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One Young Heart and Mind at a Time!*

2016–2017 SCHOOL PROFILE

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THE SCHOOL

Founded in 2006, Veritas Press Scholars Academy (VPSA) is a K–12th grade non-denominational classical Christian school 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

VPSA 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

VPSA has over 450 full time students* and 90 faculty members in grades 7 through 12. More than 50% 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

The academics at VPSA 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. Seventh through 9th grade students study critical reasoning and argumentation within the confines of challenging academic content.

Study of formal and informal logic is crucial. Tenth through twelfth grades 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 VPSA Highest Honors Program is by invitation only for VPSA 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

%	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

2015-16 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT	VPSA	NATIONAL
Math	566	511
Verbal	629	495
Writing	614	484
Total	1809	1490

ACT	VPSA	NATIONAL
Composite	26	21

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 VPSA 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
 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 Semi-Finalists in 2016

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.