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Preparing for Life

2026–2027 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 and is a member of the Association for Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS). Forty-nine secondary courses are university-level, and 85 secondary courses qualify for Honors credit.

STUDENTS & FACULTY

VSA has over 200 teachers and 1,200 full time students.* Two-thirds of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Our student/teacher ratio is 17:1.

*Part-time students account for over 10,000 registrations.

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 enriching 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

2025-26 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT*	VSA	NATIONAL
Math	611	518
ERW	645	533
ACT		
Composite	26.4	19.4

COURSES

ENGLISH

Business and Technical Writing **H/U**
 Composition I
 Composition II **H**
 Creative Writing **H**
 Fiction Writing Workshop **H/U**
 Fairy Tales **H/U**
 Journalism **H**
 Literacy Analysis Through Short Stories **H**
 Novels of Jane Austen **H/U**
 Poetry **H/U**
 Science Fiction
 A Christian Perspective **H/U**
 Shakespearean Literature **H/U**
 *World Ancient Lit I **H**
 *World Ancient Lit II **H/U**
 *World Medieval Lit I **H**
 *World Medieval Lit II **H/U**
 *U.S., British & Modern Lit I **H**
 *U.S., British & Modern Lit II **H/U**

HISTORY

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

RELIGION

*Doctrine & Theology I-VI **H**
 Apologetics **H/U**

LANGUAGE

French I-II **H**
 French III-IV **H/U**
 German I-II **H**
 German III **H/U**
 Greek I-II **H/U**
 Latin I
 Latin II **H**
 Latin III: Christian or Classical Authors **H/U**
 Latin III: Virgil **H/U/AP**
 Hebrew **H/U**
 Mandarin Chinese I & II **H**
 Spanish I-II **H**
 Spanish III-IV **H/U**

LOGIC & RHETORIC

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

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
 Geometry
 Algebra II **H**
 Pre-Calculus
 Pre-Calculus w/ Trig **H/U**
 Calculus I & II **H/U/AP**
 Statistics **H/U**
 Business Math **H/U**
 Problem Solving
 Mathematical Reasoning **H/U**

SCIENCE

General Science
 Physical Science
 Biology **H**
 Chemistry **H**
 Organic Chemistry **H/U**
 Anatomy & Physiology **H/U**
 Physics I **H**
 Physics Calculus-Based **H/U**
 Physics II **H/U**
 Marine Biology **H/U**
 Introduction to Biotechnology **H/U**

ELECTIVES

Art History **H/U**
 Art Studio I
 Art Studio II **H**
 Art Studio III **H/U**
 Artificial Intelligence **H**
 Biblical Archaeology **H/U**
 Biblical Literacy-Survey of the Bible **H/U**
 Computer Programming C# **H/U**
 Computer Programming Python **H/U**
 Economics **H/U**
 Film & Worldview **H/U**
 Intro to Theater
 Music Appreciation
 Philosophy **H/U**
 Psychology **H/U/AP**
 Systematic Theology **H/U**
 US Government **H/U**
 World Religions **H**
 Honors/University level
 *included in Omnibus Great Books program
 AP Advanced Placement

COLLEGES

Following are some of the colleges and universities to which VSA graduates have been accepted.

Anáhuac México	Fordham University	Pensacola Christian College	University of Dallas
Anderson University	Geneva College	Penn State University	University of Denver
Austin College	George Washington University	Pepperdine University	University of Florida
Abilene Christian University	Georgetown University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Georgia
Arizona Christian University	Gordon College	Princeton University	University of Hawaii
Auburn University	Grand Canyon University	Providence Christian College	University of Illinois
Baylor University	Grove City College	Purdue University	University of Iowa
Belhaven University	Harding University	Reformation Bible College	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Belmont University	Harvard University	Regent University	University of Maryland
Bethlehem College & Seminary	Hillsdale College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Miami
Bethel University	Houston Baptist University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Michigan
Biola University	Indiana University	Rice University	University of Minnesota
Boston College	International Christian University	Samford University	University of Nebraska
Boston University	James Madison University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Texas
Boyce College	John Brown University	St. John's University	University of NC at Chapel Hill
Cairn University	Lee University	Temple University	University of Notre Dame
Calvin University	LeTourneau University	Tennessee Tech University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Cedarville University	Lehigh University	Texas A&M University, College Station	University of North Texas
Clemson University	Liberty University	Texas Christian University	University of South Carolina
College of William and Mary	Messiah University	Texas Tech University	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Colorado Christian University	Michigan State University	The Citadel (SC)	University of Tennessee
Colorado State University	Milligan University	The King's College	University of Texas at Austin
Columbia International University	Mississippi College	The Master's University	University of Toronto
Columbia University	MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Trinity International University	University of Utah
Concordia University	Montana State University	Unibe (Dominican Republic)	University of Virginia
Cornell University	Moody Bible Institute	United States Air Force Academy	University of Washington
Covenant College	New Saint Andrews College	United States Naval Academy	University of Wisconsin
Dallas Baptist University	NYU - New York University	U.S. Military Academy West Point	Vanderbilt University
Dartmouth	Oklahoma Baptist University	University of Arizona	Villanova University
Drexel University	Ohio State University	University of Arkansas	Wake Forest University
Dordt University	Oral Roberts University	University of California, Berkeley	Waynesburg University
Eastern University	Oregon State University	University of California, Davis	Westmont College
Embry-Riddle University	Patrick Henry College	University of California, LA	Wheaton College
Florida State University		University of California, Santa Cruz	Yale University

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Veritas Scholars Academy has had nineteen National Merit Finalists since 2013.

RANK IN CLASS

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