

HAMMOND

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SCHOOL BACKGROUND Founded in 1966 as Hammond Academy, now known as Hammond School, Hammond School enrolls 902 college-bound students in preschool through grade 12. Hammond is committed to global education, each year focusing on a different country. Hammond offers its students a wide range of athletic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities. Hammond School does not discriminate on the basis of color, national or ethnic origin in any of its policies, practices, or procedures.

Hammond has a faculty and staff of 150 men and women. The student/teacher ratio is ten to one. Hammond is located in southeast Columbia on 106 acres. The 19 main buildings contain 85 classrooms, three labs, four art studios, two music studios, an early technology center, a college counseling center, two dining halls, two libraries, a theater, a chapel, and a lecture hall. Athletic facilities include two gymnasiums, a wrestling barn, a lighted football stadium, a baseball field, eight tennis courts, a cross-country track, practice fields, and a soccer/track and field complex.

Hammond places an emphasis on experiential education in the Upper School through wilderness expeditions. Some trips include Nantahala River, Outward Bound in North Carolina, Belize, Central America, and senior trip with backpacking, white water, rock climbing, rappelling, and mountain biking. Hammond also has a diverse and prolific performing and visual arts community which provides an opportunity for choral tours, drama productions, and art exhibits. Hammond School's premier choral performing group, the Select Ensemble, has toured internationally during the last five years. Venues have included performances in Germany, Austria, Italy, and the Czech Republic. In addition, the Hammond Drama Troupe was honored to perform in the 2008 Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Hammond enrolls college-bound boys and girls who are bright, talented, possess good character, and are willing to compete in a rigorous academic environment. Admission requires all candidates to have a good academic record, recommendations, an on-campus interview, and an entrance exam. Financial Aid is based on need and is determined by the School Scholarship Services of Princeton, NJ.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP Hammond is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Southern Association of Independent Schools. Memberships include the South Carolina Independent School Association, National Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, Palmetto Association of Independent Schools, Educational Records Bureau, College Board, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Secondary School Admission Test Board.

NATIONAL MERIT AND NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION During the past six years, 10 percent of Hammond graduates have been recognized as National Merit Finalists or Commended Scholars.

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Semi-finalists & finalists	1	0	1	1	2	3	3	1
Commended	0	5	5	5	0	7	5	1

CLASS OF 2010 The 63 members of the Class of 2010 were accepted to 84 schools in 21 states and are attending 26 schools in 12 states. 84% of this class was offered academic scholarships in excess of \$4 million. There were 28 scores of 700 or higher on the Critical Reading, Math, or Writing sections of the SAT. The average SAT score was 1225 (Critical Reading and Math), and 58% of the class scored 1200 or higher on the SAT (CR and Math). Six members of the class of 2010 earned GPA's of 4.5 or higher and were awarded the distinction of Honor Graduate. Thirteen percent were named South Carolina Palmetto Fellows, the state's highest lottery-funded scholarship. They did so by posting GPA's of 4.00/above and SAT's of 1400/above.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RECOGNITION Fifty-six members of the Class of 2010 took 189 AP exams before completing their Hammond diplomas. Following May 2010 testing, 30 % of the Classes of 2009 and 2010 were recognized by the College Board Advanced Placement program. Thirty-two students were named AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor, AP Scholars with Distinction, and/or AP National Scholars.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2007-2010

Score	2010 - Percentage	2009 - Percentage	2008 - Percentage	2007 - Percentage
5	35 19%	41 21%	48 25%	33 18%
4	43 24%	74 38%	60 31%	47 26%
3	51 28%	53 27%	59 30%	59 33%
Pass Rate	129/181 = 71%	168/197 = 86%	167/195 = 86%	139/181 = 77%

CLASS RANK Hammond School does not rank its students. It is our feeling 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 the Class of 2011's spring SAT scores: As of May 2010, 32% of the Class of 2011 had already posted 1200/above on CR and Math combined. It is also of note that as an indicator of our rigorous academic program and grading standards, the Class of 2011 includes only 2 students with no final academic grade below A, only 5 students with no yearly average below 90.

GPA Hammond School adopted the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale in 2004 (see reverse side). The grading scale designates the quality-point range for each numeric un-weighted grade and gives weighted credit on GPA value. Honors courses are weighted an additional .5 point and AP courses are weighted an additional 1 point. Only those courses completed in Hammond Upper School are reflected in Hammond's GPA. Credit earned prior to 9th grade is non-weighted and does not affect GPA. Credit earned through other institutions does not affect Hammond GPA and does not appear on Hammond transcripts. With the exception of AP Studio Art and Art History, all Fine Arts and PE credits are excluded from GPA calculations.

COURSE LOAD Ninth and tenth grade students typically enroll in six courses per semester. Eleventh grade students typically enroll in six courses per semester; however, eleventh graders who take double period AP Biology or AP Chemistry are limited to five courses per semester. Twelfth grade students are typically enrolled in five courses per semester unless special permission is granted to do otherwise.

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

English 4 Credits	Foreign Language 3 Credits (In same foreign language)
Mathematics 3 Credits (Including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)	Art 1 Credit
History 3 Credits (Including World Cultures, US History and World History)	Electives 4.5 Credits
Science 3 Credits (Including Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	Physical Ed 2 Credits

HONORS AND AP Enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement coursework requires faculty endorsement. Enrollment in AP coursework is an honor typically reserved for juniors and seniors. Honors courses (grades 9-12) are designated on transcripts by use of Honors or H. AP courses are designated AP. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams.

CURRICULUM

ENGLISH	WORLD LANGUAGES
English I Literature & Grammar	French I, II, III, IV
English I Literature & Grammar (H)	French IV (H)
English II-American Literature	Honors Advanced French
English II-American Literature (H)	AP French
English III-British Literature	Spanish I, II, III, IV
English III-British Literature (H)	Spanish V (H)
AP English Language & Composition	AP Spanish
English IV- World Literature	Latin I, II, III, IV
English IV-World Literature (H)	Latin V(H)
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Latin: Vergil
Public Speaking	SOCIAL STUDIES
Satire in Popular Cultures	World Cultures
MATH	World Cultures (H)
Algebra I, II	U.S. History
Algebra II (H)	U.S. History (H)
College Algebra	AP U.S. History
Geometry	World History
Geometry (H)	World History (H)
Pre-Calculus	AP World History
Pre-Calculus (H)	AP European History
Finite Mathematics w/ Calculus	History of Religion
AP Calculus AB, BC	General Psychology
AP Statistics	AP Psychology
SCIENCE	Religion & Philosophy
Biology	Being Human (H)
Biology (H)	Economics
AP Biology	Modern Western Philosophy (H)
Chemistry	Early Western Philosophy (H)
Chemistry (H)	Women's Studies
AP Chemistry	International Relations
Physics	Ethics of War
Physics (H)	Holocaust
AP Physics C	FINE ARTS
Ecology	Art I, II
AP Environmental Science	Advanced Art
Anatomy and Physiology	AP Studio Art
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Drama
Physical Education	Advanced Drama
Dance	Journalism/Yearbook
Ballroom Dance	Concert Choir/Chorus
	Film Appreciation
	History of Popular Music
	Technical Theater
	Concert Band
	Ceramics
	Shakespeare & the Stage
	Western Civilization
	Art History

GRADING SCALE Hammond began using the S.C. Uniform Grading Scale Policy with the class of 2004. The grading scale designates the quality-point range for each numeric unweighted grade and gives weighted credit on GPA value. The SCUGS was modified beginning in 2007 - 2008.

AVERAGE	GRADE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP
100	A	4.875	5.375	5.875
99	A	4.750	5.250	5.750
98	A	4.625	5.125	5.625
97	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
96	A	4.375	4.875	5.375
95	A	4.250	4.750	5.250
94	A	4.125	4.625	5.125
93	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
92	B	3.875	4.375	4.875
91	B	3.750	4.250	4.750
90	B	3.625	4.125	4.625
89	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
88	B	3.375	3.875	4.375
87	B	3.250	3.750	4.250
86	B	3.125	3.625	4.125
85	B	3.000	3.500	4.000
84	C	2.875	3.375	3.875
83	C	2.750	3.250	3.750
82	C	2.625	3.125	3.625
81	C	2.500	3.000	3.500
80	C	2.375	2.875	3.375
79	C	2.250	2.750	3.250
78	C	2.125	2.625	3.125
77	C	2.000	2.500	3.000
76	D	1.875	2.375	2.875
75	D	1.750	2.250	2.750
74	D	1.625	2.125	2.625
73	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
72	D	1.375	1.875	2.375
71	D	1.250	1.750	2.250
70	D	1.125	1.625	2.125
69	F	1.000	1.500	2.000
68	F	0.875	1.375	1.875
67	F	0.750	1.250	1.750
66	F	0.625	1.125	1.625
65	F	0.500	1.000	1.500
64	F	0.375	0.875	1.375
63	F	0.250	0.750	1.250
62	F	0.125	0.625	1.125
0-61	F	0.000	0.000	0.000
61	FA	0.000	0.000	0.000
61	WF	0.000	0.000	0.000
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CLASS STATISTICS

	CLASS OF 2008	CLASS OF 2009	CLASS OF 2010
GRADUATES	78	67	63
MID FIFTY PERCENT GPA	3.27 - 4.28	3.132 - 4.184	3.188 - 4.086
MEDIAN GPA	3.80	3.731	3.827
SAT (CR & MATH)	1224	1242	1225

JUNIOR YEAR STATS	CLASS OF 2011
STUDENTS	60
MID FIFTY PERCENT GPA	3.035 - 4.117
MEDIAN GPA	3.588
MID FIFTY PERCENT SAT (CR & MATH AS OF MAY 2010)	1090 - 1230

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RECORD Recent graduates have been offered admission at the following colleges and universities. One hundred percent of Hammond graduates attend college.

Agnes Scott College	Hampton University	University of Arizona
Amherst College	Harvard College	University of California/Berkeley
Anderson University	High Point University	University of California/Los Angeles
Appalachian State University	Idaho State University	University of California/Santa Barbara
Arizona State University	James Madison University	University of Colorado
Auburn University	Johns Hopkins University	University of Connecticut
Baylor University	Kalamazoo College	University of Florida
Belmont University	Kenyon College	University of Georgia
Berklee School of Music	Lehigh University	University of Hawaii
Bethune Cookman	Lewis & Clark College	University of Kentucky
Binghamton University	Louisiana State University	University of Maryland
Birmingham Southern	Loyola-Marymount University	University of Miami
Boston College	Marymount Manhattan	University of Michigan
Boston University	Mercer University	University of Mississippi
Brandeis University	Middlebury College	University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill
Bridgewater College	Mount Holyoke College	University of North Carolina/Charlotte
Brigham Young University	New College of Florida	University of Oregon
Smith College	New York University	University of the Pacific
Charleston Southern University	Newberry College	University of Pennsylvania
Citadel, The	North Carolina State University	University of Pittsburgh
Clemson University	Northeastern University	University of Redlands
Coastal Carolina University	Northwestern University	University of Richmond
Coker College	Ohio State University	University of South Carolina
Colby College	Oklahoma City University	University of Southern California
College of Charleston	Occidental College	University of Tampa
College of William & Mary	Oxford College	University of Tennessee
Colorado College	Pace University	University of the South
Columbia University	Pepperdine University	University of Virginia
Connecticut College	Pennsylvania State University	US Air Force Academy
Converse College	Pitzer College	US Military Academy
Cornell University	Pomona College	US Merchant Marine Academy
Dartmouth College	Presbyterian College	Utah State University
Davidson College	Queens College	Vanderbilt University
Dickinson College	Rhodes College	Vassar College
Duke University	Rice University	Villanova University
Elon University	Roanoke College	Virginia Polytechnic University
Emerson College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Wake Forest University
Emory University	Smith College	Washington and Lee University
Florida State University	Southern Adventist University	Washington University/St. Louis
Fordham University	Southern Methodist University	Winthrop University
Furman University	SUNY/ Buffalo	Wofford College
George Washington University	Sweet Briar College	Yale University
Georgetown University	Syracuse University	*Partial List
Georgia Institute of Technology	Temple University	
Georgia Southern University	Tufts University	
Hamilton College	Tulane University	
Hampden-Sydney College	University of Alabama	