



VERITAS ACADEMY

2022 - 2023
PROFILE

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OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Veritas Academy is an independent classical, Christian, day school in Austin, Texas serving Preschool through 12th grade. In grades 8-12, students attend classes on a college-like schedule with a mix of one-, two-, and three-day-a-week classes. Veritas accepts students with a variety of learning aptitudes and differences. The academy is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and unaffiliated with any church, denomination, or other school as it operates on its own 97-acre campus in the Texas Hill Country.

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SCHOOL OF RHETORIC (9-12TH GRADES)

ENROLLMENT

SCHOOL WIDE 670
SCHOOL OF RHETORIC 184

CLASS OF 2023 48

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE 16

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC FACULTY 42
W/ ADVANCED DEGREES 17

CLASSES OF 2020-2022:

ATTENDING 4 YEAR COLLEGES 89%
ATTENDING 2 YEAR COLLEGES 4%
GAP YEAR PROGRAMS 7%

ACCREDITATION

Cognia (formerly AdvancEd): Southern Association of Colleges and Schools / Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)

MEMBERSHIPS

National (& Texas) Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC | TACAC)

University Model Schools International (UMSI/NAUMS)

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

Association of Classical Chapter Schools (ACCS)

Society for Classical Learning (SCL)

COVID-19 INFORMATION

During the spring of 2020, Veritas moved all instruction to a virtual/remote format with one week of lost instruction. Grading continued normally, and grades appear on the transcripts as numeric course-end averages as usual. In the fall of 2020, classes resumed, giving students the choice to attend on campus or tune in virtually for the 2020-2021 school year. Normal, in-person instruction for all students resumed in August 2021.

DIPLOMA PLANS & REQUIREMENTS

VERITAS DIPLOMA

Students earn a Veritas Diploma by completing all Veritas graduation requirements below.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

During the 2019-2020 school year, Veritas moved from a trimester to a semester schedule. 1 credit is equal to a year-long course meeting 3 hrs/wk. Required credits:

4.0 History <i>includes Government & Econ.</i>	4.0 Math	4.0 Science	4.0 English
1.0 Latin	3.0 Foreign Language <i>sequential</i>	2.0 Leadership <i>0.5 credit per year</i>	1.0 Athletics/P.E.
1.0 Fine Arts	0.5 Logic	0.5 Speech	1.0 Electives

CLASSICAL CORE DIPLOMA

Students earning this diploma complete all the requirements for Veritas Diploma with the following differences: only 3.0 credits of math and lab science are required, only 2.0 consecutive credits of a foreign language are required, but students must complete an extra 1.0 credit of electives.

DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMA

Students earn this distinction by completing all requirements of the Veritas Diploma and additionally completing three weighted courses, earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher in Leadership, and maintaining an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher.

SELF-MANAGED PLAN

Because of Veritas Academy's unique model (college-style course offerings), some students attend the school but elect not to complete all of their Texas graduation requirements at Veritas. When these students apply to college, the Veritas transcript is supplemental to the family-produced transcript that certifies completion of the Texas graduation requirements.

GRADING & POLICIES

GRADING CALENDAR & SCALE

In 2019-2020, Veritas moved from trimesters to semesters.

A	4.0	93-100%	C	2.0	73-76%
A-	3.7	90-92%	C-	1.7	70-72%
B+	3.3	87-89%	D+	1.3	67-69%
B	3.0	83-86%	D	1.0	63-66%
B-	2.7	80-82%	D-	0.7	60-62%
C+	2.3	77-79%	F	0.0	<60%

GPA's (Average Class of 2022)	
Un-weighted GPA	3.37
Weighted GPA	3.54
Highest Historical GPA's The valedictorians of Veritas Academy's eleven graduating classes have earned an average GPA of 3.99 (unweighted).	

ITALICS = no course credit. Though modest GPA points accrue for grades of 60-69% (D), course credit is awarded only for courses in which mastery is demonstrated, as indicated by a grade of 70% (C-) or higher.

RANKING POLICY

A traditional ranking system provides an inaccurate comparison of our students to students from larger schools and does not offer a true distinction between members of a highly talented class. Therefore, Veritas Academy provides only a numeric rank for the top ten percent in a class.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Upon request, Veritas will disclose if a student has been subject to serious disciplinary action since entering 9th Grade. This includes any dramatic change to grades, out-of-school suspension, dismissal, or withdrawal from the school.

CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

Classical education is a return to the ancient goal of education: teaching children to live as virtuous, civic-minded, lifelong learners by imparting to them the tools of learning. It is an approach rooted in the ancient medieval concept of the Trivium. The Trivium is comprised of three basic tools of learning in the order they naturally develop: Grammar (the tool of knowledge), Logic (the tool of reasoning) and Rhetoric (the tool of communication and expression). Classical education places focus on classic works of literature, language learning (including Latin), inquiry-based study and class discussion, as well as training in formal logic.

AP & HONORS COURSES

All core courses and languages at Veritas are taught at the honors level; the following courses are the most advanced in their disciplines. Students are typically not permitted to take weighted courses until their 11th grade year. The following are weighted (+1.0) in the calculation of GPA:

English
AP English 11–Language & Comp
AP English 12–Literature & Comp

Mathematics
Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics

Science
AP Physics I & II
Molecular Biology

History & Social Science
Adv. Government & Economics
AP United States History

Foreign Language
American Sign Language IV
AP Latin IV
AP Spanish IV
Spanish Literature & Poetics

Sample Humanities Reading List (does not include poetry and essays)
Beowulf, Dante’s Inferno, Odyssey, The Iliad, The Epic of Gilgamesh, The Tragedy of Julius Caesar, Till We Have Faces, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Paradise Lost, Romeo and Juliet, The Canterbury Tales, Frankenstein, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, The Great Gatsby, The Scarlet Letter, Of Mice and Men, East of Eden, Grapes of Wrath, Moby Dick, Pride and Prejudice, Crime and Punishment, Brave New World, Much Ado About Nothing, The Picture of Dorian Gray, The Prince, Things Fall Apart, Anna Karenina, As I Lay Dying

Capstone Project
Advanced Senior Thesis or
XRT: Experimental Research Thesis

Electives
AP Computer Science Principles

- NOTES**
- Official transcripts provide both weighted and non-weighted GPAs.
 - The weighted GPA includes an additional (1.0) added to the earned grade points in weighted courses; unweighted courses are based on the values under *Grading Calendar and Scale*.

UNIQUE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Senior Thesis
Senior Thesis is a year-long independent research project, culminating with a written report and then an oral presentation (20 minutes) and defense (20 minutes of Q&A) before a panel of judges at the end of senior year. Advanced Senior Thesis must be fully memorized, presented, and defended publicly.

Leadership
All graduates take a four-year course of study cultivating leadership skills in: Apologetics, Worldviews, Christian Ethics, and the Senior Leadership Seminar.

Service
All K-12 Veritas students, parents, and teachers regularly partner with local charitable organizations to serve and stay involved with the local community. A minimum of at least 70 hours of unpaid community service with a non-profit organization must be completed and submitted to College Advising after completion of 8th grade and before April of the student’s senior year.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

- Class Trips:
 - Outdoor Adventure to Colorado (9th)
 - College Tours (10th)
 - Study Abroad in Europe (11th)
- Individualized student support services for those with learning or language differences
- House System for all in the School of Rhetoric:
 - Augustinian House
 - House of Bonhoeffer
 - Franciscan House
 - House of Müller
- Over 25 different student-led clubs

TEST SCORES

NATIONAL MERIT

Among the 325 students in the first eleven graduating classes, 15% have earned National Merit Recognition:

- Finalist/Semi-Finalists: 14
- Commended Scholars: 29
- Hispanic: 6

AP SCORES (Spring 2022 – Class of 2023)

Total AP Students: 37
Total Number of Exams: 62
Total % of Exams Receiving 3, 4, or 5: 71%

ACT SCORES*

Mid 50%, Class of 2023

COMPOSITE: 23-30

English: 22-32 Math: 25-28

Reading: 24-34 Science: 21-25

SAT SCORES*

Mid 50%, Class of 2023

TOTAL: 1210-1440

EBRW: 610-718

Math: 605-720

*Reflects mid 50% of all tests taken. As of July 2022, 59% of the Class of 2023 have taken an SAT exam; 12% have taken an ACT exam.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (CLASSES '12-'22)

Abilene Christian Univ*	Emory Univ/Oxford of Emory	Oral Roberts Univ	Trinity Univ (TX)
Allegheny College	Flagler College	Pace Univ	Union Univ (TN)
Alvin Community College	Florida Southern College	Pacific Lutheran Univ	Univ of Alabama*
AMDA (NY and CA)	Florida State Univ	Pacific Univ	Univ of Alabama at BHM
American Univ	Fordham Univ	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ	Univ of Arkansas*
Angelo State Univ*	Furman Univ	Pepperdine Univ	Univ of Arizona
Appalachian St Univ	George Washington Univ	Point Loma Nazarene Univ	Univ of California, LA
Arizona St Univ	Georgia College and St Univ	Point Park Univ	Univ of California, San Diego
Arkansas State Univ	Georgia Institute of Tech	Purdue Univ	Univ of California, Santa Barbara
Auburn Univ	Gordon College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Univ of Cincinnati
Austin College	Hamilton College	Rhodes College	Univ of Colorado, Boulder
Austin Comm College	Hardin-Simmons Univ	Rice Univ	Univ of Colorado, CO Springs
Azusa Pacific Univ	Harding Univ	Rider Univ	Univ of Dallas*
Babson College	Hawaii Pacific Univ	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific Univ	Univ of Dayton
Bard College	Hendrix College	Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech	Univ of Delaware
Baylor Univ*	Hillsdale College	Rutgers Univ	Univ of Denver
Belhaven Univ	Hofstra Univ	Saint Ambrose Univ	Univ of Florida
Belmont Abbey College*	Hollins Univ	Sam Houston State Univ	Univ of Georgia
Belmont Univ*	Hope College	Samford Univ*	Univ of Houston*
Berry College	Houghton College	San Diego State Univ	Univ of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Bethel Univ	Houston Baptist Univ*	San Jose State Univ*	Univ of the Incarnate World
Blinn College	Howard Payne Univ	Savannah College of Art & Design	Univ of Iowa
Boston College	Illinois Wesleyan Univ	Schreiner Univ	Univ of Maine
Boston Univ	Indiana Wesleyan Univ	Schreiner Univ, Greystone Prep	Univ of Mary Hardin-Baylor*
Boyce College	John Brown Univ	Sewanee: Univ of the South	Univ of Miami (FL)
Bradley Univ	John Cabot Univ (Italy)	Simmons Univ	Univ of Mississippi*
Brenau Univ	Johns Hopkins Univ	Southern Methodist Univ*	Univ of Missouri
Butler Univ	Kalamazoo College	Southwestern Assem. of God Univ	Univ of Nebraska, Omaha
Cal Poly, SLO	Kansas State Univ	Southwestern Univ	Univ of New Mexico*
Calvin College	Kent State Univ	St. Edward’s Univ	Univ of the Ozarks
Case Western Reserve Univ	Lake Forest College	St. John’s College, Annapolis	Univ of Vermont
Centre College	LeTourneau Univ	St. Mary’s College of Maryland	UNC, Charlotte
Chatham Univ	Lewis Univ	Stephen F. Austin State Univ	UNC, Greensboro
Clark Univ	Liberty Univ	Stevens College	Univ of North Texas*
Clemson Univ*	Lindenwood Univ	Sul Ross State Univ	Univ of Notre Dame
College of Charleston*	Louisiana State Univ	Syracuse Univ	Univ of Oklahoma
College of the Atlantic	Loyola Univ, Chicago	Tarleton State Univ	Univ of Pennsylvania
Colorado Christian Univ	Loyola Univ, Maryland	Texas A&M Univ*	Univ of Richmond
Colorado Mesa Univ	Macalester College	Texas A&M, Commerce	Univ of Rochester
Colorado School of Mines	Maryville Univ (MO)	Texas A&M, Corpus Christi	Univ of San Francisco
Colorado State Univ*	McGill Univ (Canada)	Texas A&M, Galveston	Univ of South Carolina
Columbia College, Chicago	McLennan Comm College	Texas Christian Univ	Univ of Southern California
Columbus College of Art & Design	McMurry Univ	Texas Lutheran Univ	Univ of Tennessee, Knoxville
Concordia Univ	Miami Univ (OH)	Texas State Univ*	Univ of Tulsa
Connecticut College	Millsaps College	Texas Tech Univ*	Univ of Utah
Cornell College	Mississippi State Univ	Texas Woman’s Univ	Univ of Virginia
Creighton Univ	Missouri State Univ	The Catholic Univ of America	Univ of Washington
Culinary Institute of America (NY)	Missouri Univ of Sci & Tech	The King’s College (NY)	Univ of Wisconsin, Madison
Culver-Stockton College	Montana State Univ	The New School	Vassar College
Dallas Baptist Univ	New York Univ	The Ohio State Univ	Villanova Univ
DePaul Univ	Northeastern Univ	The Univ of Arizona	Virginia Military Institute
Dickinson College	Northwestern College	The Univ of Northern CO*	Washington State Univ
Drake Univ	Northwest Nazarene Univ	The Univ of Texas at Arlington	Washington Univ in St. Louis
Drexel Univ	Occidental College	The Univ of Texas at Austin*	West Virginia Univ
Duke Univ	Oklahoma Baptist Univ	The Univ of Texas at Dallas*	Westminster College (PA)
Eastern Univ	Oklahoma City Univ	The Univ of Texas at San Antonio	Westminster College (UT)
Elmhurst College	Oklahoma State Univ	The Univ of Texas at Tyler	Westmont College
Embry-Riddle Aero Univ (FL)	Olivet Nazarene Univ*	The Univ of the Arts	Wheaton College (IL)
Emerson College			Whitworth Univ

*denotes honors