



# VERITAS ACADEMY

2024 - 2025  
PROFILE

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## OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Veritas Academy is an independent classical, Christian, day school in Austin, Texas serving Preschool through 12th grade. In grades 8-12, students attend classes on a college-like schedule with a mix of one-, two-, and three-day-a-week classes. Veritas accepts students with a variety of learning aptitudes and differences. The academy is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and unaffiliated with any church, denomination, or other school as it operates on its own 97-acre campus in the Texas Hill Country.

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## SCHOOL OF RHETORIC (9-12TH GRADES)

### ENROLLMENT

SCHOOL WIDE ..... 698  
SCHOOL OF RHETORIC ..... 185

CLASS OF 2024 ..... 40

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE ..... 16

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC FACULTY ..... 30  
W/ ADVANCED DEGREES ..... 14

### CLASSES OF 2022-2024:

ATTENDING 4 YEAR COLLEGES ..... 89%  
ATTENDING 2 YEAR COLLEGES ..... 4%  
GAP YEAR PROGRAMS ..... 4%  
DIRECT TO WORKFORCE ..... 3%

## ACCREDITATION

Cognia (formerly AdvancEd): Southern Association of Colleges and Schools / Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)

## MEMBERSHIPS

National (& Texas) Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC | TACAC)

University Model Schools International (UMSI/NAUMS)

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS)

Society for Classical Learning (SCL)

## DIPLOMA PLANS & REQUIREMENTS

### VERITAS DIPLOMA

Students earn a Veritas Diploma by completing all Veritas graduation requirements below.

### DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

1 credit is equal to a year-long course meeting 3 hrs/wk. Required credits:

4.0 History <i>includes Government &amp; Econ.</i>	4.0 Math	4.0 Science	4.0 English
1.0 Latin	3.0 Foreign Language <i>sequential</i>	2.0 Leadership <i>0.5 credit per year</i>	1.0 Athletics/P.E.
1.0 Fine Arts	0.5 Logic	0.5 Speech	1.0 Electives

### CLASSICAL CORE DIPLOMA

Students earning this diploma complete all the requirements for Veritas Diploma with the following differences: only 3.0 credits of math and lab science are required, only 2.0 consecutive credits of a foreign language are required, but students must complete an extra 1.0 credit of electives.

### DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMA

Students earn this distinction by completing all requirements of the Veritas Diploma and additionally completing three weighted courses, earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher in Leadership, and maintaining an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher.

## GRADING & POLICIES

### GRADING CALENDAR & SCALE

A	4.0	93-100%	C	2.0	73-76%
A-	3.7	90-92%	C-	1.7	70-72%
B+	3.3	87-89%	D+	1.3	67-69%
B	3.0	83-86%	D	1.0	63-66%
B-	2.7	80-82%	D-	0.7	60-62%
C+	2.3	77-79%	F	0.0	<60%

<b>GPA's</b>	
(Average Class of 2024)	
Un-weighted GPA .....	3.481
Weighted GPA .....	3.785
<b>Highest Historical GPA's</b>	
The valedictorians of Veritas Academy's thirteen graduating classes have earned an average GPA of 3.99 (unweighted).	

**ITALICS = no course credit.** Though modest GPA points accrue for grades of 60-69% (D), course credit is awarded only for courses in which mastery is demonstrated, as indicated by a grade of 70% (C-) or higher.

### RANKING POLICY

A traditional ranking system provides an inaccurate comparison of our students to students from larger schools and does not offer a true distinction between members of a highly talented class. Therefore, Veritas Academy provides only a numeric rank for the top ten percent in a class.

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Upon request, Veritas will disclose if a student has been subject to serious disciplinary action since entering 9th Grade. This includes any dramatic change to grades, out-of-school suspension, dismissal, or withdrawal from the school.

**CLASSICAL CURRICULUM**

Classical education is a return to the ancient goal of education: teaching children to live as virtuous, civic-minded, lifelong learners by imparting to them the tools of learning. It is an approach rooted in the ancient medieval concept of the Trivium. The Trivium is comprised of three basic tools of learning in the order they naturally develop: Grammar (the tool of knowledge), Logic (the tool of reasoning) and Rhetoric (the tool of communication and expression). Classical education places focus on classic works of literature, language learning (including Latin), inquiry-based study and class discussion, as well as training in formal logic.

**AP & HONORS COURSES**

All core courses and languages at Veritas are taught at the advanced level, unless designated as an Honors or AP course on the transcript. Students are typically not permitted to take weighted courses until their 11th grade year. The following are weighted (+1.0) in the calculation of GPA:

**Mathematics**

Honors Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Statistics

**Science**

AP Physics I & II  
Honors Molecular Biology

**Humanities**

Honors English 11  
AP United States History  
Honors Senior Humanities Seminar\*

**Foreign Language**

Honors American Sign Language IV  
AP Latin IV  
AP Spanish IV  
Honors Spanish Literature & Poetics

**Capstone Project**

Honors Senior Thesis or XRT: Honors Experimental Research Thesis

**Sample Humanities Reading List** (does not include poetry and essays)

Beowulf, Dante's Inferno, Odyssey, The Iliad, The Epic of Gilgamesh, The Tragedy of Julius Caesar, Till We Have Faces, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Paradise Lost, Romeo and Juliet, The Canterbury Tales, Frankenstein, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, The Great Gatsby, The Scarlet Letter, Of Mice and Men, East of Eden, Grapes of Wrath, Moby Dick, Pride and Prejudice, Crime and Punishment, Brave New World, Much Ado About Nothing, The Picture of Dorian Gray, The Prince, Things Fall Apart, Anna Karenina, As I Lay Dying

**Electives**

AP Computer Science Principles

**NOTES**

- Official transcripts provide both weighted and non-weighted GPAs.
- The weighted GPA includes an additional (1.0) added to the earned grade points in weighted courses; unweighted courses are based on the values under *Grading Calendar and Scale*.
- \*All Senior Humanities Seminar classes fulfill one (1) credit of English 12, 0.5 credits of U.S. Government, and 0.5 credits of Economics, while Honors Senior Humanities Seminar students earn one (1) credit of Honors English 12 instead of advanced.

**UNIQUE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Senior Thesis**

Senior Thesis is a year-long independent research project, culminating with a written report and then an oral presentation (20 minutes) and defense (20 minutes of Q&A) before a panel of judges at the end of senior year. Honors Senior Thesis must be fully memorized, presented, and defended publicly.

**Leadership**

All graduates take a four-year course of study cultivating leadership skills in: Apologetics, Worldviews, Christian Ethics, and the Senior Leadership Seminar.

**Service**

All K-12 Veritas students, parents, and teachers regularly partner with local charitable organizations to serve and stay involved with the local community. A minimum of at least 70 hours of unpaid community service with a non-profit organization must be completed and submitted to College Advising after completion of 8th grade and before April of the student's senior year.

**UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES**

- Class Trips:
  - Outdoor Adventure to Colorado (9th)
  - College Tours (10th)
  - Study Abroad in Europe (11th)
- Individualized student support services for those with learning or language differences
- House System for all in the School of Rhetoric:
  - House of Augustine
  - House of Francis
  - House of Bonhoeffer
  - House of Müller
- Over 25 different student-led clubs

TEST SCORES

**NATIONAL MERIT**

Among the 403 students in the first thirteen graduating classes, 14% have earned National Merit Recognition:

- Finalist/Semi-Finalists: 16
- Commended Scholars: 36
- Hispanic: 6

**AP SCORES (Spring 2023 – Class of 2024)**

Total AP Students: 23  
Total Number of Exams: 80  
Total % of Exams Receiving 3, 4, or 5: 96%

**ACT SCORES\***

Mid 50%, Class of 2024

**COMPOSITE: 26-29**

English: 26-34      Math: 26-27

Reading: 27-35      Science: 23-30

**SAT SCORES\***

Mid 50%, Class of 2024

**TOTAL: 1170-1370**

EBRW: 570-730

Math: 540-740

\*Reflects mid 50% of all tests taken. As of July 2024, 88% of the Class of 2024 have taken an SAT exam; 33% have taken an ACT exam.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (CLASSES '12-'24)

Abilene Christian Univ*	Culver-Stockton College	Loyola Univ, Maryland	Simmons Univ	Univ of Denver
Allegheny College	Dallas Baptist Univ	Macalester College	Southern Methodist Univ*	Univ of Florida
Alvin Community College	Dartmouth College	Manhattanville Univ	Southwestern Assemb. of God Univ	Univ of Georgia
AMD A (NY and CA)	DePaul Univ	Maryville Univ (MO)	Southwestern Univ	Univ of Houston*
American Univ	Dickinson College	McGill Univ (Canada)	St. Edward's Univ	Univ of Illinois,
Angelo State Univ*	Drake Univ	McLennan Comm College	St. John's College, Annapolis	Urbana-Champaign
Appalachian St Univ	Drexel Univ	McMurry Univ	St. Louis Univ	Univ of the Incarnate World
Arizona St Univ	Eastern Univ	Mercer Univ	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Univ of Iowa
Arkansas State Univ	Elmhurst College	Miami Univ (OH)	Stephen F. Austin State Univ	Univ of Maine
Asbury Univ	Embry-Riddle Aero Univ (FL)	Millsaps College	Stephens College	Univ of Miami (FL)
Auburn Univ	Emerson College	Mississippi State Univ	Sul Ross State Univ	Univ of Mississippi*
Austin College	Emory Univ/Oxford of Emory	Missouri State Univ	Syracuse Univ	Univ of Missouri
Austin Comm College	Flagler College	Missouri Univ of Sci & Tech	Tarleton State Univ	Univ of Nebraska, Omaha
Azusa Pacific Univ	Florida Southern College	Montana State Univ	Texas A&M Univ*	Univ of New Mexico*
Babson College	Florida State Univ	New York Univ	Texas A&M, Commerce	Univ of the Ozarks
Bard College	Fordham Univ	Northeastern Univ	Texas A&M, Corpus Christi	Univ of Vermont
Baylor Univ*	Furman Univ	Northern Arizona Univ	Texas A&M, Galveston	UNC, Charlotte
Belhaven Univ	George Washington Univ	Northwestern College	Texas Christian Univ	UNC, Greensboro
Belmont Abbey College*	Georgia College and St Univ	Northwest Nazarene Univ	Texas Lutheran Univ	Univ of North Texas*
Belmont Univ*	Georgia Institute of Tech	Occidental College	Texas State Univ*	Univ of Notre Dame
Benedictine College	Gordon College	Oklahoma Baptist Univ	Texas Tech Univ*	Univ of Oklahoma
Berry College	Hamilton College	Oklahoma City Univ	Texas Woman's Univ	Univ of Pennsylvania
Bethel Univ	Hardin-Simmons Univ	Oklahoma State Univ	The Catholic Univ of America	Univ of Richmond
Blinn College	Harding Univ	Olivet Nazarene Univ*	The King's College (NY)	Univ of Rochester
Biola Univ	Hawaii Pacific Univ	Oral Roberts Univ	The New School	University of San Diego
Boston College	Hendrix College	Pace Univ	The Ohio State Univ	Univ of San Francisco
Boston Univ	High Point Univ	Pacific Lutheran Univ	The Univ of Arizona	Univ of South Carolina
Boycie College	Hillsdale College	Pacific Univ	The Univ of Northern CO*	Univ of Southern California
Bradley Univ	Hofstra Univ	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ	The Univ of Texas at Arlington	Univ of Tennessee, Knoxville
Brenau Univ	Hollins Univ	Pepperdine Univ	The Univ of Texas at Austin*	Univ of Tulsa
Butler Univ	Hope College	Point Loma Nazarene Univ	The Univ of Texas at Dallas*	Univ of Utah
Cal Poly, SLO	Houghton College	Point Park Univ	The Univ of Texas at San Antonio	Univ of Virginia
Calvin College	Houston Baptist Univ*	Purdue Univ	The Univ of Texas at Tyler	Univ of Washington
Case Western Reserve Univ	Howard Payne Univ	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	The Univ of the Arts	Univ of Wisconsin, Madison
Centre College	Illinois Wesleyan Univ	Rhodes College	Trinity Univ (TX)	Vassar College
Chatham Univ	Indiana Wesleyan Univ, Marion	Rice Univ	Union Univ (TN)	Villanova Univ
Clark Univ	John Cabot Univ (Italy)	Rider Univ	Univ of Alabama*	Virginia Military Institute
Clemson Univ*	Johns Hopkins Univ	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific Univ	Univ of Alabama at BHM	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
College of Charleston*	Johnson and Wales Univ	Rochester Institute of Tech	Univ of Arkansas*	Washington State Univ
College of the Atlantic	Kalamazoo College	Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech	Univ of Arizona	Washington Univ in St. Louis
Colorado Christian Univ	Kansas City Art Institute	Rutgers Univ	Univ of California, LA	West Virginia Univ
Colorado Mesa Univ	Kansas State Univ	Saint Ambrose Univ	Univ of California, San Diego	Westminster College (PA)
Colorado School of Mines	Kent State Univ	Sam Houston State Univ	Univ of California, Santa Barbara	Westminster College (UT)
Colorado State Univ*	Laguna College of Art & Design	Samford Univ*	Univ of Chicago	Westmont College
Columbia College, Chicago	Lake Forest College	San Diego State Univ	Univ of Cincinnati	Wheaton College (IL)
Columbia College of Art & Design	LeTourneau Univ	San Jose State Univ*	Univ of Colorado, Boulder	Whitworth Univ
Columbus College of Art & Design	Lewis Univ	Savannah College of Art & Design	Univ of Colorado, CO Springs	
Concordia Univ	Liberty Univ	Schreiner Univ	Univ of Dallas*	
Connecticut College	Lindenwood Univ	Schreiner Univ, Greystone Prep	Univ of Dayton	
Cornell College	Louisiana State Univ	Sewanee: Univ of the South	Univ of Delaware	
Creighton Univ	Loyola Univ, Chicago			
Culinary Institute of America (NY)				

\*denotes honors