



Hickory Christian ACADEMY

2019-2020 High School Profile

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School Facts

High School Code: 341814

PS - 12th Grade Enrollment: 484

First Graduating Class: 2006

Total Number of HCA Graduates: 298

H.S. Teachers: 13 Full Time, 2 Part Time

High School Enrollment: 142

Teachers with College Degrees: 100%

High School Class Size Limit: 22

HS Teacher/Student Ratio: 1 to 10

Graduates attending 4 Year College: 88%

Calendar: 176 days

Tuition for High School: \$7564

\$200,000+ Annual Tuition Assistance

Membership and Accreditation

Association of Classical Christian Schools

Membership: May 1997

Accredited: June 2015

ACCS: <http://classicalchristian.org>

Hickory Christian Academy exists to glorify God by providing an authentic Classical Christian education to Christian families who are raising their children to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. Mark 12:30

Purpose Statement:

A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN APPROACH

Hickory Christian Academy provides a unique education with the goal of developing "thinkers" who are equipped to be competent problem solvers, servant leaders and wise communicators of all that is true, beautiful and good. This education is delivered in a grace-filled environment encompassing a strong sense of community and high regard for each individual student. Of paramount importance is the condition of a student's soul; therefore, Jesus Christ, the One who fully embodies truth, beauty and goodness is exalted, honored and magnified in all things.

HCA's chosen methodology is Classical Christian education. This time-honored approach to learning recognizes the natural development of a child. Commonly known as the Trivium, it divides the 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 awakening a sense of curiosity. Students in the logic stage take these facts and naturally begin to ask "why" deepening reasoning and understanding. The Rhetoric stage then challenges this abstract thinker to write and speak clearly and convincingly. Thus, evidencing the wisdom they have gained.

When selecting curriculum, HCA thoughtfully integrates original sources and quality textbooks while relying on the 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 learning - ultimately pointing to the necessity of a personal relationship with the living God and a vital understanding of His Holy Word. Fine arts, athletics and extracurricular activities are a robust part of the overall Classical Christian education.

With its excellent teachers, quality curriculum, Trivium methodology, and resolute Christian worldview, HCA gives students an academically rigorous, comprehensive and relevant education - a truly authentic Classical Christian Education.

SCHEDULE:

We operate on a modified block A/B day schedule. Each course includes two 90-minute and one 45-minute class per week. Most academic courses are yearlong receiving one credit. Electives are half credit meeting for one semester.

HONORS and AP COURSES:

HCA awards honors to seventeen classes and offers three AP courses. Students with the most demanding schedule will accrue a total of eight or nine HCA honors courses plus three AP courses.

CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ONLINE COURSES:

HCA partners with Catawba Valley Community College to offer college level classes through the Career and College Promise Program. Eligible juniors and seniors may take advantage of these courses. Students have the option of utilizing an HCA block or elective class during the school day or utilizing personal time outside of the HCA school day. All courses taken are noted on the transcript; however, credit and GPA are affected only if taken as an HCA block or elective class. CCP classes are given standard weight.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

HCA transcripts include both weighted and unweighted GPA. Semester and cumulative GPA's are computed on the transcripts. Honors courses are weighted an additional 1 quality point and AP courses are awarded 2.0 quality points. Our weighted scale is therefore on a 6.0 scale.

CLASS RANK:

Due to HCA's small graduating class size, we do not report rank. We do utilize an internal class rank for junior marshal and valedictorian honors; therefore, if ranking is required by a college or university, a system is in place and can be supplied.

SAT/ACT AVERAGE COMPOSITE TEST SCORES

	Top 25%	Top 50%	Top 75%	All
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
Class of 2020	1375	1305	1230	1190
5 Year Average	1327	1271	1220	1159
SAT Averages (Reading + Math)				
HCA - 100% tested ACT Composite converted to SAT R+M				
*Class of 2020 scores are through junior year only.				

2018 SAT Average from NCDPI	Average
Hickory City/Catawba County – 54.2% / 39.7% tested	1084/1095
North Carolina – 46.8% tested	1090
United States	1060

CLASS OF 2020 WEIGHTED GPA

GRADES: AUG 2016– JUNE 2019

4.250 – 4.429	11 students
4.000 – 4.249	7 students
3.750 – 3.999	1 student
3.500 – 3.749	1 student
3.250 – 3.499	3 students
3.000 – 3.249	3 students
Below 3.00	3 students
TOTAL	29 students

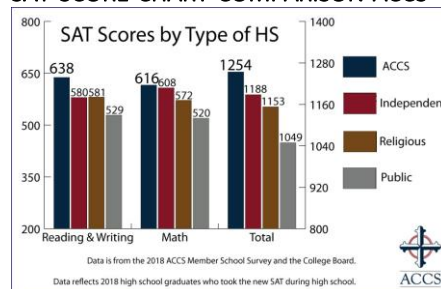
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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 Required	24.0

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

SAT SCORE CHART COMPARISON ACCS



9th	10th	11th	12th
<p><u>Honors English I</u> or English I</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><u>Honors English II</u> or English II</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><u>AP English Language & Comp</u></p> <p><i>Everything's an Argument, Lunsford Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide, Kirszner</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>Honors English III or English III</u></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><u>AP English Literature & Comp</u></p> <p><i>Bedford Intro. to Lit., Myer Writing About Lit., Roberts, How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Foster</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>Honors English IV or English IV</u></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><u>Honors Geometry</u></p> <p><i>Geometry: An Integrated Approach, Larson</i></p>	<p><u>Honors Algebra II</u></p> <p><i>Algebra and Trigonometry: Functions & Application, Foerster</i></p>	<p><u>Honors Precalculus</u></p> <p><i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p>	<p><u>AP Calculus</u></p> <p><i>Calculus for AP, Ragawski</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>Honors Calculus</u></p> <p><i>Calculus I, Larson</i></p>
<p>Algebra I: <i>Algebra I</i> Smith</p>	<p>Geometry: <i>Geometry: An Integrated Approach,</i> Larson</p>	<p>Algebra II: <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> Smith</p>	<p><u>Honors Precalculus</u></p> <p><i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Discrete Math</p> <p><i>Essentials of Statistics, Triola</i></p>
<p>Biology <i>Exploring Creation With Biology,</i> Wiles</p>	<p>Chemistry <i>Exploring Creation With Chemistry,</i> Wiles</p>	<p>Environmental Science <i>Environmental Science, Holt</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Honors Physics: <i>Exploring Creation With Physics,</i> Wiles</p>	<p>Theology IV (year-long) <i>NASB Bible (focusing on Romans) Because He Loves Me, Fitzpatrick The Reason for God, Keller</i></p>
<p>US History <i>US History,</i> BJU Press</p>	<p>Western Civilizations I: <i>Historical and Chronological Context of the Bible, Gore</i></p>	<p>Western Civilizations II: <i>The Western Heritage, Kagan, Ozment, Turner</i></p>	<p><u>Honors Rhetoric II</u> (year-long) <i>The Rhetoric & 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 ratings from a panel of faculty and community judges)</p>
<p>Spanish I <i>En Español I,</i> McDougal Littell</p>	<p>Spanish II <i>En Español II,</i> McDougal Littell</p>	<p>Theology III (semester) <i>NASB Bible, Jesus Among Other Gods, Justification & Regeneration</i> AND Rhetoric I (semester): <i>The Rhetoric and the Poetics of Aristotle, Johnson</i></p>	
<p>Theology I (semester) <i>NASB Bible, The God Who is There, The Cross Centered Life</i> AND Health & PE (semester)</p>	<p>Theology II (semester) <i>NASB Bible, Gospel of the Kingdom, The Gospel of the King</i> AND Civics (semester) <i>Civics Today, Remy</i></p>	<p>Honors Government OR Honors Spanish III <i>En Español III, McDougal Littell</i> OR Psychology <i>Intro to Psych & Counseling, Meier</i> OR CCP Courses/Dual Enrollment <i>Catawba Valley Comm College</i></p>	<p><u>Honors Anatomy</u> <i>The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, Wiles</i></p> <p><u>Honors Spanish IV</u> <i>En Español IV,</i> Gahala and Carlin</p> <p>CCP Courses/Dual Enrollment <i>Catawba Valley Community College</i> Electives 2-D & 3-D Art, Studio Art (*H), Chorus, Drama (*H), Drafting I & 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: EXTRACURRICULARS, HONORS AND AWARDS

HCA CLUBS:

Art Club, Chess Club, Mock Trial, Drama Club, Film Club, Spanish Club, Strings Ensemble, National Beta Club, Life Skills Club, Ski and Snowboard Team, Praise Band

HCA 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 Tennis, Varsity Men's Golf, Varsity Women's Golf, Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track, Varsity Women's Softball, Varsity Men's and Women's Swimming

HCA HONORS AND AWARDS:

Student Council, House Leadership, National Beta Club Honor Society, Junior Marshal, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, 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 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	George Mason University*	Regent University
Anderson University*	Georgia State University*	Roanoke College*
Appalachian State University*	Georgia Tech	Savannah School of Art and Design
Auburn University*	Guilford College	Sewanee-University of the South
Aveda Institute of Charlotte*	Guilford Technical Community College	Texas Christian University*
Baylor University*	Haywood Community College*	University of Alabama*
Belmont Abbey College	High Point University*	University of Alabama-Birmingham*
Berry College*	Houston Baptist University*	University of Arkansas
Boyce College*	James Madison University	University of California-LA
Caldwell Community College*	Johnson and Whales University	University of Georgia*
Campbell University*	Kent State University*	University of Mississippi*
Catawba Valley Community College*	Lee University*	University of Mobile*
Cape Fear Community College*	Lenoir-Rhyne University*	University of NC-Asheville*
Charleston Southern University*	Liberty University*	University of NC-Chapel Hill*
Citadel Military College of SC	Lipscomb University*	University of NC-Charlotte*
Clemson University*	Louisiana State University	University of Florida
Carson-Newman University*	Mansfield university of Pennsylvania*	University of NC-Greensboro*
College of Charleston*	Mars Hill College*	University of NC-Pembroke*
College of William and Mary	Meredith College	University of NC-Wilmington*
Columbia International University*	Montana State University*	University of Notre Dame*
Cornell University	Montreat College*	University of South Carolina*
Covenant College	New York University*	University of Tennessee
Davidson College*	North Carolina Central University	University of Virginia*
Drexel University	North Carolina State University*	Vanderbilt University
East Carolina University*	North Greenville University*	Virginia Commonwealth University
Elon University*	Oakland University*	Virginia Tech*
Erskine College*	Ohio State University	Wake Forest University*
Fashion Institute Tech-NYC*	One Life Gap Year SWU*	West Point*
Florida State University	Pace University*	Western Carolina University*
Furman University*	Pensacola Christian College*	Western Piedmont Community*
Gardner-Webb University*	Pfeiffer University*	Wheaton College*
	Pittsburg State University*	William & Mary; St. Andrews Scotland
	Presbyterian College*	Wingate University*
	Queens University of Charlotte*	Winthrop University*
	Quinnipiac University	Wofford College*
	Radford University	World Race Gap Year*

* HCA Student attends, attended or graduated

Bold = Matriculation (previous three graduating classes)