



# HAAS HALL ACADEMY

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# Our Mission

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**T**he mission of Haas Hall Academy is to provide an aggressive alternative to the traditional learning environment for students with a high intensity of purpose, enabling them to succeed at the nation's prestigious universities and to become pillars of their communities. Many graduates find that their first semester of college is primarily review because of the intensive preparation they received while attending Haas Hall Academy. Haas Hall Academy produces a truly educated graduate.

## The School

Haas Hall Academy is a small, comprehensive institution promoting an accelerated college preparatory curriculum, and enrolling 500 scholars in grades 7 through 12. Opened in the fall of 2004, it is the state's first, open-enrollment charter high school focusing on rigor and high academic standards. Haas Hall Academy in Fayetteville is accredited by AdvancED and the Arkansas Department of Education.



# The Curriculum

As a microcosm of a university, Haas Hall Academy's academic schedule is based on a semester block system mirroring the higher educational experience. Scholars are required to take four 90-minute blocks per day, five days a week. Enrolling in four credits each in the fall and spring, scholars complete an entire calendar year of each course in only one semester. Classes at Haas Hall Academy are mixed age and scholars are placed into classes based on their achievement rather than their grade level. A minimum of 22 credits are required to graduate in Arkansas, but most Haas Hall Scholars will graduate with over 32 credits.

All scholars at Haas Hall Academy experience an accelerated curriculum which goes into greater depth than is normally found in similar high school courses. Additionally, AP® classes are available to all scholars. The AP® classes currently offered are: English Literature & Composition, English Language & Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Government & Politics: US, Government & Politics: Comparative, Human Geography, World History, European History, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Computer Science A, Art History, Studio Art 2D, Spanish Language and Culture, and French Language and Culture, Environmental Science, American History, Seminar and Research. (Some classes are offered only on alternate years.) Scholars are required to complete the regular Biology, Chemistry or Physics class before enrolling in the related AP® class.

Scholars who take on the most demanding schedules are often able to take 10 or more AP® classes before they graduate.

Haas Hall Academy is an AP Capstone Diploma school. During the 2017-2018 school year, scholars were able to take the introductory AP Seminar class. In 2018-2019, we will complete the Capstone program by offering AP Research.

Haas Hall Academy focuses on academics to ensure 100% of scholars are accepted into college. Scholars are provided with unparalleled, hands-on instruction with an accelerated college preparatory focus on STEAM: science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Scholars regularly leave campus with their instructors, gaining real life experience and becoming involved in the larger community.

## The Community

Haas Hall Academy serves the educational needs of Northwest Arkansas scholars from a four-county area, representing a wide range of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. Although Arkansas's economy is largely driven by agriculture, Northwest Arkansas is home to the headquarters of Tyson Foods, J.B. Hunt, and Walmart, and Fayetteville is the home of the University of Arkansas. Additionally, corporate offices of over 1,300 Walmart vendors bring to the area highly educated employees of companies such as Coca-Cola, Dell, General Mills, Kellogg's, Pfizer, PepsiCo, Kraft, and Procter & Gamble. In 2014 the US Census Bureau estimated the population of the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Metropolitan Area to be over 501,600 and the current growth rate ranges from 2% -4% per year.

## Grading & Ranking

Haas Hall Academy assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system. Letter grades are assigned as follows:

A (4.0) = 90% - 100%  
 B (3.0) = 80% - 89%  
 C (2.0) = 70% - 79%  
 D (1.0) = 60% - 69%  
 F (0.0) = 59% & below



A passing grade point average at Haas Hall Academy is 2.5. Scholars cannot graduate unless they achieve a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher. Haas Hall Academy eliminated class rank beginning with the class of 2012.

## Testing

Scholars are required to take the SAT or ACT each year they attend Haas Hall Academy. The average ACT score for 9th grade -12th grade is 28.

## Honors & Achievements

- #1 public high school in Arkansas for seven consecutive years — U.S. News and World Report
- #19 public high school in the nation — Newsweek
- 100% Graduation Rate and a 100% College Acceptance Rate
- 40 National Merit Scholarship Recipients in the past eight years
- 4 National Hispanic Merit Scholarship Recipients
- Ranked as one of America's most challenging schools. In the top 1% for the seventh year in a row—Washington Post

# Colleges Acceptances

American University	Middlebury College	University of Chicago
Amherst College	Minerva Schools at KGI	University of Colorado, Boulder
Auburn University	New York University	University of Connecticut
Barnard College	Princeton University	University of Georgia
Belmont University	Pomona College	University of Glasgow
Benedictine University	Purdue University	University of Illinois
Bowdoin College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Brandeis University	Rhodes College	University of Iowa
Bucknell University	Rice University	University of Leeds
Carnegie Mellon University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Case Western Reserve	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Michigan
Colby College	Sewanee: University of the South	University of Missouri
College of William & Mary	Southern Methodist University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Colorado College	Smith College	University of Notre Dame
Colorado School of Mines	Stanford University	University of Oregon
Columbia University	St. Louis University	University of Pennsylvania
Davidson College	Swarthmore College	University of Rochester
Emerson College	Texas A & M	University of South Florida
Emory University	Texas Christian University	University of Texas, Austin
Fordham University	The New School-Eugene Lang	University of Texas, Dallas-McDermott
Georgetown University	Trinity University	University of Tulsa
George Washington University	The Ohio State University	University of Vermont
Georgia Institute of Technology	United States Air Force Academy	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Gonzaga University	United States Naval Academy	Washington & Lee University
Grinnell College	University of Alabama	Washington University, St. Louis
Hendrix College	University of Arkansas	Wellesly College
Harvey Mudd College	University of California, Berkeley	Vanderbilt University
Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Los Angeles	Villanova University
McGill University	University of California, Santa Barbara	Vassar College