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Preparing for Life

2023–2024 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 and is a member of the Association for Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS). Thirty-five secondary courses are university-level, and 76 secondary courses qualify for Honors credit.

STUDENTS & FACULTY

VSA has over 160 teachers and 1,000 full time students.* Two-thirds of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Our student/teacher ratio is 17:1.

*Part-time students account for over 10,000 registrations.

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



2022-23 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT*	VSA	NATIONAL
Math	613	521
ERW	659	529
ACT		
Composite	27.2	20.3

COURSES

ENGLISH

Composition I
 Composition II **H**
 Creative Writing **H**
 Fiction Writing Workshop **H/U**
 Fairy Tales **H/U**
 Journalism **H**
 Novels of Jane Austen **H/U**
 Poetry **H/U**
 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-IV **H/U**
 German I-II **H**
 German III **H/U**
 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**
 Problem Solving
 Mathematical Reasoning **H/U**

SCIENCE

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

ELECTIVES

Art History **H**
 Art Studio I-II
 Biblical Archaeology **H**
 Computer Programming
 C# **H/U**
 Computer Programming
 Python **H/U**
 Economics **H/U**
 Film & Worldview **H/U**
 Intro to Theater
 Music Appreciation **H**
 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	Fordham University	Pensacola Christian College	University of Denver
Abilene Christian University	Geneva College	Penn State University	University of Florida
Auburn University	George Washington University	Pepperdine University	University of Georgia
Baylor University	Georgetown University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Hawaii
Belhaven University	Gordon College	Princeton University	University of Illinois
Belmont University	Grand Canyon University	Providence Christian College	University of Iowa
Bethlehem College & Seminary	Grove City College	Purdue University	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Bethel University	Harvard University	Reformation Bible College	University of Maryland
Biola University	Hillsdale College	Regent University	University of Miami
Boston College	Hope College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Michigan
Boston University	Houston Baptist University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Minnesota
Boyce College	Indiana University	Samford University	University of Nebraska
Cairn University	International Christian University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Texas
Calvin University	John Brown University	St. John's University	University of Notre Dame
Cedarville University	Lee University	Temple University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Clemson University	LeTourneau University	Tennessee Tech University	University of North Texas
College of William and Mary	Lehigh University	Texas A&M University, College Station	University of South Carolina
Colorado Christian University	Liberty University	Texas Christian University	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Colorado State University	Michigan State University	Texas State University	University of Tennessee
Columbia International University	Milligan University	The Citadel (SC)	University of Texas at Austin
Columbia University	Mississippi College	The King's College	University of Toronto
Concordia University	MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The Master's University	University of Utah
Cornell University	Montana State University	Trinity International University	University of Virginia
Covenant College	Moody Bible Institute	United States Air Force Academy	University of Washington
Dallas Baptist University	New Saint Andrews College	United States Naval Academy	University of Wisconsin
Dartmouth	NYU - New York University	U.S. Military Academy West Point	Vanderbilt University
Drexel University	Oklahoma Baptist University	University of Arkansas	Villanova University
Dordt University	Ohio State University	University of California, Berkeley	Wake Forest University
Eastern University	Oral Roberts University	University of California, Davis	Waynesburg University
Eckerd College	Oregon State University	University of California, LA	Westmont College
Embry-Riddle University	Patrick Henry College	University of California, Santa Cruz	Wheaton College
Florida State University		University of Dallas	Yale University

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Veritas Scholars Academy has had fourteen 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.