



# Hickory Christian ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE FOR CLASS OF 2019

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## **Administration**

Tracy Robinson, Headmaster  
Connie Peeler, Grammar Principal  
Mark Maier, Logic/Rhetoric Principal  
Jenny Sigmon, School Guidance Counselor

## **School Facts**

- High School CEEB Code: 341814
- Preschool - 12th Grade Enrollment: 473
- First Graduating Class: 2006
- Number of HCA Graduates: 262
- High School Teachers: 13 Full Time, 2 Part Time
- Current High School Enrollment: 137
- Teachers with College Degrees: 100%
- High School Teacher/Student Ratio: 1 to 10
- Graduates Attending 2-Year College: 10%
- Graduates Attending 4-year College: 89%
- Graduates Attending/Serving Military: 1%
- Calendar: 176 days
- Tuition for High School: \$7274
- Over \$200,000 need-based tuition grants annually

## **Membership and Accreditation**

HCA has been a member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools since May 1997 and accredited since June 2015. For more information on Classical Christian Education, please visit the ACCS web site at <http://classicalchristian.org>.

## **Classical Christian Education**

Classical Christian Education is a time-honored approach to learning that considers the natural development of a child. This centuries-old method of education known as the Trivium, divides teaching methods into three major stages: Grammar (K-5), Logic (6-8) and Rhetoric (9-12). During the Grammar stage, students absorb facts and find memorization fun. Students in the Logic stage take the facts that they have absorbed and begin to ask the “why” behind them. The Rhetoric stage then challenges this abstract thinker to write and speak clearly and convincingly.

The curriculum that Hickory Christian Academy utilizes is unique even among Christian schools. While others use almost exclusively Christian publishers, HCA seeks out the finest textbooks and relies on our teachers to impart a Christian worldview into the content. This approach demonstrates respect for the study of liberal arts and the great books while emphasizing a relational approach to a living God.

With its excellent teachers, quality curriculum, and Trivium methodology, HCA gives all students an academically rigorous, comprehensive and relevant education – a truly Classical Christian education.

*Hickory Christian Academy is not an elite school but rather one which takes ordinary students and provides them with an extraordinary education.*

**Minimum Graduation Requirements**

English	4.0
Math	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.5
Foreign Language	2.0
Theology	2.5
Rhetoric	1.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Health & PE	1.0
Electives	1.5
TOTAL CREDITS	24.0

**Schedule**

HCA instituted a new modified block A/B day schedule in fall 2017. All classes meet for two 90-minute blocks Mon/Thurs or Tues/Fri, and for 45 minutes on Wednesdays. Note: One credit course (includes almost all academic classes) are yearlong and half credit courses are semester long.

**Class Rank**

Hickory Christian Academy reports exact class rank for students in the top third of their class. The remaining students' class rank is reported by decile.

**Grading Scale**

Grade	Percentage Range	GPA
A	92-100	4.0
A-	90-91	3.7
B+	88-89	3.3
B	82-87	3.0
B-	80-81	2.7
C+	78-79	2.3
C	72-77	2.0
C-	70-71	1.7
D+	68-69	1.3
D	65-67	1.0
F	0-64	0.0

**Grade Point Average**

HCA transcripts include both a weighted and unweighted GPA. GPA is computed at the end of each semester and includes all courses taken Freshman through Senior Year during the school day. Grades are weighted with an additional 1.0 quality point in honors courses and an additional 2.0 quality points in AP courses.

**Weighted GPA Data**

**Class of 2019: Aug 2014- Jan 2018**

GPA Range	# students
4.429	7 students
4.350 – 4.248	4 students
4.200 – 4.349	5 students
4.000 – 4.199	3 students
3.700 – 3.999	4 students
3.500 – 3.699	6 students
3.000 – 3.499	4 students
2.690 – 2.999	3 students
<b>Class Average: 3.930</b>	<b>36 students</b>

**Honors and AP Courses**

HCA awards honors to 13 classes and offers three AP courses including English Language, English Literature and Calculus. Students with the most demanding schedule will have eight HCA honors courses and three AP courses.

**Dual Enrollment**

Eligible juniors and seniors can take college courses through Career and College Promise (dual enrollment) with Catawba Valley Community College. HCA offers both a block and an elective period for students to take advantage of these online courses. Note: Courses taken outside of the school day will be noted on the transcript but not included in student's GPA.

**SAT Averages Last 5 years**

Class:	25%	50%	75%	All
Class of 2015	1402	1314	1257	1175
Class of 2016	1276	1201	1166	1111
Class of 2017	1358	1297	1244	1169
Class of 2018	1314	1284	1236	1191
*Class of 2019	1310	1266	1223	1135
Average:	1330	1267	1219	1152

-100% HCA Students Tested

-SAT/ACT Composite (converted to SAT R+M)

-Class of 2019 scores are through junior year only.

*Averages will be updated as scores become of available.*

**2017 SAT Average from NCDPI %Tested Average**

Hickory City/Catawba County	40.3% tested	1074/1092
North Carolina	44% tested	1081
United States		1060

9th	10th	11th	12th
<p><b>Honors English I or English I</b></p> <p>Novels: <i>Romeo and Juliet, Animal Farm, Scarlet Letter, The Great Gatsby, Night, To Kill a Mockingbird,</i> Plus poems, numerous short stories and non-fiction essays</p> <p>Writing Instruction: <i>Master Classes: Apprentice Level, Applied Practice</i></p>	<p><b>Honors English II or English II</b></p> <p>Novels: <i>The Epic of Gilgamesh, The Odyssey, Hamilton's Mythology, Oedipus Cycle, Orestia, Julius Caesar,</i> Plus poems, numerous short stories and non-fiction essays</p> <p>Writing Instruction: <i>Master Classes: Journeymen Level, Applied Practice</i></p>	<p><b>AP Eng Language &amp; Comp</b> <i>Everything's an Argument, Lunsford Patterns for College Writing: a Rhetorical Reader and Guide, Kirszner</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Honors Eng III or Eng III</b></p> <p>Novels: <i>Beowulf, Macbeth, Divine Comedy, Canterbury Tales, Hamlet,</i> Plus poems, numerous short stories and non-fiction essays</p> <p>Writing Instruction: <i>Master Classes: Craftsman Level, Applied Practice</i></p>	<p><b>AP Eng Literature &amp; Comp</b> <i>Bedford Intro. to Lit., Myer Writing About Lit., Roberts, How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Foster</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Honors Eng IV or Eng IV</b></p> <p>Novels: <i>Wuthering Heights, Much Ado About Nothing, Henry V, A Tale of Two Cities, Heart of Darkness, 1984, Till We Have Faces,</i> Plus poems, numerous short stories and non-fiction essays</p> <p>Writing Instruction: <i>Master Classes: Master Level, Applied Practice</i></p>
<p><b>Honors Geometry</b> <i>Geometry: An Integrated Approach, Larson</i></p>	<p><b>Honors Algebra II</b> <i>Algebra and Trigonometry: Functions &amp; Application, Foerster</i></p>	<p><b>Honors Precalculus</b> <i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p>	<p><b>AP Calculus</b> <i>Calculus for AP, Ragawski</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Honors Calculus</b> <i>Calculus I, Larson</i></p>
<p><b>Algebra I:</b> <i>Algebra I, Smith</i></p>	<p><b>Geometry:</b> <i>Geometry: An Integrated Approach, Larson</i></p>	<p><b>Algebra II:</b> <i>Algebra and Trigonometry, Smith</i></p>	<p><b>Honors Precalculus</b> <i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Discrete Math</b> <i>Essentials of Statistics, Triola</i></p>
<p><b>Biology</b> <i>Exploring Creation With Biology, Wiles</i></p>	<p><b>Chemistry</b> <i>Exploring Creation With Chemistry, Wiles</i></p>	<p><b>Environmental Science</b> <i>Environmental Science, Holt</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Honors Physics:</b> <i>Exploring Creation With Physics, Wiles</i></p>	<p><b>Theology IV (year-long)</b> <i>NASB Bible (focusing on Romans) Because He Loves Me, Fitzpatrick The Reason for God, Keller</i></p>
<p><b>US History</b> <i>US History, BJU Press</i></p>	<p><b>Western Civilizations I:</b> <i>Historical and Chronological Context of the Bible, Gore</i></p>	<p><b>Western Civilizations II:</b> <i>The Western Heritage, Kagan, Ozment, Turner</i></p>	<p><b>Honors Rhetoric II (year-long)</b> <i>The Rhetoric &amp; the Poetics of Aristotle, Johnson</i></p> <p>Note: Rhetoric course culminates with Senior Thesis Presentations (10-12-page thesis paper with 20-minute presentation, followed by questions and assessments from a panel of faculty and community judges).</p>
<p><b>Spanish I</b> <i>En Español I, McDougal Littell</i></p>	<p><b>Spanish II</b> <i>En Español II, McDougal Littell</i></p>	<p><b>Theology III (semester)</b> <i>NASB Bible, Jesus Among Other Gods, Justification &amp; Regeneration</i> AND <b>Rhetoric I (semester):</b> <i>The Rhetoric and the Poetics of Aristotle, Johnson</i></p>	
<p><b>Theology I (semester)</b> <i>NASB Bible, The God Who is There, The Cross Centered Life</i> AND <b>Health &amp; PE (semester)</b></p>	<p><b>Theology II (semester)</b> <i>NASB Bible, Gospel of the Kingdom, The Gospel of the King</i> AND <b>Civics (semester)</b> <i>Civics Today, Remy</i></p>	<p><b>Honors Spanish III</b> <i>En Español III, McDougal Littell</i> OR <b>Psychology</b> <i>Intro to Psych &amp; Counseling, Meier</i> OR <b>CCP Courses/Dual Enrollment</b> <i>Catawba Valley Comm College</i></p>	<p><b>Honors Anatomy</b> <i>The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, Wiles</i> OR <b>Honors Spanish IV</b> <i>En Español IV, Gahala and Carlin</i> OR <b>CCP Courses/Dual Enrollment</b> <i>Catawba Valley Community College</i> OR <b>Electives</b></p>
<p><b>Electives (semester courses)</b> <b>Choose Two of the Following:</b> 2-D Art, 3-D Art, Drafting I, Drafting II, Weight Training, Team Sports, Drama, Chorus, Computer Application, Journalism, or Study Hall</p>	<p><b>Electives (semester courses)</b> <b>Choose Two of the Following:</b> 2-D Art, 3-D Art, Studio Art, Drafting I, Drafting II, Weight Training, Team Sports, Drama, Chorus, Computer Application, Journalism, Study Hall, or Yearbook (all year)</p>	<p><b>Electives (semester courses)</b> <b>Choose Two of the Following:</b> 2-D Art, 3-D Art, Studio Art, Drafting I, Drafting II, Weight Training, Team Sports, Drama, Chorus, Computer Application, Journalism, Literary Magazine, Study Hall, Yearbook (all year), or CCP/Dual Enrollment Course</p>	<p>2-D Art, 3-D Art, Studio Art (*H), Chorus, Drama (*H), Drafting I, Drafting II, Weight Training, Team Sports, Computer Apps, Literary Magazine, Yearbook (*H). *H=Honors Positions by selection process (i.e. Drama Internship, Yearbook Editorial Positions, Annual Featured Artists)</p>

## Hickory Christian Academy Knights: Extracurriculars, Honors and Awards

### *Clubs:*

Art Club  
Chess Club  
Mock Trial  
Model UN  
Drama Club  
Film Club  
Strings Club  
National Beta Club  
Praise Band



### *Athletics:*

Varsity Volleyball  
JV Volleyball  
Varsity Men's Soccer  
Varsity Women's Soccer  
JV Men's Basketball  
Varsity Men's Basketball  
Varsity Women's Basketball  
Varsity Women's Tennis  
Varsity Men's Golf  
Varsity Women's Golf  
Varsity Cheerleading  
Varsity Cross Country  
Varsity Track  
Varsity Men's Baseball  
Varsity Women's Softball  
Varsity Men's Swimming  
Varsity Women's Swimming

### *Honors and Awards:*

Student Council  
House Leadership  
Jeremiah Award for Diligence  
David Award for Joy  
Moses Award for Servanthood  
Joseph Award for Christian Character  
Joshua Award for Christian Leadership  
Solomon Award Academic Excellence  
Excellence in Science  
Excellence in Literature  
Excellence in Mathematics  
Excellence in Rhetoric  
Excellence in History  
Excellence in Spanish  
Excellence in Art  
Excellence in Drama  
Excellence in Music  
Excellence in Bible

## Hickory Christian Academy College Acceptances

American University  
Anderson University  
Appalachian State University\*  
Auburn University\*  
Aveda Institute of Charlotte\*  
Baylor University  
Belmont Abbey College  
Berry College\*  
Boyce College\*  
Caldwell Community College\*  
Campbell University\*  
Cape Fear Community College\*  
Carson-Newman University  
Catawba Valley Community College\*  
Charleston Southern University\*  
Citadel Military College of SC  
Clemson University\*  
College of Charleston\*  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia International University\*  
Cornell University  
Covenant College  
Davidson College\*  
Drexel University  
East Carolina University\*  
Elon University\*  
Erskine College\*  
Guilford College\*  
Fashion Institute Tech – NYC\*  
Florida State University  
Furman University

Gardner-Webb University\*  
George Mason University\*  
Georgia State University\*  
Georgia Tech  
Haywood Community College\*  
High Point University  
Houston Baptist University\*  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Whales University  
Kent State University\*  
Lee University\*  
Lenoir-Rhyne University\*  
Liberty University\*  
Louisiana State University  
Mars Hill College\*  
Meredith College  
Montreat College\*  
North Carolina Central University  
North Carolina State University\*  
North Greenville University\*  
Ohio State University  
Pace University\*  
Pensacola Christian College\*  
Pfeiffer University  
Pittsburg State University\*  
Queens University of Charlotte\*  
Quimnpiac University  
Radford University  
Regent University  
Roanoke College\*  
Savannah School of Art and Design  
Sewanee – University of the South

Texas Christian University\*  
University of Alabama\*  
University of Alabama – Birmingham\*  
University of Arkansas  
University of California – Los Angeles  
University of Georgia\*  
University of Mississippi\*  
University of Mobile\*  
University of NC-Asheville\*  
University of NC-Chapel Hill\*  
University of NC-Charlotte\*  
University of NC-Greensboro\*  
University of NC-Pembroke  
University of NC-Wilmington\*  
University of Notre Dame\*  
University of South Carolina\*  
University of Tennessee  
University of Virginia\*  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Tech\*  
Wake Forest University\*  
West Point\*  
Western Carolina University\*  
Western Piedmont Community College  
Wheaton College\*  
Wingate University\*  
Winthrop University\*  
Wofford College

\*HCA student attends, attended or graduated

