

Preparing for Life

2020–2021 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 120 teachers and over 700 full time students.* Two-thirds of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Our student/teacher ratio is 17:1.

*over 8,000 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



2019-20 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT*	VSA	NATIONAL
Math	641	528
ERW	667	531
ACT		
Composite	28.2	20.8

COURSES

ENGLISH

Composition I
 Composition II **H**
 Creative Writing **H**
 Fiction Writing Wkshp **H/U**
 Journalism **H**
 Novels of Jane Austen **H/U**
 Poetry **H**
 Science Fiction
 A Christian Perspective **H**
 Shakespearian Literature **H**
 *World Ancient Lit I **H**
 *World Ancient Lit II **H/U**
 *World Medieval Lit I **H**
 *World Medieval Lit II **H/U**
 *U.S., British &
 Modern Lit I **H**
 *U.S., British &
 Modern Lit II **H/U**

HISTORY

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

RELIGION

*Doctrine &
 Theology I-VI **H**
 Apologetics **H**

LANGUAGE

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

SCIENCE

General Science
 Physical Science
 Biology **H**
 Chemistry **H**
 Advanced Chemistry/
 Organic **H/U**
 Anatomy & Physiology **H**
 Physics I **H**
 Physics II **H/U**
 Marine Biology **H/U**

ELECTIVES

Art History **H**
 Art Studio I-II
 Computer Programming
 Economics **H/U**
 Film & Worldview **H/U**
 Psychology **H/U/AP**
 US Government **H/U**
 World Religions **H**

Honors/University level
 *included in Omnibus
 Great Books program
 AP Advanced Placement

COLLEGES

The following are just some of the colleges and universities to which VSA graduates have been accepted.

Austin College
 Baylor University
 Belhaven University
 Bethel University
 Biola University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Boyce College
 Cairn University
 Calvin College
 Cedarville University
 Clemson University
 College of William and Mary
 Colorado Christian University
 Colorado State University
 Columbia International University
 Columbia University
 Concordia University
 Cornell University
 Covenant College
 Dallas Baptist University
 Dartmouth
 Drexel University
 Eastern University
 Eckerd College
 Embry-Riddle University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University

George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Gordon College
 Grand Canyon University
 Grove City College
 Harvard University
 Hillsdale College
 Hope College
 Houston Baptist University
 Indiana University
 International Christian University
 John Brown University
 LeTourneau University
 Liberty University
 Michigan State University
 Milligan College
 MIT - Massachusetts Institute of
 Technology
 Moody Bible Institute
 New Saint Andrews College
 NYU - New York University
 Oral Roberts University
 Oregon State University
 Patrick Henry College
 Pensacola Christian College
 Pepperdine University
 Princeton University
 Purdue University

Reformation Bible College
 Regent University
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Samford University
 Seattle Pacific University
 Southern Methodist University
 St. John's University
 Tabor College
 Temple University
 Tennessee Tech University
 Texas A&M University, College Station
 Texas Christian University
 Texas State University
 The Citadel (SC)
 The King's College
 The Master's University
 Trinity International University
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Naval Academy
 U.S. Military Academy West Point
 University of Arkansas
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, LA
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Dallas
 University of Denver
 University of Florida

University of Georgia
 University of Hawaii
 University of Illinois
 University of Iowa
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
 University of Maryland
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota
 University of NC at Chapel Hill
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 University of North Texas
 University of South Carolina
 University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of Toronto
 University of Utah
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 Waynesburg University
 Westmont College
 Wheaton College
 Yale University

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Veritas Scholars Academy has had nine National Merit Finalists since 2013.

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.