



Westminster Academy

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2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

Westminster Academy is Memphis' only classical Christian school. Accredited by the Association of Classical Christian Schools, Westminster has a student body of 433 students in JK through 12th grade. The curriculum is rigorous and college-preparatory, with its foundation in the classical liberal arts. Westminster Academy teaches all required classes at the honors level courses. With a faculty to student ratio of 1:8, our students enjoy personal attention and meaningful relationships with their teachers and peers. Our excellent faculty and unique pedagogy are the strengths of our school.

WESTMINSTER ACADEMY DISTINCTIVES

Westminster Academy is a classical Christian school, employing the centuries-proven educational methodology known as the Trivium, consisting of the Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric. Emphasis is placed upon critical thinking skills. At the high school level (spanning Dialectic and Rhetoric), Westminster Academy's history and literature program focuses on an intensive study of the great writings, people, events, works, and ideas that have formed and reformed civilization as we know it. These disciplines are tightly integrated and special emphasis is given to the study of Western Culture. Classic works of our culture are studied within their historical settings and from a traditionally biblical perspective, which helps the students understand how these works and the people who wrote them were influenced by those historical settings. These courses also reveal the universal nature of the great works, which are classics precisely because they speak to all men through all ages. Theology, history, literature, and rhetoric courses have extensive reading, writing, discussion, and public speaking requirements. All courses are taught at the honors level.

Class of 2019:

Total Graduates: 12

Total students taking ACT: 12

ACT English: Avg 33

ACT Math: Avg 29

ACT Reading: Avg 32

ACT Science: Avg 28

ACT Composite: Avg 30

ACT English/Writing: Avg 27

ACT Essay: 8

Total students taking SAT: 12

SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing: Avg 650

SAT Math: Avg 600

National Merit: 2 Finalists

1 Commended

Class of 2020

Total Graduates: 22

Total students taking ACT: 22

ACT English: Avg 32

ACT Math: Avg 28

ACT Reading: Avg 30

ACT Science: Avg 27

ACT Composite: Avg 29

ACT English/Writing: Avg 28

ACT Essay: 8

Total students taking SAT: 22

SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing: Avg 649

SAT Math: Avg 610

Class of 2021:

Total Graduates: 32

Total students taking ACT: 31

ACT English: Avg 32

ACT Math: Avg 25

ACT Reading: Avg 31

ACT Science: Avg 27

ACT Composite: Avg 28

Total students taking SAT: 28

SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing: Avg 654

SAT Math: Avg 579

National Merit: 1 Finalist

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Once each year as sophomores, juniors, and seniors, our students are required to present and orally defend an original persuasive argument, up to 20 minutes in length. Preparation for the senior thesis includes formal training in Rhetoric, the art of persuasive expression, or as Aristotle wrote, “the ability to discern in any situation the available means of persuasion.” Texts include Plato’s *Five Dialogues*, *Gorgias*, *The Republic*, *Phaedrus*, Cicero’s *Rhetorica Ad Herennium*, Aristotle’s *On Rhetoric*, and Crider’s *Office of Assertion*. Westminster begins Latin with 3rd grade students. Students continue with Latin through 10th grade.

Capstone is a team-taught, discussion-oriented course where seniors integrate ideas across disciplines and learn to intelligently discuss, civilly debate, and thoughtfully engage cultural issues from a Christian worldview. Throughout the year, seniors explore the great ideas of Western thought (e.g., justice, beauty, equality, liberty, etc.) and analyze current events through the discussion and debate of books, articles, paintings, poetry, music, and film. As part of the course, they travel to Italy for 10 days and visit Rome, Assisi, Siena, and Florence including discussion, lectures, journaling, and oral presentations.

Upper School students and faculty belong to one of four houses (Athanasius, Becket, Boniface, Columba) which exist to create communities in which five cornerstone virtues can be cultivated in the hearts of students and faculty (courage, friendship, responsibility, cheerfulness, and devotion). In addition to providing leadership and mentoring opportunities, the houses compete monthly in challenges which include art, music, drama, rhetoric, and athletics.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) TESTING

While AP courses are not offered, most students elect to take AP exams. In 2021, 37 Westminster Academy students took 46 AP exams. 85% of Westminster students scored a 3 or higher and 46% posed scores of 4 or higher. Of students enrolled in Calculus, 100% took the Calculus exam and scored a 3 or higher.

AFFILIATIONS:

ACCS – Association of Classical and Christian Schools
ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International
SAIS – Southern Association of Independent Schools

ACCREDITATIONS:

ACCS Accredited in April 2002, Reaccredited in December, 2020
SAIS Accredited in October 2019

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS:

25 Full-time, 14 with Advanced Degrees

PERCENT OF GRADUATES MATRICULATING TO 4 YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

2017 88% Colleges, 6% Community College, 6% Military
2018 100% Colleges
2019 100% Colleges
2020 95% Colleges, 5% Military
2021 91% Colleges, 6% Military, 3% World Race (1 year gap year focused on missions)



COLLEGES

SCHOOLS IN **BOLD** INDICATE COLLEGES ATTENDED

- American University
- **Arizona State University**
- **Auburn University**
- Austin College
- **Baylor University**
- Belhaven College
- **Belmont University**
- Berry College
- **Bethany College**
- **Birmingham Southern College**
- **Brandeis University**
- **Bryan College**
- **Butler University**
- **Calvin College**
- **Carson-Newman University**
- Case Western Reserve
- Cedarville University
- Clark University
- **Clemson University**
- **Colby College**
- Colgate University
- **Colorado College**
- Colorado School of Mines
- **Columbia University**
- **Covenant College**
- Denver University
- DePauw University
- **Duke University**
- Eckerd College
- **Elon University**
- Emory University
- Emory & Henry College
- **Fashion Institute of Technology**
- **Flagler College**
- Florida State University
- **Furman University**
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Tech University
- **Grove City College**
- **Hampden-Sydney College**
- **Harding University**
- Hendrix College
- **Hillsdale College**
- **High Point University**
- Huntington University
- Indiana University
- John Brown University
- **The King's College (New York)**
- Lipscomb University
- **London School of Economics**
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University
- **Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts**
- **Lyon College**
- Mars Hill College
- **Maryville College**
- Millsaps College
- **Mississippi College**
- **Mississippi State University**
- Murray State University
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Northwestern University
- **Oglethorpe University**
- **Oxford University (England)**
- **Palm Beach Atlantic University**
- Pepperdine University
- Presbyterian College
- **Purdue University**
- **Rhodes College**
- **Rice University**
- **Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology**
- Salve Regina University
- **Samford University**
- **Savannah College of Art and Design**
- Sewanee
- Southern Methodist University
- St. John's College
- **St. Mary's College**
- Tennessee Wesleyan College
- **Texas A & M University**
- **Texas Christian University**
- **Tulane University**
- **Union University**
- **University of Alabama**
- University of Alabama (Birmingham)
- **University of Arkansas**
- University of Charleston
- **University of Chicago**
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado
- **University of Dallas**
- University of Denver
- **University of Evansville**
- **University of Florida**
- **University of Georgia**
- University of Iowa
- **University of Indianapolis**
- University of Kansas
- **University of Memphis**
- University of Miami
- **University of Mississippi**
- **University of Missouri**
- University of Nebraska
- **University of Oklahoma**
- University of Southern Mississippi
- **St. Andrews (Scotland)**
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tampa
- **University of Tennessee**
- **University of Texas**
- University of Tulsa
- **University of Vermont**
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- **Wake Forest University**
- **Washington & Lee University**
- Washington University
- **Watkins School of Design**
- Westminster College (St Louis)
- Westmont College
- **Wheaton College**
- Whitworth University
- William and Mary College
- Wittenberg University
- Wofford College

