The Classical Academy High School

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Mission Statement

The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens, equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.

Instructional Overview

- Instruction emphasizes stages of Classical Trivium
- Socratic discussions
- Use of original, historical texts
- Capstone senior rhetoric defense
- Capstone senior English thesis
- Required Latin credits

Grading System

- Unweighted GPA:
  A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D=1.0, F = 0
- Weighted GPA (Honors):
  A = 4.5, B = 3.5, C = 2.5, D=1.5, F = 0
- Weighted GPA (AP):
  A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0, D=2.0, F = 0

Class of 2026 GPA

GPA Weighted – Highest – 4.4122
GPA Weighted – Average 3.58
GPA Unweighted – Highest – 4.0
GPA Unweighted – Average 3.43

Grading Scale

A = 93-100, A- = 90-92.9, B+ = 87-89.9,
B = 83-86.9, B- = 80-82.9, C+ = 77-79.9,
C = 73-76.9, C- = 70-72.9, D+ = 67-69.9,
D = 63-66.9, D- = 60-62.9, F = 59.9 and under

School Accolades

- John Irwin School of Excellence (2025)
- US News and World Report rankings (2025)
  - Overall score: 97.07/100
  - #524 - Nationally
  - #13 - State of Colorado High Schools
  - #2 - Colorado Springs Metro Area High Schools
  - #1 - High School - School District 20 (CO Springs)
  - #98 - Charter High Schools
- Accredited with Distinction (CO Dept. of Ed.)

2026-2027 Enrollment

- High School: 664, Class of 2026: 141
- 78.1% Caucasian, Hispanic 9.8%, Multi-Race 6.3%, Asian/Pacific Island 3.7%, Black 1.6%, American Indian/Alaskan .3%, Hawaiian/Other Pacific .2%
- Free/reduced lunch: approx. 14%

Faculty and Staff

80 High School Staff, including 56 teachers who are all highly qualified in their primary position

Graduation Course Requirements

1 credit = 1 semester

English - 8, Rhetoric - 2, Math - 6, Social Sciences - 7, Language - 6, Fine Arts - 2, Physical Education - 2, Health - 1, Electives - 8. **TOTAL = 48**

Graduation Requirements Course Catalog

Class Rank

It is the policy of The Classical Academy not to rank our students. We believe the highly competitive nature of our school outweighs the benefits of ranking students.

College/Career Demonstration Requirements

All students must demonstrate competency in Math and English through one of the areas below.

	English	*Math*
Next Gen Accuplacer	241/236	255/230
Accuplacer	62	61
ACT	18	19
ACT Work Keys	Brz+	Brz+
Advanced Placement	2	2
ASVAB (Percentile)	31st	31st
Concurrent Enrollment	P	P
District Capstone	Indiv.	Indiv.
SAT	470	480

AP Classes

English: AP English Literature and Composition

Social Studies: AP European History, AP US History, AP Government, AP Psychology

Math: AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC

Science: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C

88% of AP students in 2026 earned a 3 or better on the AP exam

Honors Classes

English: Honors Classics & Composition I, Honors Classic & Composition II, Honors American Lit & Composition, Honors American Studies (English)

Social Studies: Honors World History & Geography, Honors American Studies (History)

Science: Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry

Accreditation

The Classical Academy is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education

Memberships

CCHS/CR, CSCA, Core Knowledge Foundation, Spalding Certified School, CHSAA, NACAC, RMACAC, NCDA