

THOMAS JEFFERSON CLASSICAL ACADEMY: A CHALLENGE FOUNDATION ACADEMY

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Mission Statement

Building upon the foundation of the Core Knowledge Sequence, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy partners with families to educate students in grades K-12 in the trivium of grammar, logic, and rhetoric, thus graduating thoughtful, articulate young adults who are prepared for college and for a lifetime of citizenship and active intellectual inquiry.

Overview

TJCA-CFA's charter and the essay on which it is based (the late Dorothy Sayers's "Lost Tools of Learning") emphasize that the trivium is foundational both for further studies and for post-collegiate life. For these reasons, TJCA-CFA requires all high school students to take two years of Latin (with an emphasis on grammar), two years of logic, and a year of rhetoric, culminating in a senior rhetoric thesis.

Sayers emphasizes that grammar, logic, and rhetoric are stages of learning as well as foundational disciplines. During the grammar stage of learning (*kindergarten through early adolescence*), teachers provide a rigorous grounding in the "grammar" (or basics) of English, history, mathematics, science, art, and music by using the Core Knowledge developed by E. D. Hirsch. In accord with Sayers's essay, teachers emphasize observation, memorization, and recitation during the grammar stage. During the dialectic or logic stage (early adolescence), Socratic questioning, logical argumentation, and discursive reasoning come to the fore. Later, during the rhetoric stage (later adolescence), teachers emphasize public speaking, presentations, and a synthesis of the knowledge gained in the various disciplines. Thus, TJCA-CFA's curriculum is a unified whole in which the grammar stage prepares students for the logic stage, which in turn prepares students for the rhetoric stage, thus preparing graduates for a lifetime of active intellectual inquiry and citizenship.

Throughout the TJCA-CFA curriculum, preference is shown whenever possible for original works -- particularly the great books that have stood the test of time -- over textbook summaries. In addition, TJCA-CFA takes to heart Plato's observation that the fine arts and athletics play a crucial role in classical education.

Facts and Figures

- 1,295 students from twelve counties (2017-18, grades K-12)
- *US News & World Report* America's Best High Schools (2017: #135 in nation, #5 in N.C.)
- College-prep weighted grade point scale
- Three trimesters
- Weekly tutoring offered in grades 3-12
- Yearlong classes (not on block schedule)
- Mascot: The Gryphon (a mythical creature that is part lion and part eagle)
- Parent portal access to student grades 24/7
- Varsity teams compete in Southern Piedmont 1A Conference (NCHSAA)

Gryphon Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

- US History
- World History

Extracurricular Activities

- Academic teams (middle school, high school)
- Archery
- Art Club
- Beta Club
- Board Game Society
- Choir
- Debate
- Drama
- Drum Line
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- 4-H Horse Club
- Future Business Leaders of America
- German Honor Society / German Club
- Guitar
- Journaling and Bookbinding Club
- Junior Civitan
- Life Skills Club
- National Honor Society
- National Latin Honor Society
- National Math Honor Society
- Outdoor Club
- Science Olympiad
- Shogi Club
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Student Council

2017-18 Advanced Placement Courses

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Human Geography
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Statistics
- Studio Art: Drawing
- Studio Art: Photography
- US Government and Politics

Mean SAT Scores (includes TJCA-CFA's ranking among all N.C. public school systems; M=math, CR=critical reading, W=writing, EBRW=Evidence-Based Reading and Writing)

Year	United States	North Carolina	TJCA-CFA	NC Ranking
2017	517M, 527EBRW	532M, 542EBRW	591M, 607EBRW	6
2016	494M, 487CR, 472W	508M, 502CR, 475W	575M, 574CR, 552W	6
2015	511M, 495CR, 484W	504M, 498CR, 476W	556M;572CR;532W	7
2014	513M,497CR, 487W	507M, 499CR, 477W	559M;562CR;528W	7
2013	514M, 496CR, 488W	506M, 495CR, 478W	553M, 558CR, 534W	6
2012	514M, 496CR, 488W	506M, 491CR, 472W	566M, 579CR, 534W	4
2011	514M, 497CR, 489W	508M, 493CR, 474W	535M, 533CR, 509W	10
2010	516M, 501CR, 492W	511M, 497CR, 477W	538M, 557CR, 541W	8
2009	515M, 501CR, 493W	511M, 495CR, 480W	530M, 563CR, 529W	8
2008	515M, 502CR, 494W	511M, 496CR, 482W	552M, 603CR, 553W	5
2007	515M, 502CR, 494W	509M, 495CR, 482W	565M, 551CR, 538W	5
2006	518M, 503CR, 497W	513M, 495CR, 485W	495M, 529CR, 521W	23
2005	520M, 508CR	511M, 499CR	525M, 520CR	16

2004	518M, 508CR	507M, 499CR	579M, 544CR	3
2003	519M, 507CR	506M, 495CR	552M, 587CR	4

Recent Four-Year College Acceptances

- Allegheny College
- Ambassador College
- Anderson University
- Appalachian State University
- Arcadia University
- Auburn University
- Averett University
- Barry University
- Barton College
- Baylor University
- Belhaven University
- Bellarmine University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Belmont University
- Benedictine College
- Berea College
- Bethel College
- Biola University
- Bob Jones University
- Boise State University
- Boston University
- Brenau University
- Brevard College
- Bridgewater College
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- Campbell University
- Carson-Newman University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catawba College
- Catholic University of America
- Charleston Southern University
- Chestnut Hill College
- Chowan University
- Christian Brothers University
- The Citadel
- Clemson University
- College of William and Mary
- Columbia International University
- Columbia University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colby College
- College of Charleston
- Converse College
- Covenant College
- Creighton University
- Culinary Institute of America
- Davidson College
- Drake University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Earlham College
- East Carolina University
- East Tennessee State University
- Elmira College
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson University
- Emory University
- Emory and Henry College
- Erskine College
- Fayetteville State University
- Flagler College
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida State University
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Furman University
- Gardner-Webb University
- Gaston College
- Geneva College
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Greensboro College
- Greenville College
- Guilford College
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hartwick College
- Heidelberg College
- High Point University
- Hillsdale College
- Hollins University
- Iowa Wesleyan College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson and Wales University
- Keiser University
- Kettering University
- Lake Forest College
- Lees-McRae College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Liberty University
- Limestone College
- Lincoln Memorial University
- Livingstone College
- Lynchburg College
- Mars Hill University
- Mary Baldwin College
- Macalester College
- Marquette University
- Maryville College
- Mercer University
- Meredith College
- Messiah College
- Methodist University
- Michigan State University
- Milligan College
- Montana State University
- New York University
- North Carolina A & T University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina State University

- Northern Arizona University
- North Greenville University
- Norwich University
- Oberlin College and Conservatory
- Oglethorpe University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Peace College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pfeiffer University
- Presbyterian College
- Princeton University
- Randolph-Macon College
- Regent University
- Richmond University (London)
- Roanoke College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Randolph College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Roanoke College
- Salem College
- Samford University
- San Diego State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Seton Hall University
- Sewanee (University of the South)
- Shaw University
- Shenandoah University
- South Dakota State University
- Southeastern College
- Southern Illinois University
- Southern Virginia University
- St. Edward's College
- Stetson University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Texas Christian University
- Tennessee State University
- Tusculum College
- UNC-Asheville
- UNC-Chapel Hill
- UNC-Charlotte
- UNC-Greensboro
- UNC-Pembroke
- UNC School of the Arts
- UNC-Wilmington
- Union University
- Unity College
- University of Alabama
- University of Alaska (Anchorage)
- University of California-San Diego
- University of California-Santa Cruz
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Hawaii
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Kentucky
- University of Miami
- University of Mississippi
- University of Montana
- University of North Georgia
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Ottawa
- University of Portland
- University of South Carolina - Columbia
- University of South Carolina - Upstate
- University of Tennessee
- University of Tulsa
- University of Virginia
- University of West Florida
- Villanova University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Wake Forest University
- Warren Wilson College
- Washington College
- Washington and Lee University
- Wellesley College
- Western Carolina University
- Wheaton College
- Willamette University
- William Peace University
- Wilson University
- Wingate University
- Winthrop University
- Wittenberg University
- Wofford College
- Xavier University
- Young Harris College