

2023-2024 School Profile

Education with eyes on the Eternal

CLASSICAL FOUNDATIONS

Founded in 2000, NCA is a board-governed Christian classical school in the liberal arts tradition. Our goal is to develop young people who can think deeply about important issues, mature and flourish as human beings, govern themselves by reason, and freely extend compassion to others because of their Christian faith. Extended engagement with the Western Tradition of education informs the content and vigor of our curriculum, and an abiding conviction that truth can be known enlivens our academic quest.

NCA'S DISTINCTIVES

- NCA is a unified PS-12 community of learning, celebrating strong ethnic, geographic, economic, and denominational diversity, structured with the goals of the graduate in mind.
- Three sub-schools: Grammar School (PS-5), Logic School (6-8), and Rhetoric School (9-12).
- Admissions requirements include entrance exams, transcript screening, and interviews.
- Seniors research and defend a 15-20 page thesis and present it publicly in the spring. This capstone project is meant to display the student's analytical and rhetorical skills.
- Rhetoric courses (9-12) taught at honors level with two separate tracks in Latin (Standard and Honors) and three separate tracks in Math (Standard, Honors and Advanced).
- High school program develops students who are able to maintain disciplined academic focus, and possess the critical thinking skills and humility to pursue their studies with openness and discernment.
- 8:1 student-to-faculty ratio

COMMUNITY & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- House System includes student leaders, competition, and service.
- Intramural sports offerings include cross country, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball.
- Club offerings include Yearbook, Student Council, Math Club, Peer Tutoring, Computer Coding, Robotics, and others in order to enhance the academic program.
- A weekly service period is required of all Rhetoric School students along with two school service days and alternating trips to Washington D.C. and Romania.
- Theatre annually produces a Christmas Music Concert and Spring Musical/Talent Show.

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Follower of Christ

A Master of Language

A Delighter in God's Creation

A Reflective Composer

A Renewer of Culture





School Information

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Leadership

Destinee Fausey, Upper School Principal Rebecca Ruff, Director of Operations Lauren De Jong, Curriculum Director Scott Hermann, College Advisor, shermann@ncaclassical.org

Affiliations & Memberships

Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) Society for Classical Learning (SCL)

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW (9th-12th)

History

Ancient History Medieval History **European History American History**

Literature

Ancient Literature Medieval Literature European Literature American Literature

Bible

Old Testament **New Testament** Doctrine Christ & Culture

Language (S)

Latin: Intro to Grammar Latin: Interm. Grammar Ancient Latin Medieval Latin

Language (H)

Ancient Latin Medieval Latin Koine Greek I Koine Greek II

Arts

Studio Art/Music

Physical Education

Skills & Sportsmanship

Math (S)

Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus

Math (H)

Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus AP Calc/AP Stats

Math (A)

Algebra II Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AP Statistics

Rhetoric

Rhetoric I Rhetoric II Rhetoric III Senior Thesis

Science

Biology Chemistry **AP Physics AP Biology**

* All students are required to take 4 years of Physical Education, 3 times a week at 0.5 credits per semester and a combination of Art/Music all 4 years for a total of 2 credits

S: Standard

H: Honors **A:** Advanced

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements: 32 Credits

Subject:	Credits earned:
Math	4
Science	4
Literature	4
Rhetoric/Thesis (Jr/Sr)	4
Bible/Theology	4
History	4
Classical Language	4
Studio Art/ Music	2
Physical Education	2

ACADEMIC PROGRAM & STUDENT DISTINCTIONS

AP®: Of the 141 AP® tests our students have taken since 2012, 83% of the scores were 3 or higher, earning Scholar, with Honor, and with Distinction awards.

National Merit Scholars: 2014 Finalist; 2016 Finalist; 2018 Commended Students (2); 2023 Finalist

National Latin Exam: Blue Certificate of Merit for School every year taken (2008-2019, 2021) with 47.2% earning Maxima Cum Laude; Summa Cum Laude; Magna Cum Laude; or Cum Laude distinction.

Universal Latin Exam: In 2022, 72.3% of students earned Maxima Cum Laude; Summa Cum Laude; Magna Cum Laude; or Cum Laude distinction.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Since 2013, NCA has graduated a class each year except 2020, totaling 37 students, with graduates attending the following institutions, among others: Baylor University; Calvin University; Clemson University; DePauw University (Honors College); The Kings College NY; Northwestern University; Ohio State University; Purdue University; Rice University; University of Illinois; Valparaiso University; Vanderbilt University; and Wheaton College. Universities and organizations have awarded over \$1.6 million in academic scholarships to NCA graduates.

GRADING SCALE

A+	98-100	C+	78-79
A	93-97	C	73-77
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	88-89	D+	68-69
В	83-87	D	63-67
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
Grades are calculated on a 4.0 scale.		F	<59

A- (90-92) and above is awarded a 4.0. All letters have the same GPA weight. Honors and AP® classes are weighted one point.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

ACT Average: 31.3

SAT Average: 1498

CLT Average: 93.9 (2022: ranked 4th in the nation)

