



# 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

## 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.

## 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 (Classical Learning Test) 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 provide 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 begin 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 Uni**  
**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