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GRACE ACADEMY

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The School

Grace Academy is an independent, coed, classical and Christian K-12 school founded in 1999 with a college preparatory liberal arts curriculum. Grace Academy subscribes to a classical and Christian pedagogy known as the Trivium: Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. The curriculum is rigorous, college preparatory and has its foundation in the ancient and traditional liberal arts.

Grace Academy's campus is nestled on 35 rolling acres, situated just 25 miles north of Austin, Texas. Home to Southwestern University, the Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center, Airborn, Inc. and other major employers, Georgetown's thriving economy and close proximity to Austin and its university communities encourage residents to enjoy the educational, cultural and recreational opportunities that abound on the edge of the Texas Hill Country.

Mission	To glorify God by serving parents in providing their children a distinctly Christ-centered, academically excellent, classical education as a foundation for life-long learning
Admission Criteria	Selective admission to the school of Rhetoric is based upon intellectual interest, character, personal interviews, recommendations and standardized ISEE testing.
Affiliations	Association of Classical & Christian Schools (ACCS) Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
Accreditation	Grace Academy is completing accreditation with ACCS
Clubs	National Junior Classical League, House Program
Athletics	81% of Rhetoric students participated in at least one of seven Varsity Sports in 2013/14. Grace Academy earned three team state titles and eleven individual state titles in 2013/14.
Fine Arts	Drama, Visual Arts, Graphic Arts, Chapel Singers, Hand Chime Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Yearbook
Faculty	60% of Rhetoric School faculty have advanced degrees. All must model moral and academic excellence. Average class size is 10.

School of Rhetoric (Grades 9-12)

At the high school level, our history and English program focuses on an intensive study of the great writings, people, events, works, and ideas that have formed and reformed civilization as we know it.

Special emphasis is given to the study of Western culture. Classic works of our culture are studied within their historical settings and from a traditionally biblical perspective, which helps the students understand how these works and the people who wrote them were influenced by those historical settings. Emphasis is placed upon reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking skills, which are utilized across the curriculum, from AP Chemistry to our integrated Humanities courses in which literature, history and theology are studied by time period.

Graduates of Grace Academy are required to prepare and present both a Junior and Senior Thesis. The goal of students completing a thesis paper is to weave together all aspects of their education, and to present orally with poise, their researched and formulated ideas in a persuasive fashion. In short, it is an exercise in grammar, logic, and rhetoric skills acquired throughout their classical education in light of a biblical world view. It is the capstone project at Grace Academy because we want our students to go into the world capable of graciously and confidently persuading the world of truth.

Major texts include classic literature such as both Homeric poems, three plays from Aeschylus and Sophocles, selections from Plato, histories from both Herodotus and Thucydides, Virgil's *Aeneid*, Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Augustine's *Confessions*, and *Beowulf*. Students also read works of the High Middle Ages such as: Dante's *Divine Comedy*, histories of Eusebius and the venerable Bede, Machiavelli's *The Prince*, five Shakespeare plays, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, and the Romantic poets. The modern era of history and literature is represented by Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Franklin's autobiography, *Moby Dick*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Democracy in America*, and *Crime and Punishment*. The works here listed are representative and not the totality of titles read.

Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Scale	Grade Point
A	93-100	5
A-	90-92	4.67
B+	87-89	4.33
B	83-86	4
B-	80-82	3.67
C+	77-79	3.33
C	73-76	3
C-	70-72	2.67
D+	67-69	2.33
D	63-66	2
D-	60-62	1.67
F	0-59	0

Only grades earned at Grace Academy are used in computing grade point average. Grace Academy does not weight courses or grade point average.

2011-2014 SAT Averages (17 students):

Critical Reading 632 Math 641 Writing 633

National Merit:

14 Graduates 3 Finalist 1 Commended Scholar

Average graduation credits per student: 27

Literature	4.0
History	4.0
Logic	0.5
Math	4.0
Rhetoric	1.5
Laboratory Science	3.0
Theology	2.0
Electives	2.5
Latin	2.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Foreign Languages	2.0
PE/ Varsity Sports	0.5 (non-GPA)

School of Logic (Grades 6-8) Preparatory Work:

Latin – 3 years
 Logic – 2 years
 Algebra I
 Ancient History I
 Ancient Literature I
 Medieval History I
 Medieval Literature I
 Intensive American History
 Intensive American Literature

College Choices:

The following is a 5-year sampling of the institutions that accepted our students:

Abilene Christian	St. Edward's
Baylor	Texas A&M
Belmont University	Texas State
Concordia	Texas Tech
Hardin Simmons	Torrey Honors Institute at Biola
Hillsdale	Trinity
Houston Baptist	U of Dallas
Howard Payne	U of Mary Hardin-Baylor
LeTourneau	U of North Texas
Rhodes College	UT Austin
Sewanee	

Demographics:

Over 215 students from 20 zip codes
 Student body represents 25 churches
 Tuition assistance provided to 18% of the students in 2013/14

NOTE: Due to a selective admission process and small class size, we do not rank our classes, as such ranking would not be an accurate predictor of our students' success in higher education. Although our classical curriculum differs in some respects from the typical high school curriculum, we do offer advanced sciences and mathematics courses as well as Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Grace Academy School of Rhetoric Curriculum

All English, math, history, literature, language, theology and science courses are taught at the Honors level.

	HISTORY	LANGUAGE	LITERATURE	LOGIC	MATH	RHETORIC & THEOLOGY	SCIENCE	ELECTIVES
Freshman	Modern World History I	Latin Literature	Modern World Literature I	Logic II	<i>Algebra I (8th grade)</i> Geometry	Theology I	Anatomy & Physiology	
Sophomore	Medieval History II	AP Latin <i>or</i> Other Foreign Language	Medieval Literature II		Algebra II	Apologetics <i>and</i> Theology II	Biology	Various course offerings in fine arts, athletics, and computer science
Junior	Ancient History II	Foreign Language	Ancient Literature II	Advanced Logic Elective	Pre-Calculus/ Trigonometry	Rhetoric I <i>and</i> Theology III	Chemistry	
Senior	Modern World History II	Foreign Language	Modern World Literature II		Calculus <i>or</i> AP Calculus	Rhetoric II <i>and</i> Theology IV	Physics	