

# TCA College Pathways High School Profile 2026-2027

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### **School District and Community Characteristics**

Colorado Springs is a thriving community with information and technology, military, tourism, and space technology ranking as the key industries within the economy. The metropolitan area has crossed the 723,000 mark in population. Academy District 20 has ten middle schools, and twenty-five elementary schools utilizing a K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade level configurations.

### **College Pathways at The Classical Academy**

College Pathways is an innovative alliance between The Classical Academy (TCA) and Pikes Peak State College (PPSC). Co-located with PPSC, College Pathways delivers a blended learning educational experience with unique scheduling flexibility and college & career preparation with access to a seamless transition through high school to college.

College Pathways offers individualized academic options for students in grades 7-12. Our college-preparatory curriculum is delivered through a hybrid model, combining both classroom and online instruction, preparing students for college level content through concurrent enrollment at PPSC where college-ready students attend college courses on a college campus.

Because College Pathways is based on an early college model, 12th grade high school level class offerings are limited, as the expectation is that all seniors will take courses at PPSC that also meet high school graduation requirements. Our unique schedule allows our students the flexibility to explore outside interests and participate in community outreaches that might not be possible in a traditional high school.

All members of our faculty are highly qualified in their subject area and several are also instructors at Pikes Peak State College. Scores on the 2021 state SAT place College Pathways among the top performing schools in Colorado.

### **TCA 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.

### **Accreditation:**

- Authorized and accredited as a Charter School by Academy District 20
- Certified by the State of Colorado as a Multi-District Online School
- Accredited with Distinction by the State of Colorado.

### **College Pathways Awards and Recognitions**

- John Irwin School of Excellence Award 2011-2026
- U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools in U.S. Bronze Medal, 2014, 2015
- Newsweek Magazine ranked in top 2% of high schools in the nation 2015, 2016

**Student Assessment and Grading:** College Pathways uses a conventional grading system. In addition, non-graded and character-building opportunities are highly valued as well.

### **Grading Scale:**

#### Unweighted

|    |              |    |             |
|----|--------------|----|-------------|
| 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 (< 60)    |

#### Weighted:

|    |              |    |             |
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| A  | 5.0 (93-100) | C  | 3.0 (73-76) |
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**College Pathways Grading Policy:** Colorado Guarantee Transfer college level courses are weighted on a 5-point scale. High school courses taken in junior high and Home School courses are not included in the GPA. Verified Home School coursework is listed on the transcript; course weight is zero.

**AP Courses:** College Pathways does not offer AP courses. Through Concurrent Enrollment, students take college courses on college campuses. Incoming juniors must be college ready in either English or Math and incoming seniors must be college ready in both English and Math.

**Class Rank:** College Pathways does not rank students. Due to the flexible nature of our concurrent enrollment curriculum, over 50% of our 9th - 12th grade students are enrolled in varying combinations of high school and college courses. We believe this model for individualized learning outweighs the benefits of ranking students.

**Enrollment:** 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 104      11<sup>th</sup> Grade: 114  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 99      9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 88

**Class Size:** Maximum class size is 22 students.

**Graduation Requirements:** All students enroll in a college preparatory curriculum. Students must complete 50 semester credits to include:

|                |   |                   |    |
|----------------|---|-------------------|----|
| English        | 8 | Fine Art          | 1  |
| Math           | 6 | Health            | 1  |
| Science        | 6 | PE                | 3  |
| Social Science | 6 | Core Electives    | 6  |
| World Language | 2 | General Electives | 11 |
|                |   | Total             | 50 |

**ACT:** English 24      Math 24      Comp 25  
Reading 26      Sci Reas 26

**SAT:** Read/Write 594      Math 547      Total 1141

**Graduate Information:** Graduates attending four-year institutions: 91%; two-year institutions: 2%; military: 2%; work: 5%.

**Graduation Rate:** 96%

**College Pathways graduates have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:**

|                                          |                                         |                                               |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Abilene Christian University             | Grand Canyon University                 | Spring Arbor University (MI)                  |
| Adams State College                      | Grove City College                      | St. Olaf College                              |
| Aims Community College                   | Harding University                      | Taylor University                             |
| Anderson University                      | Hastings College                        | Texas A&M University                          |
| Arizona Christian University             | Hillsdale College                       | Texas Christian University                    |
| Arizona State University                 | Hillsong College (Australia)            | Texas Tech University                         |
| Azusa Pacific University                 | Hobe Sound Bible College                | Thomas More University                        |
| Baylor University                        | Houston Baptist University              | Tisch School of the Arts, New York University |
| Belmont University                       | Indiana Wesleyan University             | Trinity International University (IL)         |
| Benedictine College                      | Jacksonville University                 | Trinity Western University (Canada)           |
| Berea College (KY)                       | John Brown University                   | Tufts University                              |
| Bethel University                        | John Paul the Great Catholic University | United States Air Force Academy               |
| Bethlehem College & Seminary             | Kansas State University                 | United States Merchant Marine Academy         |
| Biola University                         | Kettering University                    | United States Military Academy                |
| Black Hills State University             | Kings College                           | United States Naval Academy                   |
| Bob Jones University                     | Le Tourneau University                  | University of Alabama                         |
| Brigham Young University                 | Liberty University                      | University of Arizona                         |
| BYU Hawaii                               | Lindenwood University                   | University of Cape Town (S. Africa)           |
| BYU Idaho                                | Lipscomb University                     | University of Central Florida                 |
| California Baptist University            | Long Island University-Brooklyn         | University of Colorado - Boulder              |
| Calvin College                           | Metropolitan State University           | University of Colorado at Colorado Springs    |
| Cedarville University                    | Miami University (FL)                   | University of Colorado at Denver              |
| Central Christian College of Kansas      | Montana State University                | University of Dallas                          |
| Centre College (KY)                      | Moody Bible Institute                   | University of Denver                          |
| Charis Bible College                     | Muhlenberg College                      | University of Evansville                      |
| Clarke University                        | New Mexico State University             | University of Hawaii                          |
| Clemson University                       | North Carolina State University         | University of Illinois at Springfield         |
| College of the Ozarks                    | Northern Arizona University             | University of Iowa                            |
| Colorado Christian University            | Northwest Kansas Technical College      | University of Mary (N. Dakota)                |
| Colorado Mesa University                 | Oklahoma Christian University           | University of Mary Hardin-Baylor              |
| Colorado Mountain College                | Oklahoma City University                | University of Minnesota                       |
| Colorado School of Mines                 | Olivet Nazarene University              | University of Minnesota - Crookston           |
| Colorado State University – Fort Collins | Oral Roberts University                 | University of Nebraska                        |
| Colorado State University – Pueblo       | Oregon State University                 | University of North Texas                     |
| Columbia College Chicago – Chicago, IL   | Ouachita Baptist University             | University of Northern Colorado               |
| Converse College                         | Pace University                         | University of Oklahoma                        |
| Corban University                        | Palm Beach Atlantic University          | University of Oregon                          |
| Cornish College of the Arts              | Patrick Henry College                   | University of Pacific                         |
| Covenant College                         | Pensacola Christian College             | University of Richmond                        |
| Creighton University                     | Pepperdine University                   | University of Rochester                       |
| Crown College (MN)                       | Pikes Peak State College                | University of Tennessee - Knoxville           |
| Dakota Wesleyan University               | Purdue University                       | University of Tulsa                           |
| Davidson College                         | Redeemer University (Canada)            | University of Wisconsin                       |
| Dordt College                            | Regent University                       | University of Wisconsin-Whitewater            |
| Drexel University                        | Regis University                        | University of Wyoming                         |
| Duke University                          | Rollins College                         | Vancouver Island University (Canada)          |
| East Texas Baptist University            | Russell Sage College                    | Vanderbilt University                         |
| Embry Riddle Aeronautical University     | Rutgers University                      | Washburn University                           |
| Fort Lewis College                       | Samford University                      | Weber State University                        |
| Franciscan Univ of Steubenville          | San Jose State University               | Western State Colorado University             |
| Full Sail University                     | School of Visual Arts (NYC)             | Westmont College                              |
| Geneva College                           | Seattle Pacific University              | Wheaton College                               |
| George Fox University                    | South Dakota School of Mines            | Xavier University                             |
| George Washington University             | Southeastern University                 | Yale University                               |
| Gardner-Webb University                  | Southern Utah University                | York University                               |
| Grace College                            | Southwest Baptist University (MO)       |                                               |