



# Hickory Christian ACADEMY

## 2020-2021 High School Profile

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### Administration

Tracy Robinson, Headmaster

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Abby Pulley, School Counselor

### School Facts

High School Code: 341814

PS – 12th Grade Enrollment: 471

First Graduating Class: 2006

Total Number of HCA Graduates: 328

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

High School Enrollment: 139

Teachers with College Degrees: 100%

High School Class Size Limit: 22

HS Teacher/Student Ratio: 1 to 16

Graduates attending 4 Year College: 88%

Calendar: 176 days

Tuition for High School: \$7866

\$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. The school day begins at 8am and ends at 2:45pm.

### **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 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
<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>1154</b>
<b>5 Year Average</b>	<b>1341</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>1168</b>
SAT Averages (Reading + Math)				
HCA - 100% tested ACT Composite converted to SAT R+M				
*Class of 2021 scores are through junior year only.				
2019 SAT Average from NCDPI	Average			
Hickory City/Catawba County – 56.2% / 36.6% tested	1102/1092			
North Carolina 45.7% tested	1091			
United States	1039			

## **CLASS OF 2021 WEIGHTED GPA**

GRADES: AUG 2017– JUNE 2020

4.250 – 4.429	16 students
4.000 – 4.249	5 students
3.750 – 3.999	4 students
3.500 – 3.749	1 student
3.250 – 3.499	1 student
3.000 – 3.249	1 student
Below 3.00	3 students
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31 students</b>

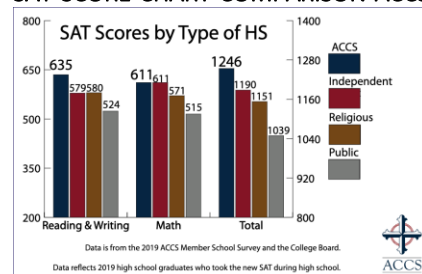
## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>24.0</b>

## **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><b><u>Honors English I</u></b> or <b>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><u>Honors English II</u></b> or <b>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><u>AP English Language &amp; Comp</u></b></p> <p><i>Everything's an Argument, Lunsford Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide, Kirszner</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b><u>Honors English III or English III</u></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><u>AP English Literature &amp; Comp</u></b></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><b><u>Honors English IV or English IV</u></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><u>Honors Geometry</u></b></p> <p><i>Geometry: An Integrated Approach, Larson</i></p>	<p><b><u>Honors Algebra II</u></b></p> <p><i>Algebra and Trigonometry: Functions &amp; Application, Foerster</i></p>	<p><b><u>Honors Precalculus</u></b></p> <p><i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p>	<p><b><u>AP Calculus</u></b></p> <p><i>Calculus for AP, Ragawski</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b><u>Honors Calculus</u></b></p> <p><i>Calculus I, Larson</i></p>
<p><b>Algebra I:</b> <i>Algebra I</i> Smith</p>	<p><b>Geometry:</b> <i>Geometry: An Integrated Approach,</i> Larson</p>	<p><b>Algebra II:</b> <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> Smith</p>	<p><b><u>Honors Precalculus</u></b></p> <p><i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Discrete Math</b></p> <p><i>Essentials of Statistics, Triola</i></p>
<p><b>Biology</b> <i>Exploring Creation With Biology,</i> Wiles</p>	<p><b>Chemistry</b> <i>Exploring Creation With Chemistry,</i> Wiles</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,</i> Wiles</p>	<p><b>Theology IV</b> (year-long) <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,</i> BJU Press</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><u>Honors Rhetoric II</u></b> (year-long) <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 ratings from a panel of faculty and community judges)</p>
<p><b>Spanish I</b> <i>En Español I,</i> McDougal Littell</p>	<p><b>Spanish II</b> <i>En Español II,</i> McDougal Littell</p>	<p><b>Theology III</b> (semester) <i>NASB Bible, Jesus Among Other Gods, Justification &amp; Regeneration</i> AND <b>Rhetoric I</b> (semester): <i>The Rhetoric and the Poetics of Aristotle, Johnson</i></p>	
<p><b>Theology I</b> (semester) <i>NASB Bible, The God Who is There, The Cross Centered Life</i> AND <b>Health &amp; PE</b> (semester)</p>	<p><b>Theology II</b> (semester) <i>NASB Bible, Gospel of the Kingdom, The Gospel of the King</i> AND <b>Civics</b> (semester) <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><u>Honors Anatomy</u></b> <i>The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, Wiles</i></p> <p><b><u>Honors Spanish IV</u></b> <i>En Español IV,</i> Gahala and Carlin</p> <p><b>CCP Courses/Dual Enrollment</b> <i>Catawba Valley Community College</i> Electives 2-D &amp; 3-D Art, Studio Art (*H), Chorus, Drama (*H), Drafting I &amp; 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, 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, Ski and Snowboarding Team, 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	Guilford Technical Community College	Savannah School of Art and Design
<b>Anderson University*</b>	<b>Haywood Community College*</b>	Sewanee-University of the South
<b>Appalachian State University*</b>	<b>High Point University*</b>	Texas Christian University*
<b>Auburn University*</b>	Houston Baptist University*	University of Alabama*
<b>Aveda Institute of Charlotte*</b>	James Madison University	University of Alabama-Birmingham*
<b>Baylor University*</b>	Johnson and Whales University	University of Arkansas
Belmont Abbey College	Kent State University*	University of California-LA
Berry College*	<b>Lee University*</b>	University of Florida
<b>Boyce College*</b>	<b>Lenoir-Rhyne University*</b>	<b>University of Georgia*</b>
Caldwell Community College*	<b>Liberty University*</b>	University of Mississippi*
Cape Fear Community College*	<b>Lipscomb University*</b>	University of Mobile*
<b>Catawba College*</b>	Louisiana State University	University of NC-Asheville*
<b>Catawba Valley Community College*</b>	<b>Mansfield University of Pennsylvania*</b>	<b>University of NC-Chapel Hill*</b>
<b>Charleston Southern University*</b>	Mars Hill College*	<b>University of NC-Charlotte*</b>
Citadel Military College of SC	Meredith College	<b>University of NC-Greensboro*</b>
<b>Clemson University*</b>	Montana State University*	University of NC-Pembroke*
College of Charleston*	Montreat College*	University of NC-Wilmington*
College of William and Mary	<b>New York University*</b>	University of Notre Dame*
Columbia International University*	North Carolina Central University	University of South Carolina*
Cornell University	<b>North Carolina State University*</b>	University of Tennessee
Covenant College	North Greenville University*	<b>University of Virginia*</b>
Davidson College*	Oakland University*	Vanderbilt University
Drexel University	Ohio State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
<b>East Carolina University*</b>	<b>One Life Gap Year SWU*</b>	<b>Virginia Tech*</b>
Elon University*	Pace University*	Wake Forest University*
Erskine College*	Pensacola Christian College*	West Point*
Fashion Institute Tech-NYC*	<b>Pfeiffer University*</b>	<b>Western Carolina University*</b>
Florida State University	Pittsburg State University*	<b>Western Piedmont Community*</b>
<b>Furman University*</b>	<b>Presbyterian College*</b>	Wheaton College*
<b>Gardner-Webb University*</b>	Queens University of Charlotte*	William & Mary; St. Andrews Scotland
George Mason University*	Quinnipiac University	Wingate University*
Georgia State University*	Radford University	Winthrop University*
Georgia Tech	Regent University	<b>Wofford College*</b>
Guilford College	<b>Roanoke College*</b>	<b>World Race Gap Year*</b>

\*HCA Student attends, attended or graduated

**Bold** = Matriculation previous three graduating