



The Covenant School continues the traditions of our founding families in 1993, who desired a Christ-centered, classical, college-preparatory education for their children. Covenant is accredited by Cognia (formerly AdvancED) and is a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and the Society of Classical Learning.

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### **Mission Statement**

*To glorify God by equipping students with the tools necessary to pursue a lifetime of learning so that they may discern, reason, and defend truth in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

## **The Covenant School Distinctives**

The purpose of a Covenant education is the formation of an authentic human being. The Covenant curriculum is a soul-shaping endeavor rooted in "The Great Conversation," where students learn to thoughtfully engage each other, their teachers, and great texts in the pursuit of all that is good, true, and beautiful.

**Course Placement:** Students are placed in courses based on academic ambition, test scores, and work ethic in previous courses. Due to the demands of extracurricular athletic, fine arts, and community service activities, juniors and seniors are encouraged to limit their number of AP courses to two per year.

**Latin:** All students must take at least 2 years of Rhetoric School Latin. Students are encouraged to continue to the AP Latin course. Students take the National Latin exam annually, winning the silver Maxima Cum Laude and gold Summa Cum Laude awards regularly.

**Declamation:** Students memorize and perform a four to five minute historical speech or Shakespearean monologue each year.

**Senior Thesis:** Highlighted as the capstone for a classical Christian education, seniors spend their final year researching and writing a 15-page persuasive paper on the topic of their choice. The Senior Thesis project culminates in an oral defense before a panel of judges.

**Arts:** The Fine and Performing Arts are considered a vital part of a classical education. A majority of students surpass the required fine arts credits and continue to pursue both academic and extracurricular arts offerings.

**Schedule:** The Rhetoric School operates on a modified block schedule, with students taking seven courses meeting for a total of 240 minutes each per week. Due to the thesis and rigorous course load, seniors are encouraged to schedule a study hall.

**Covid-19 Response:** The Covenant School transitioned to off-campus learning on 3/26/2020 after an extended spring break. In an effort to stagger device use for families across our K-12 program, Rhetoric classes were held synchronously from 12:30pm-4:15pm daily. The grading scale remained consistent, but the number of graded assessments for the 4th quarter was reduced, and there were no final exams for the spring semester. A review of all grades showed most students ended the 2nd semester with grades comparable to those they received for the 1st semester. Covenant will begin the 2020-2021 school year with in-person instruction on a normal modified block schedule, with a synchronous off-campus learning plan in place for those who choose that option or become ill. All classrooms will be outfitted with KUBI Telepresence Robots to allow students at home full access to classroom instruction.

## The Covenant School Reading List

Along with dozens of excerpts and primary source documents, Covenant students read the following full texts as part of our classical, Christian curriculum.

Aeschylus's The Oresteia  
 Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics  
 Aristotle's Rhetoric  
 Augustine's Confessions  
 Austen's Pride and Prejudice  
 Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy  
 Brontë's Wuthering Heights  
 Coleridge's Rime of the Ancient Mariner  
 Conrad's Heart of Darkness\*\*  
 Dante's The Divine Comedy  
 Defoe's Robinson Crusoe  
 Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities  
 Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment  
 Douglass' Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass  
 Eliot's The Waste Land  
 Faulkner's The Unvanquished\*\*  
 Ferguson's Civilization, The West and the Rest\*\*  
 Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby  
 Golding's Lord of the Flies  
 Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter  
 Hazlitt's Economics in One Lesson  
 Homer's The Iliad  
 Homer's The Odyssey  
 Kempis' Imitation of Christ  
 Lewis' Abolition of Man  
 Lewis' Mere Christianity  
 Lorraine Hansberry's A Raisin in the Sun  
 Melville's Billy Budd  
 Milton's Paradise Lost  
 Nietzsche's Genealogy of Morals  
 Packer's Knowing God  
 Plato's Gorgias  
 Plato's Phaedrus  
 Robinson's Housekeeping  
 Shakespeare's Hamlet  
 Shakespeare's Rape of Lucrece (selections)  
 Shakespeare's Tempest\*\*  
 Shelley's Frankenstein  
 Solzhenitsyn's One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich  
 Steinbeck's East of Eden  
 Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead  
 Taylor's American Colonies\*\*  
 The Book of Job  
 Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  
 Virgil's Aeneid  
 Voltaire's Candide  
 Wiesel's Night  
 Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest  
 Wright's Simply Christian

\*\*Advanced/AP Only

## School Community

The Covenant School provides a classical, Christian, and college-preparatory education for grades K-12. The Covenant School presently enrolls 668 students from throughout the city of Dallas and surrounding suburbs.

Grammar School (K-5) 314	Zip Codes Represented 38
Logic School (6-8) 166	Percent on Financial Aid 22
Rhetoric School (9-12) 188	Student-Faculty Ratio 10:1

## Academic Program for the Class of 2021: (44 Students)

Students are awarded the diploma of graduation upon successful completion of the following:

History	4.0 credits	Latin	2.0 credits
Literature	4.0 credits	Fine Arts	2.0 credits
Mathematics	4.0 credits	Electives	1.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits	Physical Education	1.0 credits
Theology	4.0 credits	<b>Total</b>	<b>26 credits</b>

**Average GPA:** 3.50

**Ranking Policy:** The Covenant School only reports rank of the top percentage of students to Texas public universities as applicable to automatic admission policies.

*Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, accelerated courses dropped the Pre-AP or Honors label and are now identified on the transcript as "Advanced."*

### Advanced Placement

Class of 2021 AP Offerings

English	Lang. & Comp./Lit. & Comp.
Math	Calculus AB & BC/Statistics
Science	Chemistry
History	European/U.S./U.S. Government
Language	Latin
Art	Drawing / 2-D

### AP Testing (May 2020)

Tests Administered	158
Students Tested	66
% Scored 3,4,5	73
% of Senior Class Tested	86
% of Junior Class Tested	80

### National Merit 303 students (Based on Graduates to Date)

Commended	31
Finalists	12

### SAT Testing - Classes of 2019-2021

(Reporting 34% of Class of 2021)

EBRW Average	645
EBRW Mid 50%	590-700
Math Average	629
Math Mid 50%	540-680
Total Average	1274
Total Mid 50%	1140-1370

### ACT Testing - Classes of 2019-2021

(Reporting 25% of Class of 2021)

Composite Average	29
Mid 50% Composite	27-32
English	Average 30 Mid 50% 27-34
Math	Average 28 Mid 50% 26-31
Reading	Average 30 Mid 50% 27-34
Science	Average 28 Mid 50% 25-31

## Matriculation for Classes of 2010-2020 (250 students)

Covenant graduates have graduated from or are currently enrolled in undergraduate and/or graduate programs at the following colleges and universities.

Anderson University	Ithaca College	United States Military Academy
Auburn University	John Brown University	University of Alabama
Baylor University	Louisiana State University	University of Arkansas
Belmont University	New York University	University of Colorado
Biola University	Oklahoma City University	University of Georgia
Boston University	Oklahoma Wesleyan University	University of Kansas
Catholic University of America	Oxford University	University of Kentucky
Chapman University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Mississippi
Clemson University	Pepperdine University	University of Nebraska
College of William & Mary	Princeton University	University of North Florida
Colorado School of Mines	Rhodes College	University of North Texas
Colorado State University	Rice University	University of San Francisco
Columbia University	Saint Vincent College	University of Tennessee
Covenant College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Texas
Dallas Baptist University	Samford University	University of Tulsa
Dallas Theological Seminary	St. Edward's University	University of Oklahoma
Drexel University	Southern Methodist University	University of Vermont
Durham University	Southwestern University	University of Virginia
Furman University	Texas A&M University	Vanderbilt University
Georgetown University	Texas Christian University	Wake Forest University
Gordon College	Texas Tech University	Western Kentucky University
Hillsdale College		Yale University
Hope College		