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Preparing for Life

2017–2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

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THE SCHOOL

Founded in 2006, Veritas Scholars Academy (VSA) is a K–12 non-denominational classical school with a biblical emphasis located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Our school aims to graduate young men and women who think clearly and listen carefully with discernment and understanding; who reason persuasively and articulate precisely; who are capable of evaluating their entire range of experience in the light of the Scriptures; and who do so with eagerness in joyful submission to God. We aim to find them well prepared in all situations, possessing both knowledge and the wisdom to use it well.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

VSA is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. It is also a member of the Association for Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS). Over 25 upper secondary classes are university level courses and over 55 secondary courses qualify for Honors level credit.

STUDENTS & FACULTY

VSA has 90 teachers and nearly 500 full time students* in grades 7 through 12. More than 60% of the high school faculty hold advanced degrees. Our pupil/teacher ratio is approximately 15:1.

*over 4,000 registrants are taking one or more courses in the single course enrollment option.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Academics at VSA follow the classical pedagogy of the first three of the seven liberal arts—the trivium of grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric. The grammar stage coincides with grades K–6 and focuses on absorbing facts, mastering language, and basic math. Latin is an important part of this stage. The grammar stage is foundational to more advanced study beginning in the secondary school. Students in grades 7 through 9 study critical reasoning and argumentation within the confines of challenging academic content.

Study of formal and informal logic is crucial. Students in grades 10 through 12 study rhetoric, which leads to the capstone senior thesis course, which includes preparation and presentation of an extensive position paper before a panel of experts. Grades 7–12 include an extensive and cohesive Great Books program called Omnibus, issuing English, history, and religion credits. Latin studies continue while Greek and modern foreign language study are added.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students begin earning credits toward graduation in the 9th grade. A minimum of 25 credits are required for graduation. Our Standard requirements are:

English	6 credits
History	4 credits
Language	3 credits
Logic & Rhetoric	3 credits
Math	3 credits
Religion	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Electives	2 credits

* Honors students require an additional credit in Rhetoric, Math and Science as well as higher level coursework in each discipline. Honors students must maintain a grade of 80% or higher in every subject to receive an honors level diploma.

HIGHEST HONORS PROGRAM

The VSA Highest Honors Program is by invitation only for VSA 9th through 12th grade Honors students who have been recognized for their excellent academic record and demonstrated abilities. The Highest Honors Program challenges students to maximize their potential by placing them in challenging courses and enriches their experience through extra-curricular activities.

GRADING

PERCENTAGE	GRADE	UNWEIGHTED	WEIGHTED
100–90	A	4.0	5.0
89–80	B	3.0	4.0
79–70	C	2.0	3.0
69–0	F	0.0	0.0

2016-17 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT*	VSA	NATIONAL
Math	576	508
ERW	654	494

*In 2016 both the structure and scoring method of the SAT changed. The averages represented here are derived from actual scores (from those who took the new SAT) and from scores that were converted to "new" SAT values using the College Board's SAT conversion tool.

ACT

Composite	26.6	21
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COURSES

ENGLISH

Composition I
Composition II **H**
Fiction Writing Wkshp **H/U**
Journalism
Novels of Jane Austen **H/U**
Poetry
Shakespearean Lit **H/U**
*World Ancient Lit I & II **H**
*World Medieval Lit I & II **H**
*U.S., British & Modern Lit **I H**
*U.S., British & Modern Lit II **H/U**

HISTORY

Western Civilization
*World Ancient History **I H**
*World Ancient

History II **H/U**
*World Medieval History **I H**
*World Medieval History II **H/U**
US History
*U.S., British & Modern History **I H**
*U.S., British & Modern History II **H/U**

LANGUAGE

French I-II
French III **H/U**
German I & II
Greek I & II **H/U**
Latin I
Latin II **H**
Latin III:
Christian Authors **H/U**

Latin III:
Classical Authors **H/U**
Latin III:
Ren to Modern **H/U**
Mandarin Chinese I
Spanish I & II **H**
Spanish III **H/U**

LOGIC & RHETORIC

Logic I
Logic II **H**
Rhetoric I
Rhetoric II **H/U**
Senior Thesis **H/U**

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II **H**
Pre-Calculus w/ Trig **H**

Calculus I & II **H/U**
Statistics **H/U**
Business Math **H**

RELIGION

*Doctrine & Theology I-VI **H**
Apologetics **H**
New Testament Survey **H/U**
Old Testament Survey **H/U**
World Religions **H**
Worldview **H/U**

SCIENCE

Physical Science
Biology **H**
Chemistry **H**
Organic Chemistry **H/U**
Physics **I H**
Physics II **H/U**

Environment Science **H**
Marine Biology **H/U**

ELECTIVES

Art Studio I-III
Creative Writing **H**
Economics **H/U**
Film & Worldview **H/U**
Philosophy
Psychology **H/U**
Russian Literature
Science Fiction:
A Christian Perspective
US Government **H**
Honors/University level
*included in Omnibus
Great Books program

COLLEGES

The following is a listing of the institutions to which VSA graduates have been accepted.

Asbury University
Austin College
Baylor University
Bellhaven University
Bethel University
Biola University
Boyce College
Cairn University
California Baptist University
California Polytechnic University
California State University Stanislaus
Calvin College
Cedarville University
Colburn Conservatory of Music
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Columbia International University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Covenant College
Dallas Baptist University
Drexel University
Eastern University
Embry-Riddle University
Fordham University

Georgetown University
Gordon College
Gnomon School of Visual Communications
Grand Canyon University
Grand Rapids College
Grove City College
Harvard University
Hillsdale College
Holland College
Hope College
Houston Baptist University
Indiana University
International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
Kendall School of Art and Design
The King's College
Lee University
LeTourneau University
Liberty University
Maine College of Art
The Master's College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
McMurry University
Messiah College

Michigan State University
Miliken College
MIT
Moody Bible Institute
New St. Andrews College
North Greenville College
Notre Dame de Namur
Patrick Henry College
Pensacola Christian College
Princeton University
Reformation Bible College
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Samford University
San Luis Obispo
Seattle Pacific University
Seton Hall College (Honors Program)
Sewanee—The University of the South
College of St. Benedict & St. John's University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Sweet Briar College
Tabor College
Taylor College
Temple University

Tennessee Technological University
Texas A&M University
Texas State University
Trinity International University
United States Naval Academy
University of Arkansas
University of California Berkely
University of Dallas
University of Dearborn
University of Denver
University of Houston
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Minnesota
University of Portland
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
University of Wisconsin Rock County
UNLV (Honors College)
Wayne State University
Waynesburg College (Honors Program)
Westmont College
Wheaton College
Yale University
Youngstown State University

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

One National Merit Semi-Finalist & one Finalist in 2013
Two National Merit Finalists in 2014
Two National Merit Finalists in 2015
Two National Merit Finalists in 2017

RANK IN CLASS

Because our graduating classes are small, our programs highly rigorous, our range of grades narrow, it is our policy to not rank our students.