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PAIDEIA ACADEMY

2015 -2016

Member of Association of Christian Schools International

Member of Association of Classical Christian Schools

Accreditation: pursuing accreditation with ACCS, contact: Executive Director, (208) 882-6101, www.accsedu.org

Mission and Distinctives

A Classical Christian School

Our mission at Paideia Academy is to assist parents and students by utilizing the classical tools of learning integrated with a distinctly Christian worldview in a challenging and nurturing environment.

We employ proven classical and Christian methods and curricula modeled on the medieval Trivium. The goal is to educate students not in what to think primarily; but in how to think thoroughly, maturely, and biblically.

Core Omnibus Program: Students in grades 7-12 are provided a historically substantive and rigorous liberal arts education that draws deeply from the history and culture of Western Civilization. They are socratically led in the study of the Great Books, consisting of two cycles through the ancient, medieval and modern time periods.

Ancient Languages: Latin 3rd-10th grades, New Testament Greek 11th and 12th grade.

Graduation Requirements

Bible: 5 credits	Science: 4 credits	Classical Language: 4 credits
Math: 4 credits	History: 4 credit	Art, P.E., Music: 1 credit each
English: 4 credits	Rhetoric: 2 credits	Senior Speech Act: 1 credit

Although 28 credit hours are required for graduation, most students complete 31.

Honors and Class Rank

Paideia students achieve grades through hard work and dedication. As the Omnibus curriculum meets or exceeds most college course expectations for this type of study, grades in these courses are based on our honors scale. Honors courses receive an additional 0.5 quality point. Additionally, students receive up to 20 hours of college credit for dual enrollment courses completed through an academic partnership with Bryan College.

Class sizes are small, with a faculty to student ratio of 1:12. Therefore class rank is not meaningful outside of our institution.

National Achievement

Average SAT Scores:	Average ACT Scores:
Reading, 703	English, 29
Math, 580	Math, 27
Writing, 707	Reading, 27
National Merit Commended Student 17%	Science, 25
	Composite, 27

Omnibus Great Books Sequence

Our Omnibus program is an integration of history, literature, philosophy and theology. These courses are taught at or above honors level course work.

Senior Readings

Paradise Lost, Leviathan, Pensees, Wealth of Nations, Moby Dick, Huckleberry Finn, Democracy in America, Battle Cry of Freedom, All Quiet on the Western Front, The Sun Also Rises, A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, Letter From a Birmingham Jail, Brave New World, Beyond Good and Evil...
(30 Books Total)

Junior Readings

The Comedy of Errors, Don Quixote, The Consolation of Philosophy, The City of God, Divine Comedy: Inferno, Purgatory, and Paradise, Heidelberg Catechism, Ivanhoe, The Koran, Othello, The Tempest, Summa Theologica, Two Lives of Charlemagne, The Prince...
(30 Books Total)

Sophomore Readings

The Greeks, The Annals of Imperial Rome, The Gallic Wars, The Iliad of Homer, Introduction to Aristotle, The Landmark Thucydides, On the Nature of Things, The Peloponnesian War, Plutarch's Lives Vol. 1 and 2, The Republic...
(23 Books Total)



High School Courses

Theology, Literature, and History: Omnibus III: Modern, U.S. and British I, Omnibus IV: Ancient World II, Omnibus V: Medieval History II, Omnibus VI: Modern, U.S. and British II

Rhetoric: Rhetoric I & II, Junior Thesis and Guild, Senior Speech Act

Mathematics: Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Human Anatomy and Physiology

Foreign Language: Latin II, Classical Latin Readings, New Testament Greek I & II

Fine Arts: Music History and Appreciation, Art Design and Techniques

Hall Model

Our hall or “house” model is primarily a *cultus virtutis* (a culture of virtue). Students are divided into three halls, each with its own colors and ceremonial practices. The halls provide students with a setting for spiritual, academic, and relational growth. The halls:

- ◆ Cultivate classical virtues
- ◆ Promote student relationships across grade levels
- ◆ Provide avenues for student body leadership
- ◆ Participate in intramural athletic competitions
- ◆ Integrate community service

Junior Thesis, Guilds, Senior Speech Act

Junior Thesis: Junior year students choose a specialized field of interest, explore the philosophical and historical foundations of that field, and organize their research into a 20-40 page thesis.

Guilds: In the Senior year students engage with the local community through student internships in a mentor-directed guild program. Apprentices spend approximately 5 hours a week with their mentors.

Senior Speech Act: The work accomplished in the Junior thesis and internship opportunities will culminate in a project (senior speech act), which is a year-long activity dedicated to creating and living out the written thesis from the junior year.

2015 College Acceptances

Art Institute of Chicago
Berry College
Cedarville University
Covenant College
Impact 360
Pellissippi State

Reformation Bible College
Samford University
Union University
University of Memphis
Warren Wilson College
Wheaton College

Omnibus Course Readings:

Freshman Readings

Westminster Confession, Foxe’s Book of Martyrs, 1984, Animal Farm, Foundational American Documents, The Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers, Frankenstein, The Great Gatsby, Gulliver’s Travels, The Killer Angels, The Old Man and the Sea, The Pilgrim’s Progress, The Communist Manifesto... (28 Books Total)

8th Grade Readings

A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Beowulf, The Canterbury Tales, Confessions, Divine Comedy: Inferno, Henry V, The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, On the Bondage of the Will, King Richard III, Macbeth, Rule of St. Benedict, The Song of Roland, The Dragon and the Raven... (24 Books Total)

7th Grade Readings

The Aeneid, Codes of Hammurabi and Moses, The Early History of Rome, Gilgamesh, The Histories, Julius Caesar, The Odyssey of Homer, Oresteia Trilogy, Sophocles I: Theban Trilogy, The Screwtape Letters, Till We Have Faces, The Twelve Caesars... (22 Books Total)



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