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## Preparing for Life

### 2018–2019 SCHOOL PROFILE

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#### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 2006, Veritas Scholars Academy (VSA) is a K–12 non-denominational classical school with a biblical emphasis located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Our school aims to graduate young men and women who think clearly and listen carefully with discernment and understanding; who reason persuasively and articulate precisely; who are capable of evaluating their entire range of experience in the light of the Scriptures; and who do so with eagerness in joyful submission to God. We aim to find them well prepared in all situations, possessing both knowledge and the wisdom to use it well.

#### ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

VSA is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. It is also a member of the Association for Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS). Over 25 upper secondary classes are university level courses and over 55 secondary courses qualify for Honors level credit.

#### STUDENTS & FACULTY

VSA has 90 teachers and over 400 full time students\* in grades 7 through 12. More than 60% of the high school faculty hold advanced degrees. Our pupil/teacher ratio is approximately 15:1.

\*over 5,000 registrants are taking one or more courses in the single course enrollment option.

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Academics at VSA follow the classical pedagogy of the first three of the seven liberal arts—the trivium of grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric. The grammar stage coincides with grades K–6 and focuses on absorbing facts, mastering language, and basic math. Latin is an important part of this stage. The grammar stage is foundational to more advanced study beginning in the secondary school. Students in grades 7 through 9 study critical reasoning and argumentation within the confines of challenging academic content.

Study of formal and informal logic is crucial. Students in grades 10 through 12 study rhetoric, which leads to the capstone senior thesis course, which includes preparation and presentation of an extensive position paper before a panel of experts. Grades 7–12 include an extensive and cohesive Great Books program called Omnibus, issuing English, history, and religion credits. Latin studies continue while Greek and modern foreign language study are added.

#### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students begin earning credits toward graduation in the 9th grade. A minimum of 25 credits are required for graduation. Our Standard requirements are:

English	6 credits
History	4 credits
Language	3 credits
Logic & Rhetoric	3 credits
Math	3 credits
Religion	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Electives	2 credits

\* Honors students require an additional credit in Rhetoric, Math and Science as well as higher level coursework in each discipline. Honors students must maintain a grade of 80% or higher in every subject to receive an honors level diploma.

#### HIGHEST HONORS PROGRAM

The VSA Highest Honors Program is by invitation only for VSA 9th through 12th grade Honors students who have been recognized for their excellent academic record and demonstrated abilities. The Highest Honors Program challenges students to maximize their potential by placing them in challenging courses and enriches their experience through extra-curricular activities.

#### GRADING

PERCENTAGE	GRADE	UNWEIGHTED	WEIGHTED
100–90	A	4.0	5.0
89–80	B	3.0	4.0
79–70	C	2.0	3.0
69–0	F	0.0	0.0

## 2017-18 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT*	VSA	NATIONAL
Math	609	527
ERW	657	533

\*In 2016 both the structure and scoring method of the SAT changed. The averages represented here are derived from actual scores (from those who took the new SAT) and from scores that were converted to "new" SAT values using the College Board's SAT conversion tool.

### ACT

Composite	26.9	21
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## COURSES

### ENGLISH

Composition I  
Composition II **H**  
Fiction Writing Wkshp **H/U**  
Journalism  
Novels of Jane Austen **H/U**  
Poetry  
Shakespearean Lit **H/U**  
\*World Ancient Lit I & II **H**  
\*World Medieval Lit I & II **H**  
\*U.S., British & Modern Lit I **H**  
\*U.S., British & Modern Lit II **H/U**

### HISTORY

Western Civilization  
\*World Ancient History I **H**

\*World Ancient History II **H/U**  
\*World Medieval History I **H**  
\*World Medieval History II **H/U**  
US History  
\*U.S., British & Modern History I **H**  
\*U.S., British & Modern History II **H/U**

### LANGUAGE

French I-II  
French III **H/U**  
German I-II  
Greek I-II **H/U**  
Latin I  
Latin II **H**

Latin III:  
Christian Authors **H/U**  
Latin III:  
Classical Authors **H/U**  
Latin III: Virgil **H/U/AP**  
Mandarin Chinese I & II **H**  
Spanish I-II **H**  
Spanish III **H/U**

### LOGIC & RHETORIC

Logic I  
Logic II **H**  
Rhetoric I  
Rhetoric II **H/U**  
Senior Thesis **H/U**

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II **H**

Pre-Calculus w/ Trig **H**  
Calculus I & II **H/U/AP**  
Statistics **H/U**  
Business Math **H**

### RELIGION

\*Doctrine & Theology I-VI **H**  
Apologetics **H**  
New Testament Survey **H/U**  
Old Testament Survey **H/U**  
Worldview **H/U**

### SCIENCE

Physical Science  
Biology **H**  
Chemistry **H**  
Advanced Chemistry/  
Organic **H/U**  
Physics I **H**

Physics II **H/U**  
Marine Biology **H/U**

### ELECTIVES

Art Studio I-III  
Creative Writing **H**  
Economics **H/U**  
Film & Worldview **H/U**  
Philosophy  
Psychology **H/U**  
Science Fiction:  
A Christian Perspective  
US Government **H**  
Honors/University level  
\*included in Omnibus  
Great Books program  
**AP** Advanced Placement

## COLLEGES

The following is a listing of the institutions to which VSA graduates have been accepted.

Asbury University  
Austin College  
Baylor University  
Bellhaven University  
Bethel University  
Biola University  
Boyce College  
Cairn University  
California Baptist University  
California Polytechnic University  
California State University Stanislaus  
Calvin College  
Cedarville University  
Clemson University  
Colburn Conservatory of Music  
Colorado Christian University  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Columbia International University  
Concordia University  
Cornell University  
Covenant College  
Dallas Baptist University  
Drexel University  
Eastern University  
Embry-Riddle University

Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
Gordon College  
Grand Canyon University  
Grand Rapids College  
Grove City College  
Harvard University  
Hillsdale College  
Holland College  
Hope College  
Houston Baptist University  
Indiana University  
International Christian University  
JKendall School of Art and Design  
The King's College  
Lee University  
LeTourneau University  
Liberty University  
Maine College of Art  
The Master's College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
McMurry University  
Messiah College  
Michigan State University  
Miliken College  
MIT

Moody Bible Institute  
New St. Andrews College  
Notre Dame de Namur  
Patrick Henry College  
Pensacola Christian College  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Reformation Bible College  
Regent University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Samford University  
San Luis Obispo  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seton Hall College  
Sewanee—The University of the South  
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)  
St. John's University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Sweet Briar College  
Tabor College  
Taylor College  
Temple University  
Tennessee Technological University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University

Texas State University  
The Citadel in Charleston, SC  
Trinity International University  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Arkansas  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of Dallas  
University of Denver  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Houston  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
University of Minnesota  
University of Portland  
University of the Pacific  
University of Toronto  
University of Utah  
University of Wisconsin  
UNLV  
Wayne State University  
Waynesburg College  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College  
Yale University

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

One National Merit Semi-Finalist & one Finalist in 2013  
Two National Merit Finalists in 2014  
Two National Merit Finalists in 2015  
Two National Merit Finalists in 2017

## RANK IN CLASS

Because our graduating classes are small, our programs highly rigorous, our range of grades narrow, it is our policy to not rank our students.