

Upper School

Design Qualities

Portrait of a Graduate

Salisbury Academy





Design Overview

- 1. STRONG CONTENT ENHANCED BY AUTHENTIC APPLICATION
- 2. DAILY INDIVIDUALIZED ACADEMIC & PERSONAL SUPPORT
- 3. ANNUAL THEMES TO NURTURE WELL-ROUNDED GROWTH
- 4. COMMUNITY-BASED EXPERIENCES TO DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS

Course Outline

Strong content enhanced by authentic application

Opportunities for supported college immersion at Catawba built to each student's strengths

9th Grade		10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	
Theme	Self Discovery	Civic Collaboration	Innovation & Enterprise	Global Perspective	
Literature	American & British Literature	The Classics Greek & Roman	Literature of Science & Technology	World Literature	
Social Studies	American History	Government & Politics	Economics & Personal Finance*	World Civilizations*	
Science	Biology	Environmental Science	vironmental Science Chemistry*		
Math (Advanced Track	th (Advanced Track) Geometry Advanced Algebra Functions, Statis		Functions, Statistics, and Trig*	Precalculus & Discrete Math*	
Math (Standard Track)	Algebra	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	Functions, Statistics, and Trig*	
Compass	The Hero's Journey	The Art of Public Speaking	e Art of Public Speaking Good to Great		
Electives	tives Personal Wellness Community Immersion Modular Selection		Modular Selections*	Modular Selections*	
Electives	Art Immersion	World Language	World Language Modular Selections		
	*Or corresponding college course				

Two entry points for math instruction to support all needs and interest

Core content alignment allows for natural transfer and cross-curricular application

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Themes connect the learning to larger ideas of personal identity and individual gifts and talents

Annual themes to nurture well-rounded growth

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Social Studies	American History	Government & Politics	Economics & Personal Finance*	nce* World Civilizations*	
Science	Biology	Environmental Science	Chemistry*	Science Elective*	
Math (Advanced Track)	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	Functions, Statistics, and Trig*	Precalculus & Discrete Math*	
Math (Standard Track)	Algebra	Geometry	Advanced Algebra	Functions, Statistics, and Trig*	
Compass	The Hero's Journey	The Art of Public Speaking	Good to Great	Internship	
Electives	Personal Wellness	Community Immersion 🔾	Modular Selections*	Modular Selections*	
Electives	Art Immersion	World Language	World Language	Modular Selections*	
	*Or corre sponding college course				

Electives built of smaller modules allow students to explore the community and build their social network

Fourth year compass supports process of planning for and accessing post graduation plans

Daily Schedule

Community-based experiences to develop life skills

Compass class connects all courses to annual theme and supports personal growth and development.

Advisory allows for community time and starts the week out in a reflective manner

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:00	5 11 6		5 11 6		
8:30	English Seminar	Social Studies	English Seminar	SS 1 Seminar	English Semi- Daily
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9:30	Humanities Lab	Humanities Lab	Humanities Lab	Humanities Lab	Hum dual-e
10:00					
	Math Seminar	Elective 1	Math Seminar	Elective 1	Math Seminar
10:30					
11:00	STEM Lab	Compass	STEM Lab	Compass	STEM Lab
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12:00					C
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2:00	Advisory	Science Seminar	Chapel	Science Seminar	Early Release
2:30					
3:00	Clubs	Math & Writing Center	Clubs	Math & Writing Center	
5.55		Center		Center	

Daily Schedule

Consistent individualized academic & personal support

Seminar allows for direct instruction with a teacher and full class community

Learning labs
provide highly supported,
personalized engagement time
for all students as well as
collboration opportunities

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8:00	English Seminar		English Seminar		English Sc. Class	
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12:30		Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
1:00	Elective 2	STEM Lab	Elective 2	STEM Lab		
1:30						
2:00	Advisory	Science Seminar	Seminar Chapel	Science Seminar	Early Release	
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3:00	Clubs	Math & Writing Center	Clubs	Math ^c	community r	Catawba students, nembers, and
						leaders allow for ay of opportunities

Compass Course

The Hallmark Experience



This course leverages the annual theme to promote each student's personal development and preparation for their life beyond high school.



Taught year-long to fully support students, Compass offers summer experiences to build students' awareness and their portfolios.



The compass teacher will help students form connections between core learning, community experiences, and personal awareness.

Compass Course

Year 1 Self Discovery

What makes a hero?

Summer: Orientation Camp on Catawba's Campus

Discover: Your own epic quest story and how learning supports it, as you identify your gifts and passions

Texts: Designing
Your Life (Burnette
& Evans) &
Leadership is an Art
(DePree)

Year 2Civic Collaboration

What does it mean to be a citizen in our community?

Summer: Community volunteer service

Discover: The intricate ways our community is connected and the role you can play in that context.

Texts: The Tipping Point (Gladwell) & The Art of Public Speaking (Carnegie)

Year 3 Innovation & Enterprise

How can leaders design for an effective culture?

Summer: Internship

Discover: How you can leverage creativity and design to build and market a positive product.

Texts: Creative Confidence (Kelley) Good to Great (Collins)

Year 4 Global Perspective

What are the opportunities & challenges of living in a globalized world?

Summer: Travel experience

Discover: How to navigate towards your personal future goals.

Texts: The
Intergalactic Design
Guide: Harnessing
the Creative
Potential of Social
Design (Heller)

Sample Humanities Module

Module	Culminating Product	Content knowledge and transcript credits	Mindsets and Skills	ACT/SAT Preparation
The Roosevelts and the Epic Quest Analyze how the stories of historical and fictional	Students will engage with an array of individuals in the community to whom they are not closely familiar. Through	American 2: American history from 1860's to 1940's: Students will examine the political, economic, social and cultural development of the United States from the Civil War through World War 2. Students will trace the change in the ethnic	Mindsets: Political Mindset Analytical Mindest Design Mindset	ACT English: grammar, punctuation, sentence structure and rhetorical skills
characters follow the plot of the epic quest as societies experience conflict	analysis of their personal stories students will select one individual for	composition of American society; the movement toward equal rights or racial minorities and women; and the role of the United States as a major world power. An	Skill Development: O Reading comprehension	Reading: prose fiction, social studies, humanities texts
Essential Questions: What makes someone a hero?	whom they will document their epic quest. Video, artifacts, and primary sources will be	emphasis is placed on the expanding role of the federal government and federal courts as well as the continuing tension between the individual and the state.	 Research and utilization of primary sources Connections to 	Writing: essays SAT Reading: literature, historical documents,
What role does storytelling play in society's understanding of heroic qualities?	utilized to create a multimedia presentation of their selected hero's epic quest.	English 1: Read and understand complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently, connecting prior knowledge and experiences to text. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical	an array of new individuals in our community Interview and public speaking skills	Writing & Language: Grammar, vocabulary in context, and editing skills
How does society shape the individual and how does the individual shape society?		inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text. Assess how point of view, perspective, or purpose shapes the content and style of a text. Key Texts: To Kill a Mockingbird, All Quiet on the Western Front, The Hobbit	 Developing strong questions Deep reflection on informational and fictional texts 	Essay: Read a passage and explain how the author builds a persuasive argument