

LIBERTY
Classical Academy

UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

2022-2023

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ENROLLMENT: 2022-2023
Preschool-12th Grade: 445

ACCREDITATION
National Association - of Private Schools~
Member of The Association of Classical Christian Schools

BUILDING LIVES THAT INSPIRE

LIBERTY CLASSICAL ACADEMY, founded in 2003, was established to give families a private school option in the Twin Cities that is as committed to **academic excellence** as it is to **building lives that inspire**. A Pre-K through 12th grade classical Christian school, learning at Liberty Classical is structured by the Trivium, which reflects students' cognitive stages of development.

MISSION

Liberty Classical Academy's mission is to equip students of all backgrounds to grow in wisdom, excellence, and purpose by offering an education based on the highest academic standards grounded in a strong classical tradition from a distinctively Christian world view.

ACADEMIC SUMMARY

Liberty teaches all subjects as part of a systematic, coordinated study of humanity from ancient to modern times. In four-year cycles, students advance through four historical stages of human progress, studying the history, science, literature, and arts of each time period.

Structured by the Trivium, learning at Liberty Classical Academy reflects the cognitive stages of development for students. Grammar (grades K-5) focuses on the rules of learning and is driven largely by memorization. Logic (grades 6-8) helps students develop the disciplines of discernment, reason, and logic in a richly discussion-driven environment. Rhetoric (grades 9-12) synthesizes the rules of learning (grammar) and structure for thinking (logic) so that students can intelligently postulate their own arguments and beliefs.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

JUNIOR & SENIOR THESES: In 11th and 12th grades, Liberty students complete original thesis papers on controversial topics of their own choosing. Each student must argue for one side in their paper (10 pages for Juniors, 20 pages for Seniors), present their arguments before a panel of judges and then defend their positions before those judges.

LATIN: Starting in 3rd grade, students learn Latin, giving them the foundation for language.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Speech Meet starts in kindergarten and requires each student to memorize and present famous speeches from history.

COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELING: Starting in 9th grade, students begin the process of self-assessment and personal inventories to prepare them for the future. In 10th grade, they begin our "College Planning" process to help them navigate the decision process for college and career, and the program continues from there.

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

LOCAL: Feed My Starving Children, Operation Christmas Child, and various service projects

OVERSEAS: In partnership with Healing Haiti, our upper school students deliver fresh water and medical care and provide services to elders and orphans throughout the country.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MATH*

Four years required

Algebra I †
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics

ENGLISH*

Four years required

Ancient Composition and Literature
Medieval Composition and Literature
Renaissance Composition and Literature
Modern Composition and Literature

HISTORY*

Four years required

Ancient History
Medieval History
Renaissance History
Modern History

Additional Required History:

U.S. History
Government & Law
Economics

SCIENCE*

Four years required (Three with Lab)

Life Science
Biology (with Lab)
Chemistry (with Lab)
Dual Credit Chemistry (with Lab)
Physics (with Lab)
Environmental Science

BIBLE

Four years required

Old Testament
New Testament
Apologetics
Worldview Survey and Comparison

RHETORIC

Four years required

Rhetoric I
Rhetoric II
Rhetoric III (Junior Thesis)
Rhetoric IV (Senior Thesis)

LANGUAGES

Three years required, minimum one year Latin and two years modern language. Students receive 6 years of Latin on average

Latin I, II
Advanced Latin
Spanish I, II, III, IV
French I, II, III, IV

ELECTIVES

Physical Education

- Lifetime Fitness and Activities I & II
- Team Sports I & II
- Recreational Fitness I & II
- Physical Fitness I & II

Fine Arts

- Drawing
- Painting
- Studio Arts
- Mixed Media
- 3D Sculpture Art

Performing Arts

- Cantamus Christi (Concert Choir)
- Symphonic Band
- Musical Theater
- Drama
- Worship Team
- Jazz Band

Computer Technology

Global Watch (Current Events)

Leadership I & II

Yearbook

Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) - Classical Aesthetics

SAT/ACT Prep Class

Digital Coding Class

Mock Trial

Astronomy

Anatomy & Physiology

Microbiology Research

** All core courses are Honors level.*

† Approximately half of all Liberty students complete Algebra I by the end of 7th grade; nearly all students complete Algebra I by the end of 8th grade.

GRADING SCALE

Given that our students are all taking the same set of rigorous courses and are all high achievers, as demonstrated by the fact that our students score **in the top 11% of the nation** on the ACT's, Liberty has decided not to provide a class rank for our students. The typical information sought by class rank would simply not apply. By not ranking students, there is less competition between students which allows students to collaborate together more easily and develop a love for life-long learning.

GRADE POINT	LETTER GRADE	POINT SCALE
97.50	A+	4.33
92.50	A	4.00
89.50	A-	3.67
87.50	B+	3.33
82.50	B	3.00
79.50	B-	2.67
77.50	C+	2.33
72.50	C	2.00
69.50	C-	1.67
< 69.50	F	0.00

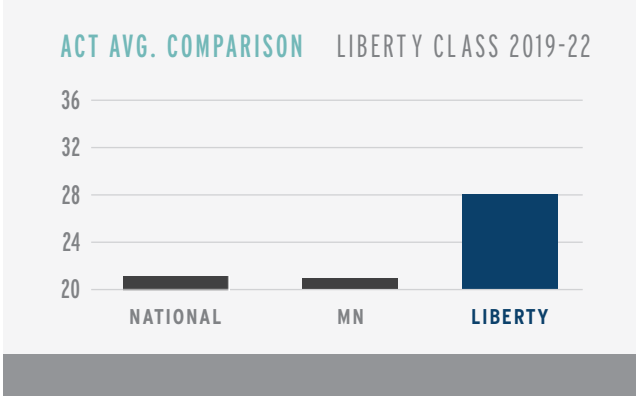
*AP AND HONORS CLASSES USE A 5.0 SCALE

COLLEGE COUNSELING PROGRAM

At Liberty Classical Academy, we are preparing students for the future with an integrated and broad personal development program. Our multi-year journey of discovery and personal inventory assessments help students identify their unique passions, interests, goals, and strengths. It's a conversation that happens through all four years of high school at Liberty Classical, and as the discovery process unfolds, advocates and teachers help students develop tangible goals and realistic action plans for their futures. From preparing for college entrance exams to applying to the right college, the College & Career Program helps awaken each student to their unique design and gives them direction for their future.

At the end of their upper school experience at Liberty Classical Academy, graduates will walk away with **a thorough understanding of themselves and their own unique design**. They'll be able to formulate well-constructed reflections on their own goals and purposes and will have tangible action steps to transition them into adulthood.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE





NATIONAL MERIT

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR: 2 students *(Class of 2018 and 2015)*

NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST: 3 students *(Class of 2011, 2009, 2008)*

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI FINALIST: 2 students *(Class of 2011, 2009)*

COMMENDED SCHOLAR: 3 *(Class of 2018, 2019, 2022)*

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL
BASKETBALL
CLAY TARGET
FOOTBALL
GOLF
NORDIC SKIING
SOCCER
TRACK & FIELD
VOLLEYBALL

ARTS

BAND & CHOIR
FINE ARTS
THEATER

COLLEGES

Students at Liberty Classical Academy have been accepted at the following schools:

Anderson Universtity, SC
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Augsburg College
Augustana University
Ball State
Bates College
Baylor University
Bemidji State
Bethany College
Bethany Global University
Bethel University
Bethlehem College
Biola University
Birmingham Southern College
Bradley University
Calvin College
Carlton College
Century College
Cleveland Institute of Music
Coe College
College of the Ozarks Colorado
Christian University Colorado
School of Mines Creighton University
Crown College
Curtis Institute of Music Dallas
Baptist University Dordt College
Drew University
Eureka College
Fordham University Franciscan University
of Steubenville, Ohio
Franklin University,
Switzerland Geneva College
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Grand Canyon University
Greenville College
Gustavus Adolphus
Hillsdale College
Hope College
Indiana Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Jamestown College
Judson University
The Kings College
Knox University
LeTourneau University
Louisiana State University
Luther College
Macalester College
Maryville University
Minnesota State University - Moorhead
Moody Bible Institute
Morningside College
Nebraska University
New England Conservatory
New Saint Andrews College
North Central University
North Dakota State University
North Park University
Northwestern College
Orange City, IA
Olivet Nazarene
Pace University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Purdue University
- College of Science & Engineering
Ridgewater College
Rochester Institute of Technology
South Dakota School of Mines
St. Cloud State University
St. John's University - Collegeville, MN
St. Olaf College
Taylor University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Trinity Christian College
Trinity International University
Trinity Washington University
Tufts University
Union University
University of Alabama
University of Mankato
University of Minnesota
- Carlson School of Management
- College of Biological Sciences
- College of Science & Engineering
- Crookston
- Institute of Technology
- Duluth
- Morris
University of Nebraska
University of New Mexico
University of Northwestern - St. Paul
University of St. Thomas
University of Wisconsin
- Eau Claire
- Madison
- River Falls
Viterbo University
Wartburg College
Wells College
Wheaton College
Westminster College
Westmont College
Xavier University

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