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PAIDEIA ACADEMY

CLASSICAL • CHRIST-CENTERED

2026 - 2027

Member of Association of Classical Christian Schools
CEEB code: 431121

MISSION AND DISTINCTIVES

A Classical Christian School

Paideia Academy is an instrument to assist parents in carrying out the biblical mandate to bring up their children in the paideia (training and admonition) of the Lord. We employ the Western classical tradition of learning, rooted in a distinctly Christian worldview, to cultivate godly affections and wisdom in our students in order to graduate virtuous men and women, whose love of Christ advances the Kingdom of God.

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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS*

Bible: 4 credits	Science: 4 credits	Classical Language: 4 credits
Math: 4 credits	History: 4 credits	Fine Arts: 1-2 credits
English: 4 credits	Rhetoric: 1-2 credits	P.E: 1 credit
Logic: 1-2 Credits	Jr. Research: 1 credit	Senior Thesis: 1 credit

* With permission from the Head of School, some credit hours may vary

HONORS AND CLASS RANK

Omnibus classes are considered honors classes due to the rigorous course expectations including the reading of primary sources. Honors courses receive an additional 0.5 quality point. Juniors and Seniors have the option to complete several dual enrollment classes. These courses receive an additional 1.0 quality point.

Class sizes are small, with a faculty to student ratio of 1:18. Therefore class rank is not meaningful outside of our institution.

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Average ACT Scores:
- English, 27
- Math, 27
- Reading, 30
- Science, 27
- Composite, 28

National Merit Finalist: 2
National Merit Commended: 4

Average CLT Scores:
- Verbal Reasoning, 29
- Grammar/Writing, 30
- Quantitative Reasoning, 24
- Total Average Score, 83

CLT 10 Regional Commended: 6
CLT10 '22 National Award Recipient

OMNIBUS

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, Hamlet, John Adams, All Quiet on the Western Front, Letter from a Birmingham Jail, The Picture of Dorian Gray, The Heart of Darkness, The Scarlet Letter, The Stranger, Poetry of T.S. Eliot, Out of the Silent Planet, Origin & Principles of the American Revolution, Art & the Bible, Crime & Punishment, Brave New World, Citizen Soldiers, A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

Junior Readings

The City of God, The Consolation of Philosophy, The Divine Comedy, Don Quixote, Heidelberg Catechism, The Golden Handbook, The Great Divorce, Othello, Complete Poems of George Herbert, The Koran, The Praise of Folly, Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings, The Prince, Summa Theologica, Bondage of the Will, St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Francis of Assisi

Sophomore Readings

The Iliad, Knowing God, Bacchae, Clouds, The Republic, Desiring God, Nicomachean Ethics, Day of Atonement, The Apocrypha, The War with Hannibal, Antony and Cleopatra, Eclogues, Georgics, The Jewish War, Metamorphoses, Meditations, The Apostolic Fathers, The Aeneid, The Writings of Cicero

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

Rhetoric: Rhetoric I & II, Symposium, Debate, Junior Research, Senior Thesis

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

Science: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geology, and Environmental Science

Foreign Language: Advanced Latin II and III, New Testament Greek I and II

Fine Arts: Band, Chorus, Handbells, Theatre, Theatre Tech, Art, Worship Team

HALL MODEL

Our six halls are modeled after the "house" system of Oxford and Cambridge and provide 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
Engage in debate and symposium presentations

JUNIOR RESEARCH• SENIOR THESIS

Junior Research Paper: Junior year students choose three fields of interest, and explore the philosophical and historical foundations of those fields. This research culminates in three 8-10 page papers. Finally, students create an oral and visual presentation based on their research.

Senior Thesis/Project: Students work with mentors and choose between two options for this capstone class: writing an apologetics thesis or completing a project which innovates or expands their field of study. The project also requires them to accumulate at least 25 hours of work experience in their chosen field. Both of these culminate in a 30 minute oral and visual presentation.

Omnibus Great Books Sequence

Freshman Readings

Westminster Confession, Foxe's Book of Martyrs, Pilgrim's Progress, Frankenstein, Of Plymouth Plantation, Pride and Prejudice, The Social Contract, Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers, Christianity and Liberalism, Reflections on the Revolution in France, Tale of Two Cities, The Killer Angels, The Communist Manifesto, Animal Farm, The Great Gatsby, To Kill a Mockingbird, Democracy in America

8th Grade Readings

Delighting in the Trinity, Beowulf, The Canterbury Tales, Confessions, Eusebius: The Church History, On the Incarnation of Our Lord, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, The Song of Roland, Here I Stand, Henry V, The Lord of the Rings, Romeo and Juliet, The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, A Midsummer Night's Dream

7th Grade Readings

The Orestia Trilogy, Codes of Hammurabi and Moses, Gilgamesh, The Histories, Julius Caesar, The Last Days of Socrates, The Odyssey, The Oedipus Trilogy, The Best Things in Life, Eagle of the Ninth, The Holiness of God, The Screwtape Letters, Till We Have Faces, Augustus Cesar's World, Early History of Rome

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Asbury University
Berry College
Bethlehem College
Belhaven University
Boyce College
Carson Newman University
Calvin University
Cedarville University
Covenant College
East Tennessee State University
Erskine College
Flagler College
Florida Southern College
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gordon College
Hope College
Impact 360
Johnson University
Lee University
Liberty University
Lipscomb University
Louisiana Tech University
Maryville College
Middle Tennessee State University
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
North Greenville University
Pellissippi State Community College
Reformation Bible College
Roane State Community College
Samford University
Tennessee Tech University
Union University
United States Air Force Academy
University of Alabama
University of Kentucky
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Memphis
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
University of Tennessee, Martin
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wheaton College
Wingate University