



# 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 420 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.

## Portrait of a Graduate

Our goals are that each Covenant graduate love God; love others; reason wisely; love learning; engage culture; use the tools of learning, thinking, and expression; embody virtue, and delight in beauty.

## 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 SACS CASI/AdvancED and is a member of the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS), the Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship (TCAF), and the Texas Association for College Admission and Counseling (TACAC).

## 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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2009-2019

Covenant's 3 National Merit Scholars, 1 Finalist and 17 Commended students represent 25% of our graduates.

## Sample Acceptances and Matriculations\*

*Abilene Christian Honors\*, Univ. of Alabama Honors\*, Auburn, Baylor Univ. Honors\*, Belmont, Berry\*, Belhaven\*, Biola – Torrey Honors\*, Butler, Calvin, Cedarville, East Texas Baptist\*, Furman, Franklin, Harvard\*, Oklahoma City Univ.\*, Palm Beach Atlantic Honors\*, Pepperdine\*, Rhodes, Samford\*, St. John's College\*, Southern Methodist Univ., Texas A&M\*, TCU Honors\*, Texas Tech, Trinity Univ.\*, Univ. of Arkansas\*, Univ. of Chicago, Univ. of Dallas\*, Univ. of Houston\*, Univ. of North Texas\*, Univ. of Oklahoma Honors\*, Univ. of Richmond, Univ. of Texas-Arlington\*, Univ. of Texas-Austin\*, Univ. of Texas-Austin Business Honors\* and Plan II Honors\*, Westmont, Wheaton\**

## SAT Average Scores by Graduating Class

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
English	583	772	628	696	711	708	705
Math	570	593	608	667	647	663	683

## Grading System and Grade Point Average

Letter	Number	Point	Letter	Number	Point
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

## 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. We do, however, award Valedictorian and Salutatorian awards to the top two performing seniors.

## 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, baseball, tennis, and golf. Other student activities include the Great Books Scholars Program, Mock Trial, theater productions, yearbook, and various art shows and 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* · Horace's *Odes*\* · *Aeneid* · *Till We Have Faces* · Augustine's *Confessions* · *Song of Roland* · *Canterbury Tales*\* · Dante's *Divine Comedy* · *Beowulf* · *The Prince* · *Henry V*, *Macbeth* · *Fairie Queene* · *Don Quixote*\* · *Paradise Lost* · *Pride and Prejudice* · *Frankenstein* · *Federalist Papers*\* · *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* · *Crime and Punishment* · Joyce's "The Dead" · *Brave New World* · *Things Fall Apart* · *Waiting for Godot* · *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* · *Of Mice and Men* · *Death of a Salesman* · Boethius\*

## 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	Wheelock's Latin	Theology I	Rhetoric I	Studio Art I or Theater I
10	Early Modern History	Early Modern Literature	Algebra II	Chemistry	Latin Readings I or Greek I	Theology II	Rhetoric II	Studio Art II or Theater II
11	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century History	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Literature	Pre-Calculus	Physics	Latin Readings II or Greek II	Philosophy		Studio Art III or Theater III
12	American History	American Literature	Calculus	Environmental Science	Latin Readings III or Greek Readings I		Senior Thesis Seminar	Studio Art IV or Theater IV