



ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY

2026-2027 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.

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 environment.

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 Upper School faculty 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 45 members. Teachers are hired based on their love and mastery of academic disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences; certification is not required. **91%** of the high-school faculty have a master's degree or PhD, and **26%** have taught at the college level.

Enrollment

Upper School (7-12) **333** (31% students from diverse backgrounds)
Elementary School (K-6) **402** (32% students from diverse backgrounds)
Total Enrollment **735** (31% 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 and 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 GPA and a cumulative 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 2027

41 Students

17% of the Class of 2027
are Free and Reduced
Lunch Eligible

34% of the Class of 2027
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.

ACA has graduated **8 classes** and has attracted **recognition**:
• **Top 1% SAT/ACT Scores in Georgia**
• **#1 K-12 Charter School** and **#2 Best Charter HS** in Georgia, *Niche*

100% of the **Class of 2026**
Was Accepted to
Two- or Four-year colleges

Class of 2027
(as of 8/13/26)
SAT Composite
Middle 50%
1070-1330
ACT Composite
Middle 50%
21-31

2026 AP 3+ Scores:
94% AP Biology
100% AP Chemistry
100% AP Latin
92% AP Phys 1
95% AP Eng Lang*
100% AP US History*
***Optional for 11th grade**

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

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Literature	Classical Literature	British Literature	American Literature	Modern European Lit
History	Western Civilization I	Western Civilization II	American History	Modern European History
ACA Requirements	Health	Fine Art Survey	American Government	Lessons in Wonder
	Composition	Moral Philosophy	Political Philosophy	Economics
Math (4 units required)	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Advanced Mathematical Decision Making Pre-Calculus Calculus 1 AP Calculus BC			
Science (4 units required)	Biology Chemistry Physics Astronomy Advanced Chem (.5 Cred Req for AP Chem) AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 1 AP Physics C			
World Language (3 units required in HS)	Latin III, IV, V, AP Latin (2 high school units are taken in middle school) Spanish I, II, III, IV			
Electives	Students have the opportunity to take 2 semester-long electives each year. 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 Creative Writing and History of Film (to name a few). Students are also required to take .5 credits of Physical Fitness.			

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 (listed in **bold**) 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.

Selection of Required Texts

In our humanities classes, all students at ACA read whole books and will build a library of 40+ books across grades 9-12.

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

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

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Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*; Warren's *All the King's Men*; Hamilton's selections from *The Federalist Papers*

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Mill's *On Liberty*; Sassoon's *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer*; Heilbroner's *The Worldly Philosophers*; Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*

Multi-Year Elective Paths

STEM Offerings

- AP Computer Science
- Principles of Engineering
- Problems In Engineering

Co-Curricular + Electives Tracks

- Visual Arts Scholars
- Performing Arts Scholars
- Debate

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 grade**, 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.