



FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Our response to the Covid-19 pandemic for the current high school classes: Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and every year since, all students have been on campus, five days a week, observing all protocols of the Virginia Department of Health.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Faith Christian School is to provide a Christ-centered classical education of academic excellence, spiritual depth, and moral integrity which will prepare students for godly participation in their society and promote loyalty to God and country.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM: The rigorous and demanding curriculum is modeled after the classical trivium, consisting of three parts -- grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric -- designed to equip students with the tools of learning, emphasizing training in sound reasoning, communication, and written skills.

- **Logic and Rhetoric:** Students take full-year classes in Formal Logic and Formal Rhetoric and are expected to use their acquired logic and rhetoric skills throughout their study.
- **Integration of Disciplines:** The active and intentional integration of disciplines equips students to think across all areas of study.
- **Classical and Modern Languages:** Latin is required for students in grades 4-8, and Upper School students must choose between a Classical Track and a Modern Language Track.
- **Academic Tracks:** The majority of students pursue the Honors Level track. The Academic program is rigorous and comparable to other programs at an Honors Level. Our Honors courses are designated as such on the transcript.
- **Advanced Placement:** By design, the Advanced Placement curriculum is not taught. Classical pedagogy entails in-depth discussion of big ideas and essential questions that may be limited by the AP curriculum.
- **Christian Mind:** This course meets twice a week and examines a survey of worldview in American culture, summarizing their basic beliefs and comparing them to the Christian worldview. This class requires robust discussion.
- **Ranking:** Faith Christian School does not rank students because our classes are so small and our students are all high-achieving.

SENIOR THESIS: The Senior Thesis requires seniors, in a one-to-one, year-long mentoring program with a faculty advisor, to expand critical thinking (logic,) research, and rhetorical abilities by preparing, presenting, and formally defending a substantive argument on a debatable topic. Students prepare a 10-16 page paper as formal evidence of learning. The thesis is then defended over a 15-minute period with questions from a faculty panel.

VERITAS HONOR SOCIETY: Students in grades ten through twelve, who achieve a minimum cumulative average of 3.5, as well as meet our strict qualifications regarding service, leadership, and character, are inducted into the Veritas Honor Society.

ENROLLMENT: Founded in 1997, Faith Christian School now enrolls approximately 222 students in grades Junior K-12. In the past twenty-five years there have been 266 graduates, and most of our graduates matriculate at a four-year college or university. In the Upper School, the student-faculty ratio is 10:1 and the average class size is ten.

GRADING SCALE:

A	94-100 (4.0)	B+	87-89 (3.3)	C+	77-79 (2.3)	F	0-69
(unweighted – 4.0 scale)	A-	90-93 (3.7)	B	84-86 (3.0)	C	74-76 (2.0)	
		B-	80-83 (2.7)	C-	70-73 (1.7)		

SAT I Distribution -- Class of 2023 (11 graduates; 9 students took the test optional SAT)			
	CRITICAL READING	MATH	TOTAL
<i>High</i>	710	650	1360
<i>Low</i>	450	440	890
<i>Mean</i>	620	598	1131

COURSE OF STUDY: Highest level core courses are in bold italics. (H) Indicates honors classes. (Most of the courses taught at Faith Christian School are taught at the honors level.)

ENGLISH

Rhetoric 9 (H)
 Humanities 9 Literature/Christian Mind (H)
 Humanities 10 Ancient & Medieval Western Literature (H)
 Humanities 11 Modern European Literature (H)
Humanities 12 American Literature (H)

HISTORY

Humanities 9 American History (H)
 Humanities 10 Ancient & Medieval Western History (H)
 Humanities 11 Modern European History (H)
Humanities 12 US History & Government (H)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Greek I (H)
 Latin I (H)
 Latin II (H)
 Latin III (H)
 Latin IV (H)
Latin V (H)
 Spanish I (H)
 Spanish II (H)
 Spanish III (H)
Spanish IV (H)

SCIENCE

Conceptual Physics (H)
 Biology (H)
 Chemistry (H)
Anatomy & Physiology (H)
Physics (H)

MATH

Algebra I (H)
 Geometry (H)
 Algebra II/Trigonometry (H)
 Pre-Calculus (H)
 College Algebra
Calculus AB (H)

FINE ARTS (H) (survey of all of the Fine Arts is required of all 9th-11th grade students each year.)

THEOLOGY

Biblical Theology (H)
 Apologetics (H)
Senior Christian Mind (H)

THESIS

Senior Thesis (H)

ELECTIVES IN THE ARTS (H)

Required each year for all students.
 They choose among the following:
 Theatrical Performance
 Creative Writing (H)
 Journalism
 Watercolor
 Choir

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (9-12) FOR 2023-2024: Total minimum of 21 core units + 5.25 additional for a total of 26.25 credits.

Core:

English/Rhetoric: 5 credits

Math: 3 or 4 credits (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II/ Trigonometry required)

Science: 3 or 4 credits (Conceptual Physics, Biology, and Chemistry required)

History: 4 credits

Foreign Language: 3 or 4 credits

Senior Thesis: 1 credit

Integrated Studies:

Fine Arts: 1.5 or 2 credits

Theology: 2.25 credits

Electives: 1 credit

CLUBS AVAILABLE

- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Hi Y (and Model General Assembly - MGA)
- Veritas Honor Society
- Debate Club
- Ministerium
- Sodalitas (Latin Club)
- La Mesa (Spanish Club)
- Fides Club (Conducts Chapels)
- Chess Club

MEMBERSHIPS HELD:

- Accredited by the *Association for Classical Christian Schools (ACCS)*
- *The Society for Classical Learning (SCL)* (memberships held by individual faculty, administration, and staff)
- *Educational Record Bureau (ERB)*
- *Virginia Council of Private Education (VCPE)*
- *Virginia Association of Christian Athletics (VACA)*