



**THOMAS JEFFERSON CLASSICAL ACADEMY:
A CHALLENGE FOUNDATION ACADEMY**

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Grammar School (grades K-5)
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Junior High /High School (grades 6-12)
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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 of the TJ Model of Education

TJCA-CFA's charter is based on the late Dorothy Sayers's essay "The Lost Tools of Learning." Following the classical model of education outlined by Sayers, TJCA-CFA 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 grounding in the "grammar" (or basics) of English, history, mathematics, science, art, and music by using the Core Knowledge program 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.

TJCA-CFA also takes to heart Plato's observation that the fine arts and athletics play a crucial role in classical education.

Facts and Figures

- 1,339 students (grades K-12)
- Ranked among America's Best High Schools in *US News & World Report*
- Weighted grade point scale
- Year-long classes; Three trimesters
- Weekly tutoring offered in grades 3-12
- Mascot: The Gryphon
- Parent portal access to student grades 24/7
- Varsity teams compete in Southern Piedmont 1A Conference (NCHSAA)

Testing Data

NC School Report Card for State Testing		SAT Scores	
Year	Grade	Year	Mean SAT Scores
Academic Year of 2017 - 2018	A	Class of 2018	579 M, 586 EBRW
Academic Year of 2016 - 2017	B	Class of 2017	591 M, 607 EBRW
Academic Year of 2015 - 2016	B	Class of 2016	575 M, 574 CR

AP Participation & Scores			
Year	Grade 9-12 Participation Rate	Percentage of Test-Takers Scoring 3 or Higher	Percentage of Exams with Scores of 3 or Higher
Academic Year of 2017 - 2018	49.4 %	64.8 %	60.4 %
Academic Year of 2016 - 2017	45.6 %	76.8 %	74.5 %
Academic Year of 2015 - 2016	45.4 %	69.4 %	69.3 %

Scholarship Offers

Class of 2018	\$5.7 Million
Class of 2017	\$5.2 Million
Class of 2016	\$6.7 Million

Key Contacts

Grammar Campus: Jason Cole, Principal (jcole@tjca.org); Tessa Waldrep, Assistant Principal K-5 (twaldrep@tjca.org)

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Developing Thoughtful, Articulate Young Adults

Gryphon Athletics

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

Advanced Placement Courses

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Human Geography
- Latin
- Music Theory
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Statistics
- Studio Art: Drawing
- Studio Art: Photography
- US Government and Politics
- 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
- New Century Scholars
- Outdoor Club
- Science Olympiad
- Shogi Club
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Student Council

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
- Ferrum College
- 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
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Randolph-Macon College
- Regent University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Richmond University (London)
- Roanoke College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- 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