

PORTER-GAUD SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PROFILE | 2024-2025

History

The school was founded in 1867 by the Reverend Doctor Anthony Toomer Porter to educate children after the devastation in Charleston from the Civil War. It later became Porter Military Academy and then merged with The Gaud School and the Watt School to become Porter-Gaud in 1964.

Our Mission

To inspire lives of purpose, learning, and service through cultivating each student's God-given potential.

Accreditations

Porter-Gaud School is accredited by the National Association of Independent Schools and Southern Association of Independent Schools.

By the Numbers

Student body size - 1075
Upper School size - 433
Class of 2025 size - 108

Class of 2024 Destinations

Graduates are attending 51 institutions in 21 states and three countries | 61% out-of-state, 39% in-state

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Grading and Weighting

Porter-Gaud utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (UGP), which translates every individual numerical grade to its own GPA equivalent. Within the UGP, honors and AP courses receive an additional weighting of 0.5 and 1.0, respectively. Finally, the courses listed on the Porter-Gaud transcript reflect only those courses taken while the student is enrolled at Porter-Gaud. A student's cumulative GPA reflects all high school credit courses regardless of school and includes high school credit courses taken in grades 7 and 8.

Porter-Gaud School's Ranking Policy

Porter-Gaud utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy which determines class rank for the purpose of the South Carolina LIFE and Palmetto Fellows grant scholarships. Ranking is not used or determined for the purposes of college admission.

Advanced Placement

Students must be recommended for AP classes. These recommendations are based on various metrics (e.g.: available standardized test scores, teacher/department head recommendations, prior class performance, writing samples). The first Advanced Placement course available to students is AP World History (10th grade). A student enrolled in an AP class must take the AP exam in May.

English Sequence

All ninth grade students take English I at Porter-Gaud School. The Honors English track is available beginning sophomore year, followed by Advanced Placement options in the junior and senior year.

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Grading Scale

97-100	A+
93-96	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
63-66	D
60-62	D-
0-59	F

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES BY GRADUATING CLASS | MID 50% RANGE

SAT	2021	2022	2023	2024
EBRW	570-680	590-670	580-700	590-700
MATH	550-670	550-690	530-690	550-660

ACT	2021	2022	2023	2024
ENGLISH	21-30	23-33	22-32	23-31
MATH	20-28	20-30	22-29	21-28
READING	22-32	24-33	24-32	22-34
SCIENCE	21-29	23-30	23-29	22-28
COMPOSITE	21-29	23-30	24-30	22-30

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

Community Service

Concern for the community extends beyond our campus. A wide range of opportunities are offered through our Community Service program and led by our Junior and Senior service leaders. Service involvement is not required at Porter-Gaud, but approximately 75% of our students participate in some type of volunteerism during their tenure.

Interdisciplinary Seminars

The Porter-Gaud Interdisciplinary Seminar Program seeks to create an environment where students can engage in intellectual exploration by applying transferable skills such as leadership, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking to develop innovative ways to solve complex problems. The seminars are designed to challenge students in rigorous, cross-disciplinary learning, enabling them to explore real-world applications at the intersection of multiple fields of interest. The seminar program is not for credit and students must apply to join. Past and present topics include *Global Health and Ethics, Engineering Solutions, Human Rights and Civic Action, Playing Politics: Fall of the Roman Republic, Hustle: Crafting, Culture, and Business.*

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar

Porter-Gaud operates on a semester system. Mid-year grades will be ready for colleges in mid-January and final transcripts sent in early June.

STUDENT HONORS

Cum Laude Society

Porter-Gaud School is a member of the Cum Laude Society. All Juniors and Seniors who have maintained at least a 90 cumulative grade point average through the end of the first semester of their Junior or Senior Year and who will have completed at least two full academic years at Porter-Gaud by the end of the current school year may be eligible for membership. A candidate must have taken an average of two Honors courses per year while attending Porter-Gaud. The national by-laws of the Cum Laude Society stipulate that membership in The Cum Laude Society may not exceed 10% of the Junior class and 20% of the Senior class based on the weighted cumulative GPA of the five core academic courses.

Accelerated Computer Science

Students interested in technology and computer science are invited to apply to our innovative, comprehensive three-year program. Each year, courses focus on different aspects of programming design through a variety of languages and technologies. In the senior year, students combine real world application and personal interests through a large capstone project.

PG Engage

PG Engage connects our students' classroom experience with the Charleston Area to help them become well-rounded community members. As a graduation requirement, students earn three credits per year across specific categories unique to each grade level:

9th Culture, Speaker, Citizenship

10th Mindfulness and Health, Perspective and Communication, Nature and Environment

11th Local Issues, National Consciousness, Global Connection

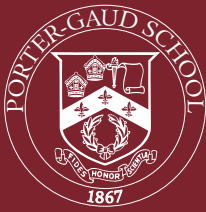
12th Advocacy campaign for 11th grade theme

Academic Course Load

All students must carry a minimum of five core classes per semester taken from the English, World Languages, History, Math, and Science departments.

Honor Council

The Porter-Gaud Honor Council is student-led with two faculty advisors. Members are elected by their peers and are held in high regard for their honesty, discernment, and integrity. Possible infractions are brought before the Honor Council, which makes recommendations to the Upper School Head and Head of School, who ultimately make all final decisions involving consequences.



UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

WITH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH

(4 credits required)

English I
English II
Honors English II
English III
AP English Language
English IV
AP English Literature
Creative Writing: Fiction
Creative Writing: Poetry to English

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE

(3 1/2 credits required, including World, U.S. History, Government)

World History I
Honors World History I
World History II
AP World History
U.S. History
Art History
AP U.S. History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Microeconomics*
AP Macroeconomics*
Economics and Personal Finance*
U.S. Government and Civics*
Honors Philosophy
Honors History of World Religions

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

(1/2 credit required)

Christian Theology/Ethics* (Required)
A Life Worth Living: Philosophical Studies*

WORLD LANGUAGES

(3 credits consecutive in the same language required)

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

Honors Spanish II, III, IV
Honors Advanced Spanish Studies
AP Spanish
Latin II, III, IV
Honors Latin II, III, IV
AP Latin
Chinese I, II, III, IV
Honors Chinese II, III, IV, V
AP Chinese

SCIENCE

(3 credits required, including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)

Astronomy
Biology
Honors Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Physics
Honors Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C
Honors Biomedical Sciences
Honors Biotechnical Research
AP Environmental Science
Environmental Science: Problems and Solutions
Forensic Science*
Psychology*
Human Biology*
Wildlife Zoology*
Oceanography

MATHEMATICS

(4 credits required, including Algebra I and II, Geometry)

Algebra I
Honors Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
Precalculus
Honors Precalculus AB
Honors Precalculus BC
Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry

Data Science
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Multi-variable Calculus*
Linear Algebra*
Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications

COMPUTER SCIENCE

(1/2 credit required)

Computer Science I* (Required)
Accelerated Computer Science II*, III*
Honors Computer Science IV*

FINE ARTS

(1 credit required)

Studio Art I*, II*
Honors Studio Art III*
Art History
AP Studio Art
Performance Choir
Jazz Ensemble
Choral Handbells
Introduction to Dance*
Introduction to Music*
Dance II*, III*
Public Speaking* (Required)
Debate*
Introduction to Costume Design I, II*
Honors Music Theory
AP Music Theory
Chamber Singers
Instrumental Music: Piano*
Digital Design & Photography

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

(1 credit required)

PE/Health* (Required)
Strength Training and Conditioning*
Fitness/ Wellness
Yoga, Mindfulness, & Meditation

* Indicates a Semester Course

ACCEPTANCE AND MATRICULATION

Classes of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Alabama A & M University
Alabama State University
Allegheny College
Allen University
American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin Peay State University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berhune-Cookman University
Bluefield State College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Calvin University
Campbell University
Capital University
Carleton College
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
Champlain College
Chapman University
Charleston Southern University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clafin University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado State University - Fort Collins
Columbia College
Columbia College Chicago
Converse College
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Defiance College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Eckerd College
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach
Emerson College
Emory University
Erskine College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fayetteville State University
Fisk University
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Memorial University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Francis Marion University
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgetown College
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Grambling State University
Grinnell College
Grove City College
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Harvard University
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Holy Cross College
Howard University
Indiana University - Bloomington
Jacksonville University
James Madison University

Johnson and Wales University - Charlotte
Johnson C. Smith University
Lander University
Lehigh University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
LIM College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Maine Maritime Academy
Manhattan College
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville College
Mercer University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Midlands Technical College
Montana State University
Montreat College
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
New York University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Northeastern University
Northland College
Northwestern Michigan College - Great Lakes Maritime Academy
Northwestern Preparatory School - California
Northwestern University
Notre Dame College
Nova Southeastern University
NYU Shanghai
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University
Otterbein University
Pace University, New York City Campus
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University - Berks
Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University - Main Campus
Queens University - Charlotte
Radford University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Roanoke University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Edward's University
Saint Louis University
Salem College
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
South Carolina State University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. John's College
St. John's University - New York
Stanford University
Stetson University
SUNY Purchase
Sweetbriar College
Syracuse University
Talladega College
Temple University
Tennessee State University
Texas A & M University - College Station
Texas A & M University - Galveston
Texas Christian University
The American University of Paris
The George Washington University
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Findlay
The University of Montana
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of the South
Thomas Jefferson University
Trident Technical College
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University

Truman State University
Tufts University
United States Military Academy
Tuskegee University
Union College (NY)
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Naval Academy
University College Dublin
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama at Huntsville
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
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
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University of Chicago
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Colorado - Denver
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Edinburgh
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
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University of Massachusetts - Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of North Florida
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina - Beaufort
University of South Carolina - Columbia
University of South Carolina - Lancaster
University of South Carolina - Upstate
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of Toledo
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin - Madison
University of Wyoming
University of York
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Westminster University
Wheaton College
College of William and Mary
Williams College
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

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