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OUR SCHOOL AND 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 operated on its own 97-acre campus in the Texas Hill Country.

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SCHOOL OF RHETORIC (9-12TH GRADES)

ENROLLMENT

SCHOOL WIDE686
 SCHOOL OF RHETORIC194

CLASS OF 202241

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE16

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC FACULTY41
 W/ ADVANCED DEGREES16

CLASS OF 2021:

ATTENDING 4 YEAR COLLEGES88%
 ATTENDING 2 YEAR COLLEGES8%
 GAP YEAR PROGRAMS4%

ACCREDITATION

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

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association for
 College Admission Counseling
 (NACAC)

University Model Schools
 International (UMSI/NAUMS)

Texas Association for College
 Admission Counseling (TACAC)

Texas Association of Private
 and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

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. Please reach out with any questions.

DIPLOMA PLANS & REQUIREMENTS

VERITAS DIPLOMA

Students earn a Veritas Diploma by completing all Veritas graduation requirements listed 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 3hrs/wk. Required credits:

4.0 History (includes Government & Econ.)	4.0 Math	4.0 Science	4.0 English
1.0 Latin	3.0 Foreign Language (sequential)	2.0 Leadership (0.5 credit per year)	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 GPA3.32
 Weighted GPA3.44

Highest Historical GPA's

The valedictorians of Veritas Academy's ten graduating classes have earned an average GPA of 3.96 (unweighted).

ITALICS = no course credit. Though modest GPA points accrue for grades 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

Veritas does not rank its students.

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
Molecular Biology

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Adv. Government & Economics
AP United States History

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

American Sign Language IV
Adv. Latin III
AP Latin IV
Adv. Spanish III
AP Spanish IV

CAPSTONE PROJECT

Advanced Senior Thesis

ELECTIVES

AP Computer Science Principles

NOTES

- Official transcripts provide both weighted and non-weighted GPAs.
- Credits with a grade above 60 may be recovered for a grade of 70 and are designated with "CR" on the transcript. Repeated

courses are designated with "R" and the new grade replaces the original course grade.

- 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 and presented publicly.

LEADERSHIP

All graduates take a four-year

course of study cultivating leadership skills in: Apologetics, Worldviews, Christian Ethics, and the Senior Leadership Seminar.

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:
 - House of Augustine
 - House of Bonhoeffer
 - House of Francis
 - House of Müller
- Over 25 different student-led clubs

TEST SCORES

NATIONAL MERIT

Among the 286 students in the first ten graduating classes, 14% have earned National Merit Recognition:

- Semi-Finalists/Finalist: 14
- Commended Scholars: 27

AP SCORES SPRING 2021 - CLASS OF 2022*

Total AP Students: 22
Total Number of Exams: 56
Total % of Exams Receiving 3, 4, or 5: 79%

ACT SCORES*

Mid 50%, Class of 2022	
COMPOSITE: 26-32	
English: 26-34	Math: 26-29
Reading: 28-34	Science: 25-32

SAT SCORES*

Mid 50%, Class of 2022	
TOTAL: 1170-1250	
EBRW: 600-650	
Math: 560-620	

*Reflects mid 50% of all tests taken. Only 38% of the Class of 2022 have taken an SAT exam; 24% have taken an ACT exam.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (CLASSES '12-'21)

Abilene Christian Univ*
Allegheny College
Alvin Community College
AMDA (NY and CA)
American Univ
Angelo State Univ*
Appalachian St Univ
Arizona St Univ
Arkansas State Univ
Auburn Univ
Austin College
Austin Comm College
Azusa Pacific Univ
Babson College
Bard College
Baylor Univ*
Belhaven Univ
Belmont Abbey College*
Belmont Univ*
Berry College
Bethel Univ
Blinn College
Boston College
Boston Univ
Boyce College
Bradley Univ
Brenau Univ
Butler Univ
Cal Poly, SLO
Calvin College
Case Western Reserve Univ
Centre College
Chatham Univ
Clark Univ
Clemson Univ*
College of Charleston*
College of the Atlantic
Colorado Christian Univ
Colorado Mesa Univ
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State Univ*
Columbia College, Chicago
Columbus College of Art & Design
Concordia Univ
Cornell College
Creighton Univ
Culinary Institute of America (NY)
Culver-Stockton College
Dallas Baptist Univ
DePaul Univ
Dickinson College
Drake Univ
Drexel Univ
Duke Univ
Eastern Univ
Elmhurst College
Embry-Riddle Aero Univ (FL)
Emerson College
Emory Univ/Oxford of Emory

Flagler College
Florida Southern Univ
Florida State Univ
Fordham Univ
Furman Univ
George Washington Univ
Georgia College and St Univ
Georgia Institute of Tech
Gordon College
Hamilton College
Hardin-Simmons Univ
Harding Univ
Hawaii Pacific Univ
Hendrix College
Hillsdale College
Hofstra Univ
Hollins Univ
Hope College
Houghton College
Houston Baptist Univ*
Howard Payne Univ
Illinois Wesleyan Univ
Indiana Wesleyan Univ, Marion
John Brown Univ
John Cabot Univ (Italy)
Johns Hopkins Univ
Johnson and Wales Univ
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State Univ
Kent State Univ
Lake Forest College
LeTourneau Univ
Lewis Univ
Liberty Univ
Lindenwood Univ
Louisiana State Univ
Loyola Univ, Chicago
Loyola Univ, Maryland
Macalester College
Maryville Univ (MO)
McGill Univ (Canada)
McLennan Comm College
McMurry Univ
Miami Univ (OH)
Millsaps College
Mississippi State Univ
Missouri State Univ
Missouri Univ of Sci & Tech
Montana State Univ
New York Univ
Northeastern Univ
Northwestern College
Northwest Nazarene Univ
Occidental College
Oklahoma Baptist Univ
Oklahoma City Univ
Oklahoma State Univ
Olivet Nazarene Univ*
Oral Roberts Univ

Pace Univ
Pacific Lutheran Univ
Pacific Univ
Palm Beach Atlantic Univ
Pepperdine Univ
Point Loma Nazarene Univ
Point Park Univ
Point Univ
Purdue Univ
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice Univ
Rider Univ
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific Univ
Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech
Rutgers Univ
Saint Ambrose Univ
Sam Houston State Univ
Samford Univ*
San Diego State Univ
San Jose State Univ*
Savannah College of Art & Design
Schreiner Univ
Schreiner Univ, Greystone Prep
Sewanee: Univ of the South
Simmons Univ
Southern Methodist Univ*
Southwestern Assemb. of God Univ
Southwestern Univ
St. Edward's Univ
St. John's College, Annapolis
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stephen F. Austin State Univ
Stevens College
Sul Ross State Univ
Syracuse Univ
Tarleton State Univ
Texas A&M Univ*
Texas A&M, Commerce
Texas A&M, Corpus Christi
Texas A&M, Galveston
Texas Christian Univ
Texas Lutheran Univ
Texas State Univ*
Texas Tech Univ*
Texas Woman's Univ
The Catholic Univ of America
The King's College (NY)
The New School
The Ohio State Univ
The Univ of Arizona
The Univ of Northern CO*
The Univ of Texas at Arlington
The Univ of Texas at Austin*
The Univ of Texas at Dallas*
The Univ of Texas at San Antonio
The Univ of Texas at Tyler
The Univ of the Arts
Trinity Univ (TX)

Union Univ (TN)
Univ of Alabama*
Univ of Alabama at BHM
Univ of Arkansas*
Univ of Arizona
Univ of California, LA
Univ of California, San Diego
Univ of California, Santa Barbara
Univ of Cincinnati
Univ of Colorado, Boulder
Univ of Colorado, CO Springs
Univ of Dallas*
Univ of Dayton
Univ of Delaware
Univ of Denver
Univ of Florida
Univ of Georgia
Univ of Houston*
Univ of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Univ of the Incarnate World
Univ of Iowa
Univ of Maine
Univ of Mary Hardin-Baylor*
Univ of Miami (FL)
Univ of Mississippi*
Univ of Missouri
Univ of Nebraska, Omaha
Univ of New Mexico*
Univ of the Ozarks
Univ of Vermont
UNC, Charlotte
UNC, Greensboro
Univ of North Texas*
Univ of Notre Dame
Univ of Oklahoma
Univ of Pennsylvania
Univ of Richmond
Univ of Rochester
Univ of San Francisco
Univ of South Carolina
Univ of Southern California
Univ of Tennessee, Knoxville
Univ of Tulsa
Univ of Utah
Univ of Virginia
Univ of Washington
Univ of Wisconsin, Madison
Vassar College
Villanova Univ
Virginia Military Institute
Washington State Univ
Washington Univ in St. Louis
West Virginia Univ
Westminster College (PA)
Westminster College (UT)
Westmont College
Wheaton College (IL)
Whitworth Univ

*denotes honors