



# WESTMINSTER

SCHOOL AT OAK MOUNTAIN

## School Profile

Established in 1998, Westminster School at Oak Mountain is a K-12 classical Christian school. We are committed to graduating young men and women who think with discernment and understanding, who reason persuasively and articulate precisely, and who interpret the world through the lens of Scripture. Our school is designed to develop well-rounded, renaissance students, who are scientists as well as linguists, athletes as well as poets.

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## CORE CHARACTERISTICS

**CHRISTIAN** Westminster exists to build Christ's kingdom by equipping students with wisdom, virtue, and eloquence.

**CLASSICAL** Westminster provides a rigorous, traditional liberal arts education. The core disciplines taught in the Upper School are classical languages, the Great Books, natural sciences, and the history of civilizations from earliest origins to the present. Courses in Humane Letters are taught as Socratic seminars. Formal logic and rhetoric are integrated into the curriculum, with rhetoric taught as a distinct course as well.

**COMMUNITY** Westminster is committed to a healthy community of faith and learning. All students in grades 7-12 are assigned to one of eight houses. Our House Program serves as the basis for student leadership, community building, peer mentoring, competition, and community service.

**GRAND TOUR** Our Grand Tour provides an experiential culmination of thirteen years of study for our graduates. They travel for ten days, visiting noteworthy historical sites relevant to their coursework. This immersive trip gives them a ground-level view of the foundations of the modern Western world.

**AFFILIATIONS** Westminster is a ministry of Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, PCA, and is accredited by Cognia. The school holds membership in the Association of Classical Christian School (ACCS), Independent School Management (ISM), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASPP), the Education Records Bureau (ERB), the Society for Classical Learning (SCL), the American Classical League (ACL), the National Junior Classical League (NJCL), the Educational Theatre Association (ETA), and the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA).

**ORGANIZATIONS** Westminster's extracurricular activities are designed to enrich study, learning, and culture. Current clubs include Theater, Choral Ensemble, National Honor Society, HOSA, Robotics, Yearbook, Video Production, Chess, Spanish, Game, Sam's, Art Club, and Quiz Bowl.

**ATHLETICS** Westminster offers a variety of cocurricular sports to strengthen students spiritually and athletically. These include volleyball, cross-country, basketball, swim & dive, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, soccer, golf, tennis, and baseball. Most of these programs compete in the AHSAA 2A classification, although several have moved higher based on their success under the AHSAA reclassification rule.

## STUDENTS AND SCHOOL

- Founded in 1998
- First graduating class in 2006
- 35 students in the class of 2025
- 180 students in grades 9-12
- 615 students total
- 97% college matriculation rate in 2024

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

• English/Literature	4
• History	4
• Mathematics	4
• Science	4
• Foreign Language	3
• Rhetoric/Thesis	3
• Fine Arts	2
• Theology	4
Total Required Credits:	28

## UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

- 26 teaching faculty
- 17 with advanced degrees
- 11:1 students/teacher ratio

## STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

### CLASS OF 2024

ACT (Total Tested: 38)

- Composite ACT 30
- English 32
- Math 28
- Reading 32
- Science 28

Average for ACT based on student scores

## GRADING AND TRANSCRIPTS

- Semester system
- 4-point grading scale for grade-level courses
- 5-point grading scale for honors courses
- Additional weighted scale based on quality points reflective of numeric scores:

97-100	A+	4.4
93-96	A	4.2
90-92	A-	4.0
87-89	B+	3.4
83-86	B	3.2
80-82	B-	3.0
77-79	C+	2.4
73-76	C	2.2
70-72	C-	2.0
69 and below	F	0.0

- 25 honors courses offered; four of those are AP. (Note: We do not provide class rank.)

# Wisdom, Virtue, and Eloquence

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

MATH	SCIENCE	HISTORY	LITERATURE	LANGUAGE	RHETORIC	THEOLOGY
Algebra I	Biology (H)	American (H)	American (H)	Latin I	Rhetoric I	Biblical
Geometry	Chemistry (H)	Ancient (H)	Ancient (H)	Latin II	Rhetoric II	Interpretation
Algebra II	Physics	Medieval (H)	Medieval (H)	Latin III (H)	Junior Thesis (H)	Covenant Theology
Pre-calculus	Physics (H)	Modern	Modern	AP Latin IV	Senior Thesis (H)	Old Testament
Geometry (H)	Anatomy (H)	European (H)	European (H)	Spanish I		New Testament
Algebra II (H)				Spanish II		Creeds,
Pre-calculus (H)				Spanish III (H)		Confessions,
AP Statistics				Greek I (H)		Catechisms
AP Calculus AB				Greek II (H)		Systematic
AP Calculus BC						Theology
						Christian Ethics &
						Apologetics

H = Honors / AP = Advanced placement

## CLASSICAL DISTINCTIVES

**HUMANITIES** Humanities courses at Westminster cover texts ranging from Homer's *Odyssey* to Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Classes emphasize a conversational methodology, in which the primary object is not victory over an opponent, but the discovery of truth. At Westminster we believe that the art of discussion, like reading or writing, is a skill that must be honed and refined.

**RHETORIC** Rhetoric is a foundational subject reinforced throughout students' Upper School experience. Because the value of these skills goes beyond academic pursuits, students practice and apply it to other forms of communication. Their studies culminate in a thesis experience that is not merely an exercise but a capstone of academic progress, spiritual and moral development, life skills, and natural aptitudes and interests.

**FINE ARTS** Fine Arts courses include visual art, music, and theater and cover artistic movements from ancient to modern as they relate to the Humanities curriculum. Students realize the integration of all art forms in the development of mankind and culture throughout the curriculum.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Auburn University	Hendrix College	Missouri State University	University of Cincinnati
Baylor University	Hillsdale College	Murray State University	University of Dallas
Belmont University	Huntingdon College	Pepperdine University	University of Florida
Berry College	Jefferson State Community College	Rhodes College	University of Georgia
Birmingham Southern College	The King's College (NYC)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Kentucky
Butler University	Lee University	Samford University	University of Mississippi
California Institute of the Arts	Lehigh University	Southern Methodist University	University of Montevallo
Clemson University	LeTourneau University	Swanee: University of the South	University of North Alabama
College of William and Mary	Liberty University	Taylor University	University of South Alabama
Covenant College	Lipscomb University	Texas A&M University	University of South Carolina
Dartmouth College	Louisiana Scholars College (NSU)	Texas Christian University	University of Tennessee
Emerson College	Louisiana State University	Troy University	University of Virginia
Florida State University	Marquette University	United States Air Force Academy	Vanderbilt University
Furman University	Mercer University	United States Military Academy (West Point)	Wake Forest University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Miami University: Oxford	University of Alabama	Washington & Lee University
George Washington University	Millsaps College	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Westmont College
Gordon College	Mississippi College	University of Alabama at Huntsville	Wheaton College
Grove City College	Mississippi State University	University of Arkansas	Wofford College

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Members of the Class of 2024 were awarded \$7,377,798 in academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships and awards. These thirty-eight graduates accepted packages totaling \$2,098,200.

Since 2009, Westminster has had 18 students recognized as National Merit Scholars, 21 as Semifinalists, and 11 as Commended Scholars through the National Merit Scholarship Program.