



ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY

2025-2026 School Profile

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Founded in 2014, Atlanta Classical Academy (ACA) is an open-enrollment, AdvancedED-accredited, K-12 public charter school for students who live in the Atlanta Public Schools district.

The **mission** of Atlanta Classical Academy is to develop students in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.

National and State Honors

ACA was awarded the Salvatori Prize for Teaching in 2019 and 2023

Ranked **#1 Performing HS in Georgia** on US History Milestone Test & **#1 in APS** in all HS Subjects

Atlanta Classical Academy does not share disciplinary infractions with post-secondary institutions. Students are expected to honestly answer questions regarding their disciplinary history, and to disclose any disciplinary infractions.

Students at ACA are honored quarterly for their academic scholarship and courage, leadership, and virtue. They are nominated and recognized by the faculty in upper school award ceremonies and are encouraged to share these honors with colleges.

Since graduating the first class in 2019, ACA has had a **100% college acceptance rate**, and its graduates have received **\$36 million+** in scholarships & financial aid.

Faculty

The high school faculty of Atlanta Classical Academy has 34 members. Teachers are hired based on their mastery of academic disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences; certification is not required.

69% of the high-school faculty have a master's degree or PhD, and **23%** have taught at the college level.

Enrollment

Upper School (7-12)	318	(32% students from diverse backgrounds)
Elementary School (K-6)	390	(34% students from diverse backgrounds)
Total Enrollment	708	(33% students from diverse backgrounds)

ACA enrolls students from **30 zip codes** across the district. ACA is the **only K-12 charter school** in APS to enroll from across the district and to provide **community-funded buses**.

Grading & Grade Point Average

Grade point averages are computed using semester grades and the grading scale below. Atlanta Classical Academy strongly discourages grade inflation.

A	B	C	D
90-100 (4.0)	80-89 (3.0)	70-79 (2.0)	Below 70 (F)

Two GPAs are computed for grades 9-12: a cumulative overall GPA and a cumulative overall weighted GPA. The cumulative overall GPA is based on semester grades earned in all credited subjects graded A-F. The cumulative overall weighted GPA includes an additional 10 percentage points for AP courses.

Class of 2026

35 Students

14% of the Class of 2025 are **Free & Reduced Lunch Eligible**
34% of the Class of 2025 are from **diverse backgrounds**

Students make a rigorous choice when they choose to attend ACA as all courses are taught at an advanced level. Because of the rigorous nature of our program, our students' high standing on national norms, and the small size of our program, Atlanta Classical Academy does not calculate class rank.

2025 AP 3+ Scores:

96% AP Biology

100% CS A

94% AP Chemistry

100% Eng Lang*

100% US History*

*Optional for 11th grade

70% of students participate in **Sports**

56% of students participate in **Fine Arts**
28 Clubs

Class of 2025 SAT Composite

Middle 50%

1130-1370

ACT Composite

Middle 50%

23-30

100% of the **Class of 2025**
Was Accepted to **Two-**
or
Four-year colleges

Courage | Courtesy | Honesty | Perseverance | Self-Government | Service | Humility

A CLASSICAL EDUCATION FOR MODERN TIMES

Selection of Required Texts

All students at ACA read whole books and will build a library of 40+ books in grades 9-12.

9 Plutarch's *The Greek Lives*; Plato's *The Trial and Death of Socrates*; Homer's *Iliad*; Virgil's *Aeneid*

10 Crossley-Holland's *The Anglo-Saxon World*; Einhard's *Two Lives of Charlemagne*; Chaucer's selections from *The Canterbury Tales*; Dante's *Inferno*

11 Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*; Warren's *All the King's Men*; Emerson's *Selected Essays*; Chopin's *The Awakening*; Hamilton's selections from *The Federalist Papers*

12 Seed's *Ten Days that Shook the World*; Mill's *On Liberty*; Sasson's *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer*; Hielbroner's *The Worldly Philosophers*; Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*

ACA Capstone Writing Projects

In the first semester of **9th grade**, students write a 5-page paper on Homer's *Iliad* that explores a self-generated topic

In **10th grade**, students pick one significant concept and trace its development through history comparing its use in four primary sources drawn from a list of important works of western civilization.

In **12th grades**, students choose a question to explore in at least one text they have read at ACA and one extracurricular text. They complete a 15-page paper with the guidance of a thesis advisor. Students finish by publicly presenting and defending their paper to a panel of three teachers

Technology Policy Since our founding, students at ACA learn free from the distractions of laptops, phones and smart watches. As a community, we relish the discussions and relationships that develop as a result of a tech-free

Course Selection Most courses are set as part of ACA's core curriculum, and students' primary area for choice is in their electives. Twelve humanities courses in Literature, History, and those listed under additional ACA requirements are all **taught at a college level** and are intentionally not tracked by student ability. If recommended by faculty, students may take Advanced Placement coursework beginning in 10th grade, particularly in math, science, and Latin.

High School Curriculum (Class of 2026)											
Area of Study	APS Req. Credits	Req. Credits	Duration	Ninth		Tenth		Eleventh		Twelfth	
			Year	Classical Lit		British Lit		American Lit		Modern European Lit. (with senior thesis)	
Literature	4	4.5	Semester	Composition							
History	3	4	Year	Western Civ I		Western Civ II		American History		Modern European History	
Math	4	4 (during 9-12)	Year	Algebra I Geometry		Geometry Algebra II		Algebra II Pre-Calculus		Advanced Math. Dec. Making Pre-Calculus Calculus I AP Calculus BC	
Science	4	4	Year	Biology		Chemistry AP Biology Adv. Chemistry (Part 1)		Physics Adv. Chemistry (Part 2) AP Chemistry		Astronomy Physics AP Physics	
Foreign Language		3 (in 9-12) 2 Credits of Same Language	Year	Latin III		Latin IV		Latin V		AP Latin	
			Year	Spanish I		Spanish II		Spanish III		Spanish IV	
Personal Fitness / Health	2	1	Semester	Personal Fitness	Health						
Additional ACA Requirements	N/A	3	Semester			Moral Philosophy	Fine Arts Survey	American Government	Political Philosophy	Economics	Lessons in Wonder
Electives	5 <i>Including fine arts</i>	.5	Semester	Students take two semester-long elective course any time during 9-12 grade. An elective course is any credit-earning course that is not listed as a graduation requirement elsewhere. Among our elective offerings, students can choose from two AP Computer Science (Principles & A) courses, many other fine & performing arts choices, and other options such as the Philosophy of Happiness and History of Film (to name a few).							

All courses **highlighted in bold** are taught at a college level.