



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 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 & 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, and 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. Students in 9th grade read seminal classical Latin texts, then choose to continue their study of Advanced Latin or begin a study of Greek in 10th grade. All Latin students take the National Latin Exam and some take the AP Latin Test.

MATH & SCIENCE

Students are on an accelerated track of math and science. Algebra I is taken in 8th grade. Beginning with the freshmen class of 2021-2022, students will take their science courses in this order: Physics, Biology, Chemistry and then Anatomy & Physiology.

HISTORY & 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.

READING LIST (GRADES 7-12)

Hesiod · *Epic of Gilgamesh* · *Iliad* · *Odyssey* · Herodotus' *Histories** · Livy* · Thucydides* · 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* · *Huckleberry Finn* · *All Quiet on the Western Front* · *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass** · *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* (*read in part)

LOGIC & 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.

HONORS CLASSES

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (25.5 CREDITS)

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

*Seniors may opt out of one of these credits.



GRADING SYSTEM & 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

Honor	Non-Weighted GPA
Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.70-3.89
Cum Laude	3.50-3.69

SAT AVERAGE SCORES BY GRADUATING CLASS

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
English	628	696	711	708	705	633	634
Math	608	667	647	663	683	597	595

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.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITIONS 2009-2021

Covenant's three National Merit Scholars, one Finalist and 18 Commended students represent 25% of our graduates.

COVID-19

During the "Shelter in Place" order from the City of Fort Worth due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CCS maintained its rigorous academic instruction via interactive online lectures, Zoom conference calls, projects, assignments, and assessments throughout the spring semester of 2020. While we adapted our curriculum to account for the pedagogical shift required of an online platform, student work was collected, recorded, evaluated and assigned an appropriate numerical grade – not Pass/Fail – according to our regular, established standards. Since the fall of 2020, instruction has been in person.

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, theatre productions, yearbook, and various art shows and competitions.

SERVICE

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

SAMPLE ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATION*

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

Grade	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 or Choir
10	Early Modern History	Early Modern Literature	Algebra II	Chemistry	Latin Readings I or Greek Readings I	Theology II	Rhetoric II	Studio Art or Choir
11	19th and 20th Century History	19th and 20th Literature	Pre-Calculus	Physics	Latin Readings II or Greek Readings II	Philosophy		Studio Art, Choir or Yearbook
12	American History	American Literature	Calculus	Anatomy & Physiology	Latin Readings III or Greek Readings III		Senior Thesis Seminar	Studio Art, Choir or Yearbook

In Grades 7-8, our students complete Algebra I, Physical Science, Logic, Ancient Literature & Ancient History.