

2018-2019 SCHOOL PROFILE
FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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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.

- **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 integration of disciplines is stressed to equip students to clearly articulate their beliefs and views through many disciplines.
- **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 involves robust discussion.
- **Veritas Honor Society:** Students in grades ten through twelve, who achieve a minimum cumulative average of 3.50, 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.

SENIOR THESIS: The Senior Thesis offers the twelfth grade student a culminating opportunity to expand critical thinking (Logic,) research, and rhetorical abilities by preparing, presenting, and formally defending a substantive argument on a debatable topic to a faculty panel and guests. Students are expected to prepare a 12-16 page paper as formal evidence of learning and skill acquired at FCS in partnership with a faculty advisor.

ENROLLMENT: Founded in 1997, Faith Christian School now enrolls around 270 students in grades Junior K-12. In the past twenty-one years there have been 200 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 seventeen.

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 2018 (17 graduates)

	CRITICAL READING	MATH	TOTAL
<i>High</i>	760	770	1530
<i>Low</i>	510	510	1020
<i>Mean</i>	663	619	1282

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (9-12): Minimum of 20.25 core units + 5 additional for a total of 25.25 credits.

Core:

English/Rhetoric:	4.5 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
Thesis:	1 credit

Integrated Studies:

Fine Arts:	1.5 credits
Theology:	2.75 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)
 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)
 Algebra IB
 Geometry (H)
 Algebra II/Trigonometry (H)
 Pre-Calculus (H)
 College Algebra
Calculus AB (H)

THEOLOGY

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

FINE ARTS

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

THESIS

Senior Thesis (H)

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MEMBERSHIPS HELD:

- Accredited by the SACS/AdvancED
- The Society for Classical Learning (SCL) (memberships held by individual faculty, administration, and staff)
- Educational Record Bureau (ERB)
- Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS)
- Virginia Council of Private Education (VCPE)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA)
- Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling (PCACAC)