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## Preparing for Life

### 2021–2022 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 over 150 teachers and 1,000 full time students.\* Two-thirds of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Our student/teacher ratio is 17:1.

\*over 10,000 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 enriching 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



## 2020-21 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT*	VSA	NATIONAL
Math	619	523
ERW	646	528
ACT		
Composite	28.3	20.6

## COURSES

### ENGLISH

Composition I  
 Composition II **H**  
 Creative Writing **H**  
 Fiction Writing Workshop **H/U**  
 Journalism **H**  
 Novels of Jane Austen **H/U**  
 Poetry **H**  
 Science Fiction  
   A Christian Perspective **H**  
 Shakespearean 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 or  
   Classical Authors **H/U**  
 Latin III: Virgil **H/U/AP**  
 Hebrew **H**  
 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**  
 Organic Chemistry **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 **H**  
 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

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

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

## RANK IN CLASS

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

## COLLEGES

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

Austin College	George Washington University	Reformation Bible College	University of Georgia
Baylor University	Georgetown University	Regent University	University of Hawaii
Belhaven University	Gordon College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Illinois
Bethlehem College & Seminary	Grand Canyon University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Iowa
Bethel University	Grove City College	Samford University	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Biola University	Harvard University	Santa Clara University	University of Maryland
Boston College	Hillsdale College	Seattle Pacific University	University of Miami
Boston University	Hope College	Southern Methodist University	University of Michigan
Boyce College	Houston Baptist University	St. John's University	University of Minnesota
Cairn University	Indiana University	Tabor College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Calvin University	International Christian University	Temple University	University of Notre Dame
Cedarville University	John Brown University	Tennessee Tech University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Clemson University	LeTourneau University	Texas A&M University, College Station	University of North Texas
College of William and Mary	Lehigh University	Texas Christian University	University of South Carolina
Colorado Christian University	Liberty University	Texas State University	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Colorado State University	Michigan State University	The Citadel (SC)	University of Tennessee
Columbia International University	Milligan College	The King's College	University of Texas at Austin
Columbia University	MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The Master's University	University of Toronto
Concordia University	Moody Bible Institute	Trinity International University	University of Utah
Cornell University	New Saint Andrews College	United States Air Force Academy	University of Washington
Covenant College	NYU - New York University	United States Naval Academy	University of Wisconsin
Dallas Baptist University	Oklahoma Baptist University	U.S. Military Academy West Point	Vanderbilt University
Dartmouth	Oral Roberts University	University of Arkansas	Villanova University
Drexel University	Oregon State University	University of California, Berkeley	Waynesburg University
Eastern University	Patrick Henry College	University of California, Davis	Westmont College
Eckerd College	Pensacola Christian College	University of California, LA	Wheaton College
Embry-Riddle University	Pepperdine University	University of California, Santa Cruz	Yale University
Florida State University	Princeton University	University of Dallas	
Fordham University	Purdue University	University of Denver	
		University of Florida	