



2025 - 2026

# VERITAS ACADEMY PROFILE

## OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Veritas Academy is an independent classical, Christian, day school in Austin, Texas serving PreSchool-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.

## 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:

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

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

**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.

### Academic & College Advisor

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### Head of School

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**CEEB Code: 440367**

## SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

9th-12th Grades

### Enrollment

School Wide ..... 676  
School of Rhetoric..... 174

Class of 2025 .....45

Average Class Size .....16

School of Rhetoric Faculty .....38  
w/ Advanced Degrees.....17

### Classes of 2023-2025

Attending 4 Year Colleges ..... 88%  
Attending 2 Year Colleges .....3%  
Gap Year Programs.....4%  
Direct-to-Workforce .....5%

## ACCREDITATIONS

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

Society for Classical Learning (SCL)

## 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)

<b>GPA's</b> <i>(Average Class of 2025)</i> Un-weighted GPA..... 3.53 Weighted GPA..... 3.74
<b>Highest Historical GPAs</b> The valedictorians of Veritas Academy's 14 graduating classes have earned an average GPA of 3.99 (unweighted).

## 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

AP Calculus AB  
AP Statistics

#### Science

AP Physics I  
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 Smoky Mountains (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 Bonhoeffer
  - House of Francis
  - House of Müller
- Over 25 different student-led clubs

## TEST SCORES

### National Merit

Among the 442 students in the first 14 graduating classes, 14% have earned National Merit Recognition:

Finalist/Semi-Finalists.....	16
Commended Scholars .....	40
Hispanic.....	6

### AP Scores

Spring 2025 – Classes of 2025-27

Total AP Students.....	50
Total Number of Exams .....	86
Total % of Exams Receiving 3, 4, or 5.....	88%

### ACT Scores\*

Spring 2025 – Classes of 2025-27

Mid 50%, Classes of 2023-2025

**Composite: 25-30**

English: 23-34	Math: 24-29
Reading: 26-34	Science: 25-30

### SAT Scores\*

Spring 2025 – Classes of 2025-27

Mid 50%, Classes of 2023-2025

**Total: 1190-1390**

EBRW: 570-740
Math: 540-740

\*Reflects mid 50% of all tests taken. As of July 2025, 79% of the Classes of 23-25 have taken an SAT exam; 33% have taken an ACT exam.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (CLASSES '21-'25)

Abilene Christian University  
Adelphi University  
American University  
Angelo State University  
Appalachian State University  
Arizona State University (Tempe)  
Arkansas State University  
Asbury University  
Auburn University  
Austin College  
Austin Community College  
Averett University  
Avila University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Baylor University  
Belmont University  
Beloit College  
Benedictine College  
Berry College  
Bethany College  
Biola University  
Blinn College  
Bocconi University  
Boise State University  
Boston College  
Brenau University  
Cal Poly Humboldt  
California Polytechnic State University  
California State University Long Beach  
Calvin University  
Cedarville University  
Centre College  
Chatham University  
Clemson University  
College of the Ozarks  
Colorado Christian University  
Colorado Mesa University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
Concordia University Texas  
Dallas Baptist University  
Dartmouth College  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Drake University  
Elizabeth City State University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Fordham University  
Franciscan University of Steubenville

George Washington University  
Gordon College  
Greenville University  
Grove City College  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hampshire College  
Hardin-Simmons University  
Harding University  
Henderson State University  
Hendrix College  
High Point University  
Hillsdale College  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
John Brown University  
Kansas City Art Institute  
Kansas State University  
Kenyon College  
Kilgore College  
Laguna College of Art and Design  
Leeds Beckett University  
LeTourneau University  
Lewis University  
Liberty University  
Lindenwood University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Manhattanville University  
Mercer University  
Miami University (Oxford)  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Montana State University  
Northern Arizona University  
Northwestern College  
Northwestern State University of Louisiana  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Oklahoma City University  
Oklahoma State University  
Ouachita Baptist University  
Patrick Henry College  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Purdue University  
Queens University of Charlotte  
Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes College

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Ambrose University  
Saint Louis University  
Sam Houston State University  
Samford University  
San Diego State University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Schreiner University  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Southern Methodist University  
Southwestern University  
St. Edward's University  
St. John's College (Santa Fe)  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stony Brook University  
SUNY College of Environmental Science  
Tarleton State University  
Texas A&M  
Texas A&M at Galveston  
Texas A&M Corpus Christi  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas State University  
Texas Tech University  
The Master's University  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Montana  
The University of Tennessee  
The University of Texas at Arlington  
The University of Texas at Austin  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Tri-County Technical College  
Trinity University  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Alabama at Huntsville  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas  
University of Austin

University of California Davis  
University of California Irvine  
University of California San Diego  
University of California Santa Barbara  
University of California Santa Cruz  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Dallas  
University of Denver  
University of Georgia  
University of Houston  
University of Houston Clear Lake  
University of Idaho  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri Columbia  
University of Nebraska  
University of North Carolina at Asheville  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
University of North Texas  
University of Northern Colorado  
University of Oklahoma  
University of San Diego  
University of South Carolina  
University of the Incarnate Word  
University of the Ozarks  
University of Tulsa  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
Vassar College  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Washington and Lee University  
Webster University  
Western Carolina University  
Westminster College  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College  
Whitworth University  
Williams and Mary  
Wisconsin Lutheran College  
Yuba College