# 2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE Information for College Admission Offices

# COVENANT CLASSICAL SCHOOL

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#### **FAST FACTS**

Private, K-12, co-educational, independent, interdenominational, Christian classical school

54-acre campus in west Fort Worth

Accredited by Society for Classical Learning Member of SCL (Society for Classical Learning), NACAC, TACAC, NACCAP, and TAPPS 3A

#### STUDENT PROFILE

Selective admissions process
498 students enrolled K-12
138 students in 9th through 12th Grade
28% from rural/small town zip codes
28% receiving tuition assistance
21 zip codes represented

# **CLASS OF 2026 PROFILE**

34 students

1170-1320 mid 50% PSAT

1260-1370 mid 50% SAT

3.59-5.00 GPA range

National Merit Recognition includes:

- 1 National Merit Semifinalist
- 1 National Merit Commended Scholar
- 6 College Board School Recognition Winners

# **FACULTY PROFILE**

Covenant considers our faculty to be the living texts of their curriculum

- 5:1 student/faculty ratio
- 24 faculty members

72% with advanced degrees 48% practicing in their academic fields as researchers, artists, performers, authors, and national presenters or consultants

# **GRADING SYSTEM**

LETTER	NUMBER	POINT
A	93-100	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
В	83-86	3.00
В-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
С	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.00
D-	60-62	0.67
F	<60	0

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Classical School partners with Christian parents to train students to think and live according to a biblical, Christ-centered worldview. We provide a rigorous, classical education that instills a lifelong love of learning.

#### **HISTORY**

Covenant was founded in 1999 with 14 students and six faculty who were looking for a philosophy of education not available anywhere else in the area. They envisioned a school that would challenge students intellectually through the rigor of the classical model and also nurture their pursuit of God. The result has been students who are intellectually equipped and also winsome, joyful, and forces for good in their communities. Covenant continues to pursue a high standard of academics and to embody our school's scriptural motto from Colossians 1:18: "In all things Christ preeminent."

#### ACADEMIC STANDARDS & PEDAGOGICAL PHILOSOPHIES

Covenant employs a rigorous curriculum rooted in the liberal arts tradition, requiring all students to walk through the same honors-level Literature, History, Mathematics, and Science courses. Courses employ primary sources and original texts, often read in their entirety. Collegiate textbooks are enlisted beginning in 9th Grade and content is explored using Socratic discussion formats and models of shared inquiry. Teachers aim to cultivate wisdom, virtue, and eloquence in students' writing and speaking, as well as students' character. Course assessments are stringent, requiring that a minimum of 90% of a course grade be determined by summative assessments. Covenant also prohibits instructor use of grade curving or of any form of extra credit. Covenant students are evaluated by strict standards and supported expansively during their learning process.

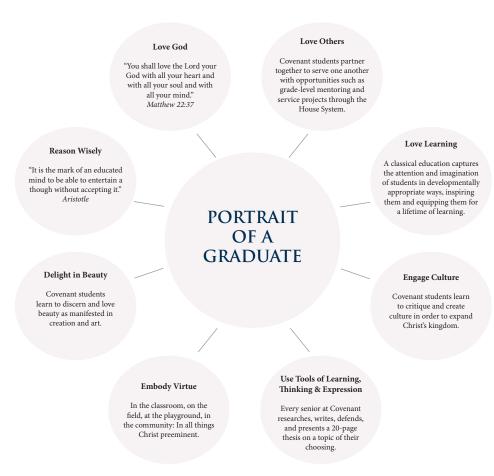
# NON-ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLARIFICATION

Advanced Placement courses are not offered at Covenant in order to avoid the limitations that prescribed course descriptions would place on the the appreciation of the great works, thinkers, and epics that have withstood the test of time and helped shape western civilization.

# **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

Pink boxes indicate graduation requirements and blue boxes\* indicate Senior courses. \*Only one of these courses may be dropped.

GRADE	HISTORY	LITERATURE	матн	SCIENCE	LANGUAGE	THEOLOGY	RHETORIC	ARTS
7	Ancient History	Ancient Literature	Pre-Algebra	Physical Science	Lingua Latina III	Old Testament	Logic I	Studio Art and Choir
8	Classical History	Classical Literature	Algebra I	Earth Science	Lingua Latina IV	New Testament	Logic II	Studio Art and Elocution
9	Medieval History	Medieval Literature	Geometry	Physics	Wheelock's Latin	Theology I	Rhetoric I	Studio Art or Choir
10	Early Modern History	Early Modern Literature	Algebra II	Biology	Latin Readings I: Dialogues or Greek I	Theology II	Rhetoric II	Studio Art or Choir
11	19th/20th C. History	19th/20th C. Literature	Pre-Calculus	Chemistry	Latin Readings II: Poetry or Greek II	Philosophy		Studio Art or Choir
12	American History	American Literature	Calculus	Biology II or Physics II	Latin Readings III: Prose or Greek III		Senior Thesis	Studio Art or Choir
CREDITS	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0



#### **FINE & PERFORMING ARTS** TRUTH, GOODNESS, BEAUTY

Led by a practicing studio artist, an operatic soloist, and a producer of and performer in local theater, excellence in the Fine & Performing Arts is a priority at Covenant. Mastery of fundamental techniques and skills is emphasized in 7th Grade and 8th Grade so that students' reflections on and expressions of beauty in later years are skilled, articulate, and impactful. Students compete in local art and choir competitions and can auditon to perform in the two theater performances produced by the school each year.

## **ATHLETICS** INTEGRITY, EXCELLENCE, VIRTUE

Athletics serves as a true extension of the liberal arts curriculum and often serves as the laboratory in which character and virtue are put into practice. Our discipleship-minded programs strive for excellence and encourage each individual and team to reach their maximum potential. Coaches intentionally mentor and disciple our student-athletes in all of our programs.

Over 60% of students are multi-sport athletes in Six-Man Football, Women's Volleyball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Golf, and Men's and Women's Track and Field.



#### UPPER SCHOOL READING LIST

Reading original texts in their entirety is foundational to a Covenant education, as is reading texts that both align with and challenge our own world views. This is the liberal arts education that truly frees a person.

#### 7TH GRADE:

Enuma Elish Epic of Gilgamesh Till We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis Theogony by Hesiod The Iliad by Homer

#### 8TH GRADE:

The Odyssey by Homer The Oresteia by Aeschylus Oedipus Rex by Sophocles The Aeneid by Vergil

#### 9TH GRADE:

Confessions by St. Augustine Song of Roland The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer

#### 10TH GRADE:

King Lear by William Shakespeare Paradise Lost by John Milton Frankenstein by Mary Shelley Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen The Prince by Machiavelli

# 11TH GRADE:

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky The Dead by James Joyce Brave New World by Aldous Huxley Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Marie Remarque The Abolition of Man by C.S. Lewis Night by Elie Wiesel

#### 12TH GRADE:

The Crucible by Arthur Miller The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane The Sea-Wolf by Jack London The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

# **SCHOOL CULTURE & COMMUNITY** MISSIONAL, RELATIONAL

Covenant's student life and programs are carefully chosen to align to our mission and are few in number as a result. A healthy student culture is built through experiences that strengthen relationships and afford opportunities to serve one another.

#### CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

#### **ADVISORY GROUPS**

All students are members of a year-long, 15:1 faculty-facilitated Advisory Group that provides a listening ear, a time to refocus, a time to learn to serve and support others, and opportunities to practice conflict-resolution and forgiveness.

#### **HOUSE SYSTEM**

When students enter 7th Grade, they are inducted into one of the four Houses in our House System: Athanasius, Augustine, Tyndale, or Wilberforce. House membership includes corporate year-long competitions, time for prayer, and service initiatives. Weekly games and competitions allow for an intentional time to cheer each other on, blow off some steam, and practice good sportsmanship.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

#### **MOCK TRIAL**

Training in writing and rhetoric has translated into a history of strong student performances by our award-winning Mock Trial Team. The team won the 2023 State Championship in a competition against all public, private, and charter schools in the state of Texas, and then won Sixth Place nationally.

# GREAT BOOKS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Students read and discuss great texts that complement our school's core curriculum. In 2023-2024, 7th and 8th Grade participants read Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, and participants in 9th through 12th Grade read Origin of Species by Charles Darwin

#### GREAT FILMS PROGRAM

Participants watch films that encourage discussion about virtue formation and the complexity of the human experience. Participants must write an essay to apply for membership and are selected partially based on teacher recommendation.

#### SCIENCE RESEARCH GROUP

Participants are encouraged to step into the scientific enterprise, develop research questions no one has asked before, collect and assess high-quality data, and draw conclusions through analyzing that data. Previous research projects include exploring the ecology of the Trinity River, building mousetrap cars, and searching for ticks in our on-campus prairie.

# PROJECT PAINTDROP

This student-run, after-school art program serves students in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. Upperclassmen develop the lessons, shop for the supplies, manage communication, and host the lessons for groups of 10 to 15 students.

#### STUDENT AWARDS

Awards at Covenant are in keeping with the classical tradition that holds up artifacts and archetypes as a means of inspiring our community to pursue the good - not for the sake of the award, but for the sake of enjoying the good itself. They are also intended to recognize and celebrate exceptional accomplishments. As such, awards are rare. The awards for which non-Seniors are eligible are Department Book Awards, National Latin Exam Awards, and National Greek Exam Awards. Though a student may graduate without ever receving an award, we aspire to a culture wherein every student is known and honored.



# SENIOR THESIS REASON, RESEARCH, RHETORIC

Beginning the summer prior to their Senior year, Covenant students initiate their year-long Senior Thesis Project, which includes 900 pages of academic reading and research, a 20-page research paper, and a 40-minute public, oral defense before a faculty committee.

With support from instructors and an advisor advisor, Seniors articulately and winsomely defend a perspective on an intellectual topic of their choosing using robust research, reason, and poise. Recent topics have included the paradox of Mark Rothko's abstract art, the impact of social media on adolescents' mental the limits of neuroimaging in criminal defense, scriptural consistency with neuroscience in the battle against depression, and the theology of good and evil in Steinbeck's East of Eden.

# FIVE-YEAR ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATIONS (IN BOLD) CLASSES OF 2021-2025

**Bold** = One or More Matriculations Number = Two or More Matriculations

\* = Honors College/Program and/or Awarded Full-Tuition Merit Scholarship

3	Abilene Christian University*	
	Anderson University	

Auburn University\*

Baylor University\*

Belmont University

Beloit College

Biola University\* Blinn College

Clemson University

Colorado Christian University

Colorado State University

Covenant College

Creighton University

Dallas Baptist University

**Dartmouth College** 

DePauw University

**Duke University** 

East Texas A&M University

East Texas Baptist University

Eckerd College

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Florida

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Arizona Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide

Florida Polytechnic University

Furman University

George Fox University

Georgetown University

Gordon College\*

Hampden-Sydney College

**Hardin-Simmons University** 

Harding University

Hendrix College

High Point University

Hillsdale College

Hope College

Howard Payne University\*

Howard University

Indiana Institute of Technology

Indiana University at Bloomington

Iowa State University

John Brown University

Kansas State University

LeTourneau University

Louisiana State University

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

Lubbock Christian University\*

Marymount Manhattan College

McMurry University

Miami University Oxford

Millikin University

Mississippi College\*

Missouri University of Science

New England College

New Mexico State University

Ohio Northern University

Oklahoma Baptist University

Oklahoma Christian University

Oklahoma State University

**Ouachita Baptist University** 

Pepperdine University

Quinnipiac University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Rhodes College** 

Samford University\*

Seton Hall University

Sewanee: The University of the South

Southern Methodist University

Southwestern University

Stephen F. Austin State University

**Tartleton State University** 

**Tarrant Country College** 

Taylor University

Texas A&M University\*

3 Texas Christian University\*

2 Texas State University

**Texas Tech University** 

Texas Wesleyan University

The Master's University

The University of Alabama

The University of Kansas

The University of Montana

The University of Oklahoma

The University of Tampa

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

The University of Tulsa\*

Trinity University

United States Coast Guard Academy

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Arizona

University of Arkansas\*

University of Austin

University of Central Arkansas

University of Dallas\*

University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Houston

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Kentucky

University of Maine at Machias

University of Mary Hardin Baylor

University of Mississippi\*

University of New Mexico

Universtiy of North Texas

University of South Carolina\*

University of Wisconsin Platteville

Vanderbilt University

Weatherford College

West Texas A&M University

Westmont College\* 2.

Wheaton College Wichita State University

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

# MATRICULATIONS BY INSTITUTIONAL TYPE CLASSES OF 2021-2025

Public In-State	28%
Public Out-of-State	19%
Private In-State	18%
Private Out-of-State	29%
Two-Year Program	5%
Military Academy	1

# STATEMENT OF USE OF AI FOR COUNSELOR & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

As we continue to define and navigate the ethical standards of our use of AI, we assure you that faculty letters of recommendation and counselor letters from Covenant are the unique thoughts and compositions of the individual stated authors.