



## COLLEGEDALE ACADEMY PROFILE 2025-2026

### **Early Application Process:**

All **new** students may reserve space for the coming school year beginning January 5. A NON-REFUNDABLE application fee is required. We hope that you will be able to make an early decision for the coming school year.

### **Academy Day**

All local SDA elementary schools attend. If your student does not attend a local SDA elementary school, please just give us a call so that a name tag may be prepared if he/she plans on attending.

### **Important Information:**

Please keep checking the website at [www.collegedaleacademy.com](http://www.collegedaleacademy.com) for updated calendars, the *Handbook* for 2025-2026, and additional information as it becomes available. Tuition rates for next year will be posted on the website.

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## COLLEGEDALE ACADEMY PROFILE/FACTS

A Seventh-day Adventist co-educational four-year senior high school accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities, Inc., the National Council for Private School Accreditation, The Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools Commissions on Elementary & Secondary Schools, and the State of Tennessee.

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## HISTORY

Collegedale Academy was founded as the Graysville School at Graysville, Tennessee, in 1892. Later the name was changed to Southern Training School, and in 1916 it was moved to its present location at Collegedale, Tennessee, where it reopened as Southern Junior College. Grades nine to twelve were organized as an integral part of the Junior College program during those early years. In 1936 the secondary school was given a separate status and was renamed Collegedale Academy. In 1938 the academy was accredited by the Tennessee State Department of Education and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In 1944 Southern Junior College became a senior college and the first four-year seniors graduated in 1946. In 1968 the Greater Collegedale School System was organized when the Academy became separated from Southern Missionary College; the GCSS is composed of A. W. Spalding Elementary School, Collegedale Adventist Middle School, and Collegedale Academy. The System operates under a local school board which includes representatives from supporting constituent churches. Collegedale Academy now serves as a day academy for the Greater Chattanooga and North Georgia area. Collegedale Academy, a private, four-year, multipurpose, coeducational secondary school owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, provides education in the general and college-preparatory secondary curriculum.

## LOCATION

Collegedale Academy is located adjacent to Southern Adventist University approximately one-half mile off University Drive on College Drive East.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Academy buildings consist of ten classrooms, three science laboratories, a band/choir complex, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 560, a media center, a STEM lab, an administration complex, and a dining commons/gymnasium facility.

## STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, MISSION, ACADEMIC GOALS, AND LIFE ROLES

### PHILOSOPHY

As Seventh-day Adventists, we recognize the existence of sin and the need for restoration of the divine image in each individual. This restoration is accomplished through the conversion experience and subsequent growth in Christ throughout life. The goals of Collegedale Academy are for students to cultivate a desire to worship God, to serve humanity, and to be contributing members of a global society. This education prepares the students for a fulfilling life on earth and for eternal life.

### MISSION

The mission of Collegedale Academy, through a balanced program of spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development, is to cooperate with the home and church in the restoration of God's image in every student.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *We are a Seventh-day Adventist school established to educate, equip, and inspire students to be critical thinkers who serve others and reflect Christ's character.*

### ACADEMIC

Collegedale Academy is committed to providing the academic excellence that will enable students to be successful in high school, to be prepared for further education and employment, and to fulfill desired life roles. The academic program is considered rigorous. Students, during their junior and senior years, have the opportunity to take dual-enrollment and college courses.

### STUDENT LIFE

Academics are an important component of Collegedale Academy's program. Other aspects of student life include:

## **SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES**

At Collegedale Academy the spiritual focus is very important. We have chapel five days per week and religion classes each year for all students. Students regularly share their faith as chapel speakers. Outreach projects include Blood Assurance, Chambliss Home, Drama, Mission Trips (international, opposite years), music trips, and CAD4 Hope (the annual food drive). The Southern Union Prayer Conference is attended each year. In addition, a Week of Prayer is held each semester. We have a full time chaplain at Collegedale Academy and two full-time and one part-time religion teachers.

## **STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

This organization plans many events for students throughout the school year.

## **PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES**

At Collegedale Academy physical development is an important part of the overall educational program. Students are required to take P.E. classes throughout their time at CA. Students are also encouraged to further develop their physical capabilities with after school intramurals, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, and volleyball teams along with various athletic tournaments held throughout the year.

## **TOURS/TRIPS**

Many of our classes include tours such as the Concert band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Opus, and choir, and Acro Force gymnastics. Prayer Conference offers students additional traveling opportunities to develop the spiritual component. Students may also travel outside the United States through our international mission trips. In addition, many classes provide field trip opportunities for students to gain deeper insights into the various subject matters represented.

## **FACTS ABOUT COLLEGEDALE ACADEMY**

For the year 2025-2026:

### **Total Students: 375**

9th Grade:	103
10th Grade:	96
11th Grade:	92
12th Grade:	84

### **Ethnicity:**

Asian	30
African-American	15
American Indian	0
Caucasian	255
Hispanic	68
Pacific Islander	0
Other	8

### **MISSION TRIPS:**

International trips occur every other year. When: connected to the Spring Break vacation. The next mission trip is scheduled for spring break 2026 to Africa.

### **SPORTS**

- TSSAA for basketball, cross country, golf soccer, tennis, and volleyball, track & field (outside of school hours)
- Acro Force gymnastics team (a class during school hours)
- Intra murals twice a week after school—sports vary by season

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:**

- French I/II
- Spanish I/II

**MUSIC:**

(All by audition only)

- Bands
- Jazz Band (before school)
- Chamber Orchestra
- Choir
- Opus (auditioned group)
- Private Lessons

**COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE (12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades):**

- Composition 101/102            3 hours each of college credit/prerequisite/extra fees apply
- Music in Western Culture    3 hours of college credit/extra fees apply
- Earth Science                    3 hours of college credit/extra fees apply
- Principles of Biology          3 hours of college credit/extra fees apply
- Statistics                         3 hours of college credit/prerequisite/extra fees apply
- Pre-Calculus                    3-5 hours available via **SAU department exams**
- AP Calculus                      3 hours available via **AP exam**/extra fee for testing

**TESTING:**

- Above average national and state scores on the ACT
- Offered tests: PSAT(10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>), Pre-ACT 8/9, Pre-ACT 10, ACT: Sept, Dec, Feb and April national tests.
- Collegedale Academy has had several students qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

**COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:**

Percentages of Graduates Going to 2-4 Year Colleges/Universities from CA

Class	# of Graduates	Gone to College or University 2 or 4 year total    %	SAU Only %
2010	102	95%	64%
2011	89	95%	79%
2012	87	95%	71%
2013	94	91%	59%
2014	86	56%	48%
2015	66	98%	42%
2016	55	96%	58%
2017	63	82%	46%
2018	71	88%	55%
2019	89	97%	52%
2020	60	57%	33%
2021	81	94%	55%
2022	93	88%	41%
2023	81	96%	65%
2024	87	97%	62%
2025	106	92%	60%