



# THE COVENANT SCHOOL

2025-2026 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, college-preparatory K-12 institution.

Covenant is accredited by SAIS and Society for Classical Learning (SCL). Covenant is also a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) and is designated a Thriving School Partner of SCL.

## 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. The process is composed of four parts. 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 7 to 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.

## School Community

The Covenant School provides a classical, Christian and college-preparatory education for grades K-12. The Covenant School presently enrolls 749 students from the city of Dallas and surrounding suburbs.

Grammar School (K-5): 351

Zip Codes Represented: 39

Logic School (6-8): 180

Percent on Financial Aid: 20%

Rhetoric School (9-12): 218

Student-Faculty Ratio: 10:1

## GPA SCALE

Percentiles	Grade	On-Level	Advanced	AP
97-100	A+	4.50	4.75	5.00
94-96	A	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	B	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	C	2.50	2.75	3.00
70-73	C-	2.00	2.25	2.50
0-69	F	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Class of 2026 GPA DETAILS

Highest GPA	4.60
Required for NHS	4.0

### Ranking Policy

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

### AP Testing (July 2025)

Students Tested: 79

Scores 3 or higher: 82%

% of Class of 2025 Tested: 90%

% of Class of 2026 Tested: 79%

90-100% pass rates in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Latin, PreCalculus, U.S. Government & Politics, U.S. History

### SAT Testing - Class of 2026

Total Average 1253

Total Mid 50% 1170-1320

EBRW Average 647

EBRW Mid 50% 600-720

Math Average 607

Math Mid 50% 560-670

### ACT Testing - Class of 2026

Composite Average 27

Composite Mid 50% 24-32

English	Average 28	Mid 50% 24-34
Math	Average 26	Mid 50% 22-29
Reading	Average 29	Mid 50% 23-35
Science	Average 26	Mid 50% 23-32

## Academic Program for the Class of 2026: (52 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 2026 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	Medieval & Early Modern World Advanced Medieval & Early Modern World	Biology Advanced Biology	Theology I- Origins of the Way	Latin I Latin II	Art I Acting & Stagecraft Chamber Choir
10th Grade	English II- British Literature Advanced English II- British Literature	Geometry Algebra II Advanced Algebra II	The Modern World Advanced The Modern World	Chemistry Advanced Chemistry	Theology II- Faith, Truth, Rhetoric	Latin II Latin III Advanced Latin III	Art I, II Acting & Stagecraft Chamber Choir Intro to Architecture Creative Writing
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 Advanced Acting & Stagecraft Advanced Chamber Choir Advanced Architecture II
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)	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 Advanced Acting & Stagecraft Advanced Chamber Choir Advanced Architecture III 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 Unvanquished*\*\*  
 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 2010-2025 (469 students)

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

Anderson University	Rice University
Appalachian State University	Saint Vincent College
Auburn University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Baylor University	Samford University
Belmont University	Sewanee: The University of the South
Berry College	St. Edward's University
Biola University	Southern Methodist University
Boston College	Southwestern University
Boston University	Texas A&M University
Catholic University of America	Texas Christian University
Chapman University	Texas Tech University
Clemson University	United States Military Academy
College of William & Mary	University of Alabama
Colorado School of Mines	University of Arkansas
Colorado State University	University of Colorado
Columbia University	University of Denver
Covenant College	University of Florida
Dallas Baptist University	University of Georgia
Dallas Theological Seminary	University of Kansas
Dartmouth College	University of Kentucky
Drexel University	University of Mississippi
Duke University	University of Nebraska
Durham University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Furman University	University of North Florida
Georgetown University	University of North Texas
Gordon College	University of San Francisco
Harding University	University of South Carolina
Hillsdale College	University of Tennessee
Hope College	University of Texas
Ithaca College	University of Tulsa
John Brown University	University of Oklahoma
Lehigh University	University of Vermont
Louisiana Tech University	University of Virginia
Louisiana State University	U.S. Naval Academy
McKendree University	Vanderbilt University
Mississippi College	Wake Forest University
Mississippi State University	Western Kentucky University
New St. Andrews College	Westmont College
New York University	Wheaton College
Oklahoma City University	Yale University
Oklahoma State University	
Oxford University	
Pennsylvania State University	
Pepperdine University	
Princeton University	
Rhodes College	