



# COVENANT CLASSICAL SCHOOL

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## ABOUT US

Covenant Classical School was founded in 1999 as a K-12 independent, interdenominational, classical Christian school.

Our 54-acre campus is located in west Fort Worth, and we serve 503 students from 25 zip codes, including rural areas in Tarrant, Hood, and Parker Counties.

The Class of 2024 has 28 students, with our Rhetoric School grade-level enrollment capped at 40, allowing for a 9th through 12th Grade student/faculty ratio of 6:1.

## FACULTY

At CCS, 79% of the Upper School faculty have advanced degrees, including four with PhD's and one MD. Our faculty regularly present and consult as exemplars within their educational specialties at the national level.

## ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Classical Learning
- Cognia Accreditation (2022)
- Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS Division 2A)
- National Association for College Admission and Counseling (NACAC)
- Texas Association for College Admission and Counseling (TACAC)

## COVID-19

In-person instruction resumed in the fall of 2020 and has continued uninterrupted since that time. No current Rhetoric students have experienced systemic disruption to their instruction.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## ACADEMIC DISTINCTIVES & GRADING SCALE

In maintaining the integrity and rigor of our grading system, Covenant **prohibits the use of curving** in the evaluation of assessments and **does not allow for the use of extra credit**. At least 90% of every course grade is determined by scores earned on summative assessments.

All Rhetoric School academic courses are taught at an honors level and include reading **original texts and collegiate-level textbooks**.

Because we do not wish to limit ourselves to the bounds of externally prescribed course descriptions, **we do not offer Advanced Placement courses**. Our courses are framed by more robust unit plans that aim to equip students with the knowledge, essential skills, and deep levels of enduring understanding inherent to the liberal arts tradition. Our students enter college with an appreciation of the great works, thinkers, and historical epics that have withstood the test of time and shaped western civilization.

**All seniors complete a Senior Thesis Project** that includes a minimum of 3,000 pages of scholarly research and culminates in a 20-page research paper, a 40-minute oral presentation, and defense before a faculty panel. Seniors graduate already equipped by an experience that readies them for serious research and the careful and winsome composition of sound arguments required in university courses.

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

Summa Cum Laude: 3.90 – 4.00 | Magna Cum Laude: 3.70 – 3.89 | Cum Laude: 3.50 – 3.69

## 2022-2023 CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2023 Mock Trial Team won the State Championship and placed sixth nationally among public, private, and charter schools.
- The Football Team won back-to-back State Championships in TAPPS Division 2A during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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

All students are required to participate in a minimum of 0.5 credits of athletics over the duration of grades 9-12.

\* These students take the National Latin or National Greek Exam.

- These courses are graduation requirements.
- Seniors may opt out of *only one* of these courses to meet the 25.5 credit.

## STUDENT HONORS & AWARDS

At Covenant, honors and awards are given for the purpose of holding up specific values and virtues, and are meant to inspire 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, and as such, are rare. Though a student may graduate from Covenant without ever receiving a public award, we aspire to a culture wherein every student is known and honored. The following awards are the *only* individual awards recognized in Rhetoric School (9th through 12th Grade):

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| <b>VALEDICTORIAN &amp; SALUTATORIAN</b><br>(academic excellence as reflected in the transcript) | <b>DEPARTMENT BOOK AWARDS</b><br>(demonstrated a love of learning within each academic discipline) | <b>VIRTUS AWARD</b><br>(exceptional Christian character in all areas of student life) | <b>ERUDITIO AWARD</b><br>(excellence across all academic disciplines) | <b>DILIGENTIA AWARD</b><br>(diligence and perseverance in all areas of student life) | <b>LEADERSHIP AWARD</b><br>(exceptional leadership in all areas of student life) | <b>SENIOR THESIS AWARD</b><br>(writes, presents, and defends the most outstanding thesis) |
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## STUDENT LIFE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- The school's House System includes student body leadership, intramural competition, and service initiatives.
- The Great Books Scholars Program offers monthly meetings for students interested in discussing additional classic literature.
- Caritas is a student-led upperclassmen club focused on service, philanthropy, and the nonprofit sector.
- Covenant annually produces a Shakespearean play, a musical, and a campus-wide art gallery event showcasing student artwork.
- Athletics offerings for students include Six-Man Football, Women's Volleyball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Basketball, Baseball, Men's and Women's Golf, and Men's and Women's Track and Field.

## FIVE-YEAR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

(+) *Indicates Honors College or Significant Merit Scholarship*

Abilene Christian University (+)  
Abilene Christian University, *Duke Scholar Program* (+)  
American Academy of Dramatic Arts  
Arkansas State University  
Auburn University (+)  
Baylor University (+)  
Belmont University  
Beloit College  
Biola University (+)  
Colorado Christian University  
Colorado State University  
Dallas Baptist University (+)  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Duke University  
East Texas Baptist University (+)  
Eckerd College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Florida Polytechnic University  
Gordon College  
Hardin-Simmons University  
Harding University  
Hillsdale College  
Hope College  
Houston Baptist University  
Howard University  
Indiana Institute of Technology  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Kansas State University  
LeTourneau University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
McMurry University  
Miami University Ohio  
Millikin University  
Missouri State University  
Missouri University of Science and Technology  
New England College  
Ohio Northern University  
Oklahoma Baptist University  
Oklahoma Christian University (+)  
Oklahoma City University (+)  
Oklahoma State University (+)  
Ouachita Baptist University  
Pepperdine University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes University  
Samford University (+)  
Seton Hall University (+)  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Southern Methodist University (+)  
Southwestern University  
St. Edward's University (+)  
Tarleton State University  
Taylor University  
Texas A&M University at College Station  
Texas A&M University at Commerce  
Texas Christian University (+)  
Texas State University  
Texas Tech University (+)  
Texas Wesleyan University  
The University of Alabama (+)  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
The University of Oklahoma (+)  
The University of Texas at Arlington  
The University of Texas at Austin  
The University of Texas at Austin, *Canfield Business Honors Program* (+)  
The University of Texas at Austin, *Plan II Honors Program* (+)  
Trinity University  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas (+)  
University of Chicago  
University of Denver  
University of Dallas (+)  
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 Montana  
University of New Mexico  
University of North Texas  
University of South Carolina  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Tulsa (+)  
University of Wisconsin at Platteville  
U.S. Naval Academy  
Washington and Lee University  
Weatherford College  
Westmont College (+)  
Wheaton College  
Wichita State University (+)  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## READING LIST

\* *Indicates a Partial Work*

### 7TH GRADE:

*Introductory Logic: The Fundamentals of Thinking Well* by Wilson and Nance  
*Talk Thru the Bible* by Wilkinson and Boa  
*Enuma Elish*  
*Epic of Gilgamesh*  
*Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis  
*Theogony* by Hesiod  
*The Iliad* by Homer  
*Jesus the Logician* by Willard\*  
*The Art of Argument: An Introduction to the Informal Fallacies* by Larsen\*

### 8TH GRADE:

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis  
*Intermediate Logic: Mastering Propositional Arguments* by Wilson and Nance  
*A Popular Survey of the New Testament* by Geisler  
*The Odyssey* by Homer  
*The Oresteia* by Aeschylus  
*Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles  
*The Aeneid* by Vergil  
*Euclid's Elements*\*  
*The Art of Argument: An Introduction to the Informal Fallacies* by Larsen\*  
*The Age of Alexander* by Plutarch\*  
*The Rise and Fall of Athens* by Plutarch\*  
*The Histories* by Herodotus\*  
*The Trial and Death of Socrates* by Plato\*  
*The Early History of Rome* by Livy\*

### 9TH GRADE:

*Confessions* by St. Augustine  
*Song of Roland*  
*The Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri  
*Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer  
*Bible Doctrine* by Wayne Grudem\*

### 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  
*Bible Doctrine* by Wayne Grudem\*

### 11TH GRADE:

*The Story of Philosophy* by Bryan Magee  
*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