



Covenant Classical School

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About Covenant

Covenant Classical School of Fort Worth is a K-12, independent, interdenominational, classical Christian school founded in 1999. Located in the diverse and culturally-robust community of west Fort Worth, Covenant occupies a 54-acre campus with 395 students. Grades 7-8 make up the School of Logic and grades 9-12 make up the School of Rhetoric.

Our mission is to train students to live and reason from a Christ-centered worldview. Our classical method is rooted in the Trivium: the grammar, logic, and rhetoric of all subjects. Students trained in this way are equipped with tools for the effective accumulation, synthesis, and communication of knowledge.

Faculty

The student to faculty ratio is 10:1. The majority of our Logic/Rhetoric faculty holds a Master's degree or higher. Covenant encourages faculty to pursue advanced degrees and graduate coursework that enhance the Covenant curriculum.

Accreditation and Membership

Covenant is accredited through SACSCASI/Advanced Ed and is a member of the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS) and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS).

Admission Requirements

Students are selectively admitted after demonstrating grade-level competency on entrance exams in reading comprehension and analysis, composition, Latin, and math. Recommendations are required; students and parents are interviewed to ensure a commitment to rigorous academics and Christian character.

SAT Average Scores by Graduating Class

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
English	645	625	583	772	628	696	711
Math	603	643	570	593	608	667	647
Writing	682	658	565	620	613	695	715

The Covenant Distinctive

Covenant's classical Christian education is built on a foundation of Latin, Logic, integrated liberal arts, and accelerated math and science that is tailored to the student's K-12 stages of development. In each grade, students are taught how to learn, equipping them to live the examined life of critical thinking and reflection.

Foreign Language: Latin instruction begins in 3rd grade. Students complete a formal study of Latin grammar in 8th grade. 9th grade students read seminal classical Latin texts then in 10th grade students may choose to continue their study of Advanced Latin or begin a study of Greek. All Latin students take the National Latin Exam and some take the AP Latin Test.

History and Literature: Covenant students read and research source documents and original writings. By integrating history, literature, philosophy, theology, art, and music throughout all disciplines, our students see the world as a whole system and a work of art rather than as disjointed groups of facts. School of Logic students read complete ancient texts from Gilgamesh and Genesis to Plato and Virgil. Rhetoric level students continue into the medieval to modern eras, reading and interacting with thinkers from Augustine to Marx and C. S. Lewis.

Math and Science: Students are on an accelerated track of math and science. Algebra I is taken in 8th grade.

Logic and Rhetoric: CCS trains students how to reason, understand arguments, and persuade winsomely. School of Logic students complete two years of formal logic.

Senior Thesis: After three semesters of rhetoric, each senior must research, write, present, and defend a 15-20 page persuasive thesis in order to graduate. The oral defense before an academic panel is public.

National Merit Recognitions 2009-2017

Covenant's 2 National Merit Scholars, 1 Finalist and 10 Commended students represent 20% of our graduates.

Sample Acceptances and Matriculations*

University of Alabama Honors College, Auburn, Baylor University Honors*, Belmont, Butler, Calvin College, Cedarville, East TX Baptist University*, University of Chicago, Furman, Franklin, Harvard University*, Palm Beach Atlantic Honors*, Pepperdine*, Rhodes College, Samford*, Saint John's College, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M*, TCU Honors College*, Texas Tech, Trinity University*, University of Houston*, University of Arkansas*, University of Dallas, University of Oklahoma Honors*, University of Richmond, University of Texas - Austin*, University of Texas Business Honors*, Westmont College, Wheaton College**

Grading System and Grade Point Average

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
A	93-100	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	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

Academic Honors (non-weighted GPA)

Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.70-3.89
Cum Laude	3.50-3.69

Graduation Requirements: 25.5 Credits

History	4	Foreign Language	4*
Literature	4	Theology/Philosophy	2
Math	4*	Logic/Rhetoric	2
Science	4*	Fine Arts	2
		Athletics	0.5

*Seniors may opt out of one of these credits.

Class Ranking

Covenant does not rank students. Due to our selective admissions and rigor, class rank is an insignificant measure of college success.

Honors Classes

All CCS courses are taught at the honors level, with most utilizing freshman-level college texts.

Extracurricular Activities

Athletics include: cross-country, volleyball, six-man football, track, basketball, tennis, and golf. Other student activities include Mock Trial, Texas Youth & Government, art shows and competitions, theater productions, yearbook, and TAPPS academic and art competitions.

Service

All K-12 Covenant students, parents, and teachers annually partner with the same local at-risk neighborhood to help residents improve their lives. Students work in the community garden, on widows' homes, and in church remodeling projects. Community service is an integral part of student life at Covenant.

Covenant 7-12 Reading List (* read in part)

Hesiod · *Epic of Gilgamesh* · *Iliad, Odyssey* · Herodotus' *Histories** · Thucydides* · Livy* · Plutarch* · *The Oresteia* · *The Theban Plays* · Aristotle's *Rhetoric* · Cicero's *Republic** · Horace's *Odes** · *Aeneid* · *Till We Have Faces* · Augustine's *Confessions* and *De Doctrina Christiana* · *Song of Roland* · *Canterbury Tales** · Dante's *Inferno* · *Beowulf* · *The Prince* · Henry V, Julius Caesar, *Macbeth, The Tempest, King Lear* · *Fairie Queene* · *Don Quixote** · *Metaphysical Poets* · *Paradise Lost** · *Pride and Prejudice* · *Frankenstein* · *Great Expectations* · *A Tale of Two Cities* · *Romantic Poets* · the *Founding Fathers* · *The Scarlet Letter* · *All Quiet on the Western Front* · *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass** · *Huckleberry Finn* · *Old Man and the Sea* · *The Great Gatsby* · *To Kill a Mockingbird* · *American Poets* · *Crime and Punishment* · Joyce's "The Dead" · *Things Fall Apart* · *Brave New World* · *Heart of Darkness* · *Waiting for Godot* · *Lord of the Flies* · *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* · *Of Mice and Men* · *All the King's Men* · *American short stories* · *Death of a Salesman* · *Rhetorica ad Herennium* · *Boethius** · *Hermogenes** · *Quintilian**

Curriculum (Gr. 7-8: Algebra I, Physical Science, Logic, Ancient Lit & History)

Gr	History	Literature	Math	Science	Foreign Language	Theology & Philosophy	Logic & Rhetoric	Fine Arts
9	Medieval History	Medieval Literature	Geometry	Biology	Latin Readings I	Theology I	Rhetoric I	Studio Art I or Theater I or Photo/Design I
10	Early Modern History	Early Modern Literature	Algebra II	Chemistry	Latin Readings II or Greek I	Theology II	Rhetoric II	Studio Art II or Theater II or Photo/Design II
11	19 th and 20 th Century History	19 th and 20 th Century Literature	Pre-Calculus	Physics I	Latin Readings II/III or Greek II	Philosophy		Studio Art III or Theater III or Photo/Design III
12	American History	American Literature	Calculus	Physics II	Latin Readings II-IV or Greek Readings I		Senior Thesis Seminar	Studio Art IV or Theater IV or Photo/Design IV