



FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE
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MISSION: 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 critical thinking, 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 all Lower and Middle School students, 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 which may be limited by the AP curriculum.
- **Senior Seminar:** This course meets twice a week and examines essential questions of truth, goodness, and beauty. This class requires robust discussion.
- **Veritas Honor Society:** Students in grades ten through twelve, who achieve a minimum cumulative average of 3.5, as well as meet strict qualifications regarding service, leadership, and character, are inducted into the Veritas Honor Society.
- **Ranking:** Faith Christian School does not rank students.

MAJOR SENIOR THESIS: The Senior Thesis requires seniors, in a one-to-one 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 12-16 page paper as formal evidence of learning. The thesis is then defended over a 20 minute period with questions from a faculty panel.

ENROLLMENT: Founded in 1997, Faith Christian School now enrolls approximately 220 students in grades Junior K-12. In the past twenty-two years there have been 233 graduates, and typically 100% of our graduates matriculate at a four-year college or university. In the Upper School, the student-faculty ratio is 8:1 and the average class size is sixteen.

GRADING SCALE:	A 94-100 (4.0)	B+ 87-89 (3.3)	C+ 77-79 (2.3)	F 0-69
<i>(unweighted – 4.0 scale)</i>	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 2020 (15 graduates)			
	CRITICAL READING	MATH	TOTAL
<i>High</i>	790	720	1510
<i>Low</i>	580	520	1100
<i>Mean</i>	656	595	1251

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (9-12): Minimum of 20.25 core units + 5 additional for a total of 25.25 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: 4 or 5 credits
 Senior Thesis: 1 credit

Integrated Studies:

Fine Arts: 1.5 credits
 Theology: 2.25 credits
 Electives: 5 credits

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 American Literature (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 American History (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 II (H)
Spanish IV (H)

SCIENCE

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

MATH

Algebra I (H)
 Algebra 1B
 Geometry (H)
 Algebra II/Trigonometry (H)
 Pre-Calculus (H)
 College Algebra
Calculus AB (H)

FINE ARTS

Art and Advanced Art (H)
 Music and Advanced Music (H)
 Drama and Advanced Drama (H)

THEOLOGY

Systematic Theology (H)
 Apologetics (H)
Senior Seminar (H)

THESIS

Senior Thesis (H)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Faith Christin School utilized online learning for the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. Essential Courses (Literature, Language, Math, and 11th grade History) were graded as they normally would be but calculated as 85% of the semester grade. Remaining Courses (History, Science, Fine Arts, and Theology) were ungraded for the fourth quarter after April 3rd. Fourth quarter grades were calculated as 15% of the semester grade. No second semester exams were administered. We have begun the 2020-2021 school year with all students on campus, five days a week, observing all protocols of the Virginia Department of Health.

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)*
- *Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)*
- *Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA)*
- *Virginia Association of Christian Athletics (VACA)*
- *Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling (PCACAC)*