



Veritas Christian Academy

Rhetoric
School Profile
2023-2024

Intelligent Faith: Equipping minds and engaging hearts for
God's Kingdom purposes.
Celebrating 25 years.

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Mission Statement

Veritas Christian Academy is an independent, co-educational, Pre-K-12, college preparatory school with an educational culture built on the classical Trivium and historic biblical Christianity. Veritas Christian Academy is located in Fletcher, North Carolina, just south of Asheville.

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Accreditation and Memberships

Association of Classical
Christian Schools
(ACCS)

Paideia Seminar,
National Certified
School

Society of Classical
Learning

Classical Latin School
Association

NACCAP

Academic Program

Veritas provides an academic curriculum firmly anchored in the traditional liberal arts that soundly prepares students for a life of learning as well as higher education. The program aims not only to equip students with knowledge of the different disciplines, but also to aid their understanding of learning as the pursuit and application of truth. The program's distinctives include Latin instruction that begins in third grade, a full year of informal and formal logic, a full year of rhetoric, the writing and defense of a senior thesis, participation in declamation and the age-appropriate teaching methodologies required of each subject. The Rhetoric School currently enrolls 85 students.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Veritas Christian Academy a student must have at least a 2.0 grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale in every course taken in the curriculum. The weight is .5 for honors courses and 1.0 for AP's. A minimum of 23 credits is required. *Due to small class sizes, the school does not rank students.*

All Veritas Christian Academy students are required to:

- take courses in English, History, Math, Theology, and Advanced Studies each year.
- complete at least 3 credits in Science and Foreign Language
- complete at least one credit in the Fine Arts and Physical Education.
- complete 23 credits in order to be eligible for graduation.

Standardized Testing and Advanced Placement Courses

Annual testing includes the Classical Learning Test for grades 3-7, the CLT 8/10 for grades 8-10, the PSAT grades 9-11, the CLT, SAT and/or ACT for grades 11-12. Our students typically score well above average for both state and national standards.

We offer 8 AP courses which students may take upon teacher recommendation.

2022 Mean SAT Scores: CR: 670/ M: 610 **1280** 2023 Mean SAT Scores: CR: 610/ M: 610 **1220**

High School Curriculum

English

World Literature I, II
Honors World Lit. I, II
American Literature
AP Language and
Composition
British Literature
AP Literature and
Composition

Foreign Language

Latin I
Honors Latin II, III, IV
Spanish I, II
Honors Spanish III
Honors Greek I

Math

Algebra I, II
Honors Algebra I, II
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Advanced Functions &
Modeling
Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus

Advanced Studies

Honors Logic II
Honors Rhetoric I, II
Honors Philosophy &
Honors Senior Thesis

Science

Honors Phys Science II
Honors Biology
Intro to Computers
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry

Theology

Biblical Prophets
Gospels & Acts
New Testament Epistles
Honors Philosophy

Physical Education

Strength and
Conditioning
Sports Participation
Wrestling

History

Western Civilizations I, II
Honors Western Civ. I, II
United States History
AP United States History
United States Gov/Econ
AP United States
Government/
Economics

Fine Arts

Chorus
Drama
Studio I, II, III
Creative Writing
Culinary Arts
Yearbook
Music Theory
Praise Band
Film

Veritas Community Distinctives

Community Service

Students develop sensitivity to the world's needs through avenues provided by Veritas and through independent pursuits. For example, the students have worked at Camp Courage (a camp for terminally ill children), worked and assisted the Very Special Arts Festival (a festival for children with various needs), provided assistance during the Special Olympics, tutored special needs children on campus, and assisted elderly members of the community with home cleaning and maintenance.

Fine Arts

The Veritas Performing Arts Department provides students with an opportunity for musical and vocal instruction, as well as dramatic performance. The Performing Arts students present a play in the fall and a musical in the spring. Students make take piano, violin, or classical guitar lessons on campus.

Athletics

Varsity letters may be earned in the following sports: men's soccer, women's soccer, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's volleyball, co-ed cross country, co-ed golf, and co-ed track and field. Students also have the opportunity to take weight training for functional strength.

Common Arts

Veritas Students have the opportunity to study the Common Arts of carpentry, culinary arts, and archery. The common arts, also called the servile, or manual arts, are those arts that we all benefit from and participate in on some level. We learn to find the good, the true, and the beautiful beyond core studies.

Declamation and Senior Thesis

Each year Rhetoric 9th, 10th and 11th grade students participate in Declamation by memorizing and performing a selected piece of literature, speech, or poetry. They compete by class, then before a panel of judges. The Seniors work their entire senior year to write a persuasive research paper under faculty supervision. They present to the student body in April each year.

House System

Inspired by the English model, our students and faculty are divided into four houses, each named for a timelessly important poet- Homer, Virgil, Dante, and Milton. Each house is associated with one of the four cardinal virtues- fortitude, temperance, prudence, and justice. The goal of the house system is to foster camaraderie and cultivate virtue among the student body through regular activities of healthy competition and fellowship, including weekly house challenges, a poetry contest, a talent show, an annual Pi Day celebration, and many other opportunities throughout the year. The house system allows for friendships to form across grade levels and personal interest and promotes student leadership, as each house is led by a senior Prefect chosen by the teachers and a senior Tribune chosen by the students.

Scholé Studio

Students with learning differences who have benefitted in the past from School Within a School are now being served by our Scholé Studio which offers a research-based, multi-sensory approach to learning. Scholé Studio is designed to allow students to participate in our robust curriculum in a restful atmosphere and measured pace, allowing them to develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed. This approach, inspired by John Amos Comenius and Charlotte Mason, is being expanded throughout the school so that all students can benefit from the best practices of the approach to Classical Christian Education.

Recent College Acceptances

American University
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
Auburn University
Barry University
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Berea College
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Blue Ridge Community College
Bodenseehof Bible College
Brevard College
Bucknell University
California State University
Catawba College
Centre College
Charleston Southern University
Citadel

Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of William and Mary
College of Charleston
Cornell University
Covenant College
Davidson College
Duke University
Duke Kunshan University
East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical
Emory and Henry College
Florida State University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Washington University
Georgia State University
Georgetown University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Indiana University

James Madison University
Johnson and Wales University
Lee University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Lipscomb University
Mars Hill College
Montreat College
New York University
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Paul Smith's College
Pepperdine University
Presbyterian College
Queens University
Samford University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
United States Air Force Academy

United States Military Academy at West Point
University of Alabama
University of Georgia
UNC Asheville
UNC Charlotte
UNC Chapel Hill
UNC Greensboro
UNC Wilmington
University of California, Berkeley
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
Virginia Tech University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wofford College

***Bolded schools indicate attendance**