

The Covenant School

2023-2024 School Profile

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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 is a Christ-centered, classical, collegepreparatory K-12 institution.

Covenant is accredited by SAIS and Cognia and is a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools and the Society for Classical Learning.

The Covenant School Distinctives

The Covenant curriculum is a soul-shaping endeavor in which students learn to thoughtfully engage each other, their teachers, and great texts in the pursuit of all that is good, true, and beautiful.

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

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

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

Junior Advanced Ethics: Juniors spend their second semester researching, writing, and presenting a controversial ethical topic of their choice. Four parts compose the process. First, students submit a prospectus outlining the topic, its debatable nature, and the authorities/sources needed to answer the question. Second, they begin to research these sources and submit an annotated bibliography summarizing and justifying each source. Third, they write and revise a research report. Finally, they condense their research into a 7to 9 minute speech and present it before the class.

Senior Advanced Thesis: Building from the knowledge and process learned in their junior Ethics course, seniors spend their final year researching and writing a 15-page persuasive paper on a topic of their choice. The Senior Thesis project culminates in a 30-minute 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 in Studio Art, Architecture, Theatre and Chamber Choir.

Covid-19 Response: The Covenant School was able to conduct school in person for the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year with minimal disruptions. All classrooms were equipped with KUBI Telepresence Robots to give students full access to classroom instruction while quarantining at home.

School Community

The Covenant School provides a classical, Christian, and college-preparatory education for grades K-12. The Covenant School presently enrolls 719 students from the city of Dallas and surrounding suburbs.

Grammar School (K-5) 345

Zip Codes Represented 38

Logic School (6-8) 179

Rhetoric School (9-12) 195

Student-Faculty Ratio 10:1

Percent on Financial Aid 25

Percentiles	Grade	On-Level	Advanced	АР	
97-100	A+	4.50	4.75	5.00	
94-96	А	4.25	4.50	4.75	
90-93	A-	4.00	4.25	4.50	
87-89	B+	3.75	4.00	4.25	
84-86	В	3.50	3.75	4.00	
80-83	B-	3.00	3.25	3.50	
77-79	C+	2.75	3.00	3.25	
74-76	С	2.50	2.75	3.00	
70-73	C-	2.00	2.25	2.50	
0-69	F	0.00	0.00	0.00	

GPA SCALE

Class of 2024 GPA DETAILS				
Highest GPA	4.69			
Required for NHS	4.0			
Ranking Policy Covenant only reports rank				

Covenant only reports rank of the top percentage of students to Texas public universities as applicable to automatic admission policies.

AP Testing (May 2023)

Students Tested: 70 Scores 3 or higher: 80% Scores 4 or 5: 52% % of Class of 2023 Tested: 82% (41 of 50) % of Class of 2024 Tested: 49% (23 of 47)

Tests Administered: 140 Score of 5: 30 Score of 4: 42 Score of 3: 30 Score of 2: 22 Score of 1: 6

100% pass rate in AP Chemistry, AP Calculus AB (subscore), English Literature, European History, Latin, U.S. History

SAT Testing - Class of 2024

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Total Average	1213		
Total Mid 50%	1100-1300		
EBRW Average	631		
EBRW Mid 50%	600-720		
Math Average	582		
Math Mid 50%	520-650		

ACT Testing - Class of 2024

Composite Average 27 Composite: Mid 50% 24-30

English	Average 27	Mid 50% 25-34
Math	Average 26	Mid 50% 23-28
Reading	Average 28	Mid 50% 23-33
Science	Average 25	Mid 50% 22-29

Students are award	Academic Program for the Class of 2024: (47 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	Total	26 credits		

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.

Course Levels

Courses listed with no descriptor are Honors level. Their pace and rigor are elevated in line with other classical Rhetoric schools including an emphasis on research, writing, problem-solving, and oral presentations in all subject areas.

Courses described as Advanced are taught at a High Honors level. Designed for students showing greater aptitude or interest in a subject area, these courses require more independent work and an even deeper level of understanding.

Class of 2024 Course Offerings

All courses are taught for two concurrent semesters unless otherwise noted

	English	Math	History	Science	Theology	Language	Fine Arts
9th Grade	English I Epic Literature & Rhetoric Advanced English 1 Epic Literature & Rhetoric	Algebra I Geometry Advanced Geometry	Western Civ. I Advanced Western Civ. I	Biology Advanced Biology	Theology I- Origins of the Way	Latin I Latin II	Art I Acting & Stagecraft- Chamber Choir Intro. to Architecture
10th Grade	English II- British Literature Advanced English II- British Literature	Geometry Algebra II Advanced Algebra II	Western Civ. II Advanced Western Civ. II	Chemistry Advanced Chemistry	Theology II- Faith, Truth, Rhetoric	Latin II Latin III Advanced Latin III	Art I, II Acting & Stagecraft Chamber Choir Architecture II
11th Grade	English III- American Literature AP English Language & Composition	Algebra II Pre-Calculus Advanced Pre-Calculus AP Statistics	U.S. History AP U.S. History	Environmental Science Advanced Anatomy & Physiology Advanced Physics	Advanced Theology III- Ethics	Latin III Advanced Latin IV Advanced Latin V AP Latin Spanish I	Advanced Art III Acting & Stagecraft Advanced Acting & Stagecraft Advanced Chamber Choir Advanced Architecture III
12th Grade	English IV- Modern Literature AP English Literature & Composition	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics AP AB Calculus AP BC Calculus	Economics (1 Sem) U.S. Government (1 sem) AP U.S. Government (1 sem) World Studies	Environmental Science Advanced Anatomy & Physiology Physics AP Chemistry	Advanced Theology IV- Senior Thesis	Advanced Latin IV Advanced Latin V AP Latin Spanish II	Advanced Art IV AdvancedActing & Stagecraft Advanced Chamber Choir Advanced Architecture IV Advanced Creative Writing

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.

Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics Augustine's Confessions Austen's Pride and Prejudice Bonhoeffer's The Cost of Discipleship Brontë's Wuthering Heights Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" Conrad's Heart of Darkness Dante's 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" **English Romantic Poets** Faulkner's The Unvanguished** Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby Golding's Lord of the Flies Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter Homer's Iliad and Odyssey Kempis' Imitation of Christ Kierkegaard's Fear and Trembling Lewis' Abolition of Man, Mere Christianity and The Four Loves Melville's Billy Budd Milton's Paradise Lost Plato's Phaedrus and Republic Robinson's Housekeeping Several Books of the Bible Shakespeare's Hamlet Shakespeare's The Tempest** Shelley's Frankenstein Solzhenitsyn's One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich Steinbeck's East of Eden Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Virgil's Aeneid Wiesel's Night Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest

**Advanced/AP Only

Matriculation for Classes of 2010-2023 (382 students)

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

Anderson University Appalachian State University Auburn University **Baylor University Belmont University Biola University Boston College Boston University** Catholic University of America Chapman University Clemson University College of William & Mary Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Columbia University **Covenant College** Dallas Baptist University Dallas Theological Seminary Drexel University **Duke University** Durham University Furman University Georgetown University Gordon College Harding University Hillsdale College Hope College Ithaca College John Brown University Lehigh University Louisiana State University Mississippi State University New York University Oklahoma City University **Oklahoma State University** Oxford University Pennsylvania State University Pepperdine University Princeton University **Rhodes** College

Rice University Saint Vincent College Savannah College of Art & Design Samford University St. Edward's University Southern Methodist University Southwestern University Texas A&M University Texas Christian University Texas Tech University United States Military Academy University of Alabama University of Arkansas University of Colorado University of Florida University of Georgia University of Kansas University of Kentucky University of Mississippi University of Nebraska University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of North Florida University of North Texas University of San Francisco University of South Carolina University of Tennessee University of Texas University of Tulsa University of Oklahoma University of Vermont University of Virginia Vanderbilt University Wake Forest University Western Kentucky University Westmont College Wheaton College Yale University