatomy and Physiology (L)
AP Chemistry (L)
AP Biology (L)
AP Physics 1 (L)
AP Physics C (L)
AP Environmental Science

(L) denotes laboratory course

Fine Arts
Art I
Art II
Art III
Art IV
AP Studio Art
AP Music Theory
Stagecraft
Cinema
Concert Choir 1
Concert Choir 2
Concert Choir 3
Concert Choir 4
Orchestra 1
Orchestra 2
Orchestra 3
Orchestra 4
Upper School Band 1
Upper School Band 2
Upper School Band 3
Upper School Band 4
Beginning Instrumental Methods
Communication Arts 1
Communication Arts 2: Yearbook
Communication Arts 2: Newsroom
Communication Arts 3: Yearbook
Communication Arts 3: Newsroom
Communication Arts 4: Yearbook
Communication Arts 4: Newsroom

World Languages
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish II Honors
Spanish III
Spanish III Honors
Spanish IV
AP Spanish Language

One Schoolhouse
One Schoolhouse - Chinese
One Schoolhouse - Latin
One Schoolhouse - French

Physical Education Offerings
Health/Fitness
Strength & Conditioning

Senior Elective
Senior Ventures

Darlington Signature Programs & Unique Opportunities

Senior Ventures are year-long senior projects built on a framework of leadership, innovation, and community engagement. The topic and the project design will be chosen by an individual student or a pair of students, and the journey is guided by Darlington faculty as well as mentors in the community. Most projects will fall into one of the following categories: Investigation, Performance, Entrepreneurship, and Outreach. Proposals that are interdisciplinary in scope with connections to professionals in the community are strongly encouraged. Each project is expected to have components of experiential learning (shadowing, internship, travel, volunteering, etc.), positive citizenship, and technology integration.

The Glenn Teaching and Learning Center was developed to support Upper School students with diagnosed academic needs. Students meet individually with their assigned Learning Specialists in their regular class rotation. Students are expected to implement the study skills that are taught each week in their core classes. The Learning Center also supports the seniors in the program with their transition to college. Each year, 100% of the students who are served by the Learning Center attend college.

Darlington School Boys Soccer Academy is a year-round soccer training program that competes as a U.S. Club Soccer team in the MLS NEXT League, club friendlies, U.S. Regional and National Championships, college showcases, nationally recognized tournaments and collegiate-level scrimmages. Every two years, the Soccer Academy travels abroad to expose players to international competition.

Coosa Junior Tennis Academy is the year-round tennis training program facilitated by Rome's Coosa Country Club in partnership with Darlington. The only tennis academy in the State of Georgia with a boarding component, Tennis Academy students work with the Coosa Country Club's staff of USPTA-certified coaches and performance training specialists in specifically designed opportunities based on level of play.

Coosa Junior Golf Academy is the year-round golf training program offered by Rome's Coosa Country Club. The only golf academy in the State of Georgia with a boarding component, CJGA integrates a strong academic curriculum, state-of-the-art athletic facilities, and on-course professional instruction. The Academy strives to develop the highest potential in every player.