# COVENANT ACADEMY A Classical Christian School 2023-2024 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE 

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## SCHOOL MISSION

We exist to serve Christ and His kingdom by sharing the gospel and partnering with parents to train students by way of the Scripture and the classical liberal arts.

## LEADERSHIP

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## ACCREDITATIONS \&

 AFFILIATIONSAssociation of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS)

## AdvancED

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)
Society for Classical Learning (SCL)
Independent School
Management (ISM)
consortium
Association of Christian
Schools International (ACSI)
National Honors Society (NHS)

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COVENANT ACADEMY AT-A-GLANCE
Grades PK-12
Founded in 2003
Average Class Size of }1
186 students
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50\% of Upper School Faculty hold advanced degrees 94\% of graduates matriculate to a four-year college Class of 2024 has 9 Students Highest GPA is 3.987

## Graduation Requirements

Covenant Academy students must satisfy the following credit requirements to earn a distinguished classical studies diploma:

Literature
History
Reasoning \& Persuasion
Mathematics
Science
Foreign Language
Fine Arts
Physical Training
Elective
TOTAL

4 credits
4 credits
4 credits
1.5 credits

4 credits
4 credits
3 credits
1.5 credit

1 credit
1 credit
28 credits

Grading Scale - 4.0 Scale

| A+ | $97-100$ | 4.0 |
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| A | $93-96$ | 4.0 |
| A- | $90-92$ | 3.7 |
| B+ | $87-89$ | 3.3 |
| B | $83-86$ | 3.0 |
| B- | $80-82$ | 2.7 |
| C+ | $77-79$ | 2.3 |
| C | $73-76$ | 2.0 |
| C- | $70-72$ | 1.7 |
| F | Below 70 | 0.0 |

Due to selective admissions and small class sizes, Covenant does not rank except for valedictorian and salutatorian. An additional 0.3 GPA point is awarded to dual credit coursework completed in one college semester.

2016-2023 Mean SAT Scores: CR 610 | M 590 | 1200
2016-2023 Mean ACT Scores: 26
2016-2021 NMSQT Recognitions: 5 National Merit Commended Scholars

## CURRICULAR OVERVIEW \& DISTINCTIVES

At Covenant Academy, our high school curriculum is designed to empower students to reach their full potential by engaging in rigorous, comprehensive liberal arts coursework across all academic disciplines. All core curriculum courses except on-level math are taught at an honors or college-level in the Upper School and emphasize:

- The Great Books, classical languages, mathematics, and natural sciences.
- Integration of history, literature, philosophy, theology, art, and music.
- Harkness and Socratic discussions to employ both logical reasoning and rhetorical skills.
- Strong foundational mathematical skills and reasoning in both the on-level and advanced courses.
- Laboratory experimentation in all science courses.

As part of the formal Rhetoric coursework, students develop a capstone thesis project through meticulous academic research, skillful analytic and persuasive writing, an oral public presentation, and defense of their developed thesis before a panel of faculty.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission is a selective process based on the academic records, teacher recommendations, entrance exam scores, and family interviews. Covenant does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin. We maintain a strong tuition assistance program to ensure socio-economic diversity.

CURRICULUM SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

| Course of Study | Grade 7 | Grade 8 | Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
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| Theology | Old Testament | New Testament | Foundations of the Faith | Biblical Interpretation | Apologetics and Worldview | The Kingdom of God \& Christian Living |
| Language Arts and Literature | Institute for Excellence in Writing \& The Great Books | Great Books | Great Books I: The Ancients | Great Books II: <br> Romans-Renaissance | Great Books III: Reformation-Late 19th Century | Great Books IV: Great Books of Modernity |
| History \& Government | U.S. History I | U.S. History II | Ancient Civilizations | Romans through Renaissance | Ideas that Shaped Mo- dernity | History, Government, \& Economics: Modern History |
| Reasoning and Persuasion | Logic I: <br> Informal Logic | Logic II: Formal Logic \& Debate | Historical Survey of the Arts | Rhetoric I: Thesis | Rhetoric II and Junior Thesis | Rhetoric III and Senior Thesis |
| Math | Pre-Algebra 7/8 or Pre-Algebra 7 | Algebra I or Pre-Algebra 8 | Geometry or Algebra I | Adv. Algebra II or Geometry | Pre-Calculus, TQR, or Algebra II | Calculus or other advanced math |
| Science | Earth/Life Science | Physical Science | Biology | Physics | Chemistry |  <br> Physiology or <br> Environmental Science |
| Languages | Latin I | Latin II | Latin III | Latin IV or Biblical Greek I \& II | Optional- <br> Hebrew I \& II Dual Credit Spanish |  |
| Fine Arts | Art <br> Instruments Concert Choir | Concert Choir or Drum \& Bugle Corp | Concert Choir or Drum \& Bugle Corp Optional- Art | Concert Choir or Drum \& Bugle Corp Optional- Art or Advanced Drawing |  |  |
| Physical Training | Athletics, Off Campus Physical Training, and/or After School Physical Trainings |  |  |  | Optional- <br> Athletics, Off Campus Physical Training, and/or After School Physical Trainings |  |
| Electives |  | Practical Arts Photojournalism | Mock Trial OR Yearbook/Graphic Design |  | Optional- <br> Mock Trial, Yearbook/Graphic Design, Grand Tour, Leadership, Approved Independent Study Project, and/or Online Dual Credit coursework |  |

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Covenant is committed to being a community of faith, learning, and service. Students are equipped for leadership through involvement in the House System and daily service to the school. All students are members of one of four houses, which provides opportunities to build community, engage in fun competitions, and develop leadership and mentoring skills in small squads with younger students. Servant leadership is further developed through planning and organizing events for the grammar school, serving on campus service teams, and through appointed and elected leadership roles.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Multiple team sports are offered each year. Students also have the option for off campus physical training to allow for athletic development beyond what the school offers in areas such as equestrian riding and pre-professional ballet training. Students may also become members of the Student Council and National Honors Society. Students have achieved acceptance and participated in summer academic, study abroad, leadership, and athletic programs at various universities across the U.S.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Abilene Christian University Arizona State University Auburn University Baylor University Belhaven University Belmont University Benedictine University Cedarville University Colorado Christian University Cornell University Dallas Baptist University East Texas Baptist University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Emory University Fordham University

Gordon College<br>Grand Canyon University Grove City College Hillsdale College<br>Howard Payne University Messiah College Lee University<br>LeTourneau University<br>Lipscomb University<br>Mississippi College<br>Mississippi State University Saint John's University<br>Sam Houston State University<br>Samford University<br>San Diego State University

Southwestern University
Stephen F. Austin University
Texas A\&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University Trinity University
University of Alabama
University of Arkansas
University of Colorado-Denver
University of Houston
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Oklahoma
University of Texas
University of Utah
Washington and Lee University

