



# 2025 - 2026 CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE



## CDS Highlights

**100%**

admitted to a 4-year college or university since our first Upper School graduating class in 2009

**1 of 15**

schools in the U.S. to earn Cum Laude Society membership and be an International Baccalaureate (IB) qualified institution

**85%**

of the class of 2025 applied to at least one out-of-state school

**45%**

of students from the class of 2025 are attending an out-of-state college or university

**OVER 6,700 Sq. Ft.**

added or renovated spaces for our Athletics program. The weight room was renovated and a new locker room facility was added for our student-athletes.

**32%**

of the 2025 senior class utilized Early Decision I or II

**20**

seniors from the class of 2025 are participating in NCAA division 1, 2 or 3 athletics (baseball, football, men's basketball, men's soccer, women's golf, women's soccer, & women's volleyball)

**6**

students were named National Merit Finalists in the class of 2025

**1 of 3**

Round Square schools in Florida that offers unique International travel for faculty and students

## THE SCHOOL

An International Baccalaureate World School, Carrollwood Day School (CDS) was founded in 1981 and currently serves students from age two through 12th grade. In May 2009, the school graduated its first senior class. The curriculum for Carrollwood Day School follows guidelines established by the International Baccalaureate Organization. CDS is one of only 36 schools in the United States authorized to offer the full curriculum/continuum of IB programmes from early childhood through college preparatory. As an IB World School, we cultivate principled entrepreneurial thinkers for a global society by enriching the mind, strengthening the character, and inspiring the passions of our community.

In 2022, CDS was selected as a Round Square member, an international network of 250 schools committed to international exchange and experiential learning. Our vision is to build a community prepared and inspired to better the world.

Carrollwood Day School is nestled in Carrollwood, a small suburb of Tampa. According to the United States Census, Tampa is the 11th fastest-growing city in the country. In 2022, Carrollwood had a population of 36,148 people with an average household income of \$73,150. The town of Carrollwood contains an ethnic makeup of 55% White, 32% Hispanic, and 6% African American, with 14% holding a Master's degree, 29% holding a Bachelor's degree, and 27% having some college or an Associate's degree.

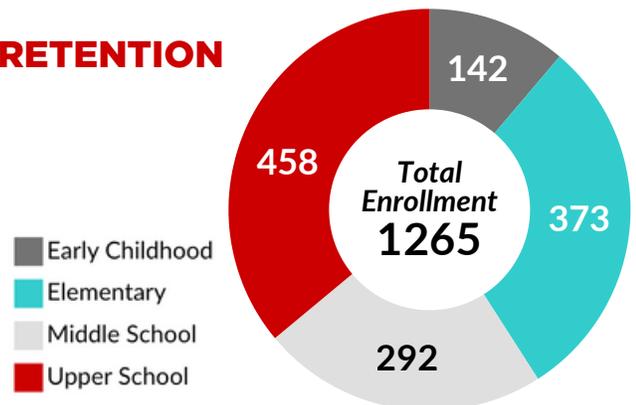
## STUDENT BODY

**96% SCHOOL-WIDE RETENTION**

### Demographic Distribution

10% African American/Black  
12% Asian/Pacific Islander  
11% Hispanic/Latino  
16% Other/Two or more  
51% White

51% Male  
49% Female



## CLUBS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Lower School:** ECC students can participate in after school Culinary Arts, Intramurals, and Soccer. Elementary students can generally choose from a variety of after school programs including Art, Chess, Lego STEM Club, Makers Club, Music Lessons, and Sports/Fitness Clubs.

**Middle School:** Middle School students can participate in a wide choice of clubs, including: Art Honor Society, EBIT, eSports, Forensics, French Honor Society, Jr. Thespians Troupe, Math Society, Model UN, National Junior Beta, Patriot Leader Society, Robotics, Spanish Honor Society, STEM Society, Student Council, and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

**Upper School:** Upper School students can participate in three governing bodies: Student Council, Student Advisory Board, and Student Athletic Leadership Council. In addition to 21 general clubs, the Upper School also offers 15 "Breaking Ground" clubs that are 100% initiated and led by students. Clubs represent a wide range of interests including these: American Sign Language, Art Appreciation, CDS Ambassadors, Chess Club, Club La Conexión (Spanish), Dance Club, DECA, FBLA, French Honor Society, Girls Weightlifting, History Club, HOSA, Indian Culture Club, Key Club, Model UN, National Beta Club, Robotics Club, Speech & Debate, STEM Society, Thespians Troupe, Tri-M music honor society, and Yearbook Club.

# COURSE LISTING

All students in the IB Diploma Programme who enter the Upper School as 9th graders will complete four years of the following five core academic subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, History, and World Language.

## Notes

- [H] Honors Level IB MYP courses
- [SL] Standard Level IB DP courses
- [HL] Higher Level IB DP courses
- [AP] Advanced Placement
- \* Denotes one-semester course

## Studies in Language and Literature

- IB MYP English I [H]
- IB MYP English II [H]
- IB DP English Language and Literature III [SL/HL]
- IB DP English Language and Literature IV [SL/HL]
- IB MYP Creative Writing [H]

## Mathematics

- IB MYP Algebra I [H]
- IB MYP Geometry Standard [H]
- IB MYP Geometry Extended [H]
- IB MYP Geometry Extended Advanced [H]
- IB MYP Algebra II Standard [H]
- IB MYP Algebra II Extended [H]
- IB MYP Algebra II Extended Advanced [H]
- IB DP Mathematical Applications and Interpretations I SL
- IB DP Mathematical Analysis and Approaches I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Mathematical Applications and Interpretations II SL
- IB DP Mathematical Analysis and Approaches II [SL/HL]
- Honors Pre-Calculus I [H]
- Honors Statistics and Probability I [H]

## Experimental Sciences

- IB MYP Biology [H]
- IB DP Biology I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Biology II [SL/HL]
- IB MYP Chemistry [H]
- IB MYP Chemistry Extended [H]
- IB DP Chemistry I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Chemistry II [SL/HL]
- IB MYP Physics [H]
- IB MYP Physics Extended [H]
- IB DP Physics I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Physics II [SL/HL]
- IB DP Environmental Systems and Societies I [SL]
- IB DP Environmental Systems and Societies II [SL]
- IB DP Physiology and Biomechanics I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Physiology and Biomechanics II [SL/HL]
- IB DP Computer Science I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Computer Science II [SL/HL]
- IB DP Design Technology I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Design Technology II [SL/HL]
- Honors Anatomy and Physiology [H]

## Individuals & Societies

- IB MYP World History [H]
- IB MYP U.S. History & Government [H]
- IB MYP U.S. History & Government Extended [AP]
- IB DP History I [SL/HL]
- IB DP History II [SL/HL]
- IB DP Global Politics I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Global Politics II [SL/HL]
- IB DP Psychology I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Psychology II [SL/HL]
- IB DP Business and Management I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Business and Management II [SL/HL]
- IB MYP Economics [H]

## Technology

- IB MYP Game Development & Cybersecurity [H]
- IB MYP Computer Science: Principles [AP]
- IB MYP Engineering: Robotics [H]
- IB MYP Engineering: Principles [H]
- IB MYP Entrepreneurship: Design [H]
- IB MYP Entrepreneurship: Principles [H]

## Language Acquisition

- IB MYP Spanish I [H]
- IB MYP Spanish II [H]
- IB MYP Spanish III [H]
- IB MYP Spanish IV [H]
- IB DP Spanish I/II ab initio SL
- IB DP Spanish IV/V SL/HL
- IB MYP French I [H]
- IB MYP French II [H]
- IB MYP French III [H]
- IB MYP French IV [H]
- IB DP French I/II ab initio SL
- IB DP French IV/V SL/HL

## The Arts

- IB MYP Digital Media Creation I/II/III/IV [H]
- IB MYP Drama [H]
- IB MYP Comprehensive Theatre [H]
- IB DP Theatre Arts I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Theatre Arts II [SL/HL]
- IB MYP Visual Arts 2-D [H]
- IB MYP Visual Arts 3-D [H]
- IB MYP Visual Arts II [H]
- IB MYP Visual Arts Photography I [H]
- IB DP Visual Arts I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Visual Arts II [SL/HL]
- IB MYP Concert Band I/II [H]
- IB MYP Music (Guitars) I/II [H]
- IB MYP Music (Piano) I/II [H]
- IB MYP Music (Strings) I/II [H]
- IB DP Music I [SL/HL]
- IB DP Music II [SL/HL]

## DP Required Courses

- IB DP Theory of Knowledge I\*
- IB DP Theory of Knowledge II\*

## Health and PE

- IB MYP Physical Education & Health I [H]
- IB MYP Physical Education & Health II [H]
- Honors Strength and Conditioning I [H]
- Honors Strength and Conditioning II [H]

## Total Number of Courses:

- 2 Advanced Placement
- 55 Honors
- 78 International Baccalaureate

# ATHLETICS

75% of CDS students participate in an interscholastic sport

- Baseball (Boys)
- Basketball (Boys & Girls)
- Cheerleading-Sideline & Competitive (Girls)
- Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
- Flag Football (Girls)
- Football (Boys)
- Golf (Boys & Girls)
- Soccer (Boys & Girls)
- Softball (Girls)
- Swimming (Boys & Girls)
- Tennis (Boys & Girls)
- Track & Field (Boys & Girls)
- Volleyball-Indoor and Beach (Girls)
- Volleyball-Indoor (Boys)

## SINCE 2020:

10 State Championships (team and individual)  
Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer,  
Wrestling & Track and Field

23 Team District Championships

12 Team Regional Finalists



## HONOR SOCIETIES

- Computer Science Honor Society
- Cum Laude Society
- National Art Honor Society
- National Beta Club
- National Business Honor Society
- National English Honor Society
- The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award
- HOSA (Future Health Professionals)
- International Thespian Society
- Kiwanis International Key Club
- Mu Alpha Theta  
(National Mathematics Honor Society)
- National Honor Society
- Psi Alpha (Psychology Honor Society)
- Pi Kappa Delta National  
(Speech & Debate Honor Society)
- Quill and Scroll
- Rho Kappa (Humanities Honor Society)
- Science National Honor Society
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica  
(Spanish National Honor Society)
- Société Honoraire de Français  
(French National Honor Society)
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

# CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION STANDARDS

## GRADING SCALE

All IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Honors courses are weighted 0.5.

All IB Diploma Programme (DP) Standard Level (SL) courses are analogous to the AP level with a minimum of 150 contact hours and are weighted 1.0.

All IB Diploma Programme (DP) Higher Level (HL) courses require 240 contact hours per class, which is more classroom time than a traditional AP course, and are weighted 1.0.

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation, including the following:

4 CREDITS	English
3 CREDITS	World Language
3 CREDITS	Humanities (Individuals & Societies)*
4 CREDITS	Mathematics
3 CREDITS	Science*
1 CREDIT	Fine Arts
1 CREDIT	Physical Education and Health
100 HOURS	Community Service

\*Must meet specific course requirements

LETTER	PERCENT	GRADE POINT
A+	97-100	4.3
A	93 - 96	4.0
A-	90 - 92	3.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3
B	83 - 86	3.0
B-	80 - 82	2.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3
C	73 - 76	2.0
C-	70 - 72	1.7
D+	67 - 69	1.3
D	63 -66	1.0
D-	60 - 62	0.7
F	< 59	0

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

Carrollwood Day School is honored to partner with the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). **CDS is the only school on the west coast of Florida to offer the full five-year Middle Years Programme (MYP) curriculum.** CDS has been an IB World School since 2005 and was the sixth school in the United States fully authorized to offer the continuum of Primary Years Programme (PYP) - Middle Years Programme (MYP) - Diploma Programme (DP) curricula, and the first IB World School in Florida to achieve this distinction.

### Primary Years Programme (PYP)

IB at CDS begins with the PYP in the Lower School with students in preschool through grade 5. The PYP emphasizes the interrelatedness of knowledge, concepts, and skills through a transdisciplinary program of six units of inquiry providing a strong foundation for the rigor of the MYP and DP programmes in grades 6 through 12. PYP includes the study of a secondary language as well as an exhibition for all 5th grade students to showcase their growth throughout the program.

### Middle Years Programme (MYP)

The MYP helps students develop learning attitudes and skills that will enable them to participate actively and responsibly in society. Learning how to evaluate information critically is as important as learning facts. The students' experiences with the MYP culminates in their sophomore year with a yearlong personal project where students choose and explore a topic of their choice that showcases their unique interests and talents.

### Diploma Programme (DP)

The IB Diploma Programme is a rigorous pre-university course of studies that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary school students. Unlike most IB Schools, at CDS the IB Diploma Programme is designed to be inclusive so a student can register as a full IB Diploma Candidate, an IB course candidate, or a CDS graduate based on his or her individual needs for academic rigor. 100% of 9th and 10th graders complete our MYP program. **Approximately 70% graduate as full IB Diploma students and on average, course candidate students enroll in four IB Diploma Program courses in 11th and 12th grades.**

### IB DIPLOMA PASS RATES

CLASS OF 2025	90%
CLASS OF 2024	92%
CLASS OF 2023	90%
CLASS OF 2022	97%

### GLOBAL PASS RATES

81%
81%
80%
86%

## REQUIREMENTS OF THE IB CURRICULUM

### Middle Years Programme (9-10):

- Maximum of eight courses (up to six core) per semester
- At least 25 hours of community service per year
- Completion of the Personal Project consisting of a process journal, a final product, and a personal statement
- The study of at least two languages (language of instruction and additional language of choice)

### Diploma Programme (11-12):

- Maximum of six core courses per semester
- Extended Essay (EE): 4,000-word research essay on a topic of special interest
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK): 1-credit critical thinking/inquiry-based course with a required exhibition and 1,600-word essay
- Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS): 18 months of continuous hours in artistic pursuits, athletics, and/or community service work for appreciation of life outside the classroom

# COLLEGE ADMISSION

Students from the last five Carrollwood Day School graduating classes have been admitted to the following colleges and universities:

Allegheny College  
American University  
Appalachian State University  
Arizona State University  
Auburn University  
Babson College  
Barnard College  
Bard College  
Baylor University  
Belmont University  
Beloit College  
Bennington College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Berry College  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
Campbell University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Catholic University of America  
Centre College  
Chapman University  
Citadel Military College of South Carolina  
Clark Atlanta University  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
College of the Holy Cross  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Davidson College  
DePaul University  
Denison University  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
East Carolina University  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Fairfield University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Flagler College  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
Florida Polytechnic University  
Florida Southern College  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Gonzaga University  
Hamilton College  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University  
Hillsdale College  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
I.E. University of Madrid  
Indiana University (Bloomington)  
Iona University  
Ithaca College  
Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kenyon College  
King's College London (UK)  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
Lehigh University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University (Chicago)  
Loyola University (Baltimore)  
Loyola University (New Orleans)  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Marquette University  
Marshall University  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
McGill University (Canada)  
McMaster University (Canada)  
Mercer University  
Merrimack College  
Miami University (Ohio)  
Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
Millsaps College  
Mississippi State University  
Morehouse College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
New College of Florida  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oberlin College  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Oxford College at Emory  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University (University Park)  
Pepperdine University  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Robert Morris University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)  
SUNY-Buffalo  
SUNY-Cortland  
SUNY-Plattsburgh  
SUNY-Stony Brook  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Louis University  
Samford University  
San Diego State University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seattle University  
Seton Hall University  
Sewanee: The University of the South

Skidmore College  
Southern Methodist University  
Spelman College  
Siena College  
St. John's University  
St. Lawrence University  
Stanford University  
Stetson University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
The American University of Paris (France)  
The College of William and Mary  
The College of Wooster  
The New School (New York)  
The Ohio State University  
Towson University  
Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)  
Trinity University  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
United States Merchant Marine Academy  
United States Military Academy (West Point)  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas  
University of California (Berkeley)  
University of California (Irvine)  
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University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri (Columbia)  
University of Nebraska  
University of Nevada Las Vegas  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina (Asheville)  
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)  
University of North Carolina (Charlotte)  
University of North Dakota  
University of North Florida  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Florida  
University of Southern California  
University of St. Andrew's (UK)  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee (Knoxville)  
University of Texas (Austin)  
University of Toronto (Canada)  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington (Seattle)  
University of West Florida  
University of Wisconsin (Madison)  
University of Wyoming  
Ursinus College  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wabash College  
Wake Forest University  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Washington and Lee University  
Wellesley College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
West Virginia University  
Wofford College  
Xavier University (Ohio)  
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