



Hickory Christian ACADEMY

2021-2022 High School Profile

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:

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Administration

Tracy Robinson, Head of School

Connie Peeler, Grammar Principal

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School Facts

High School Code: 341814

PS – 12th Grade Enrollment: 506

First Graduating Class: 2006

Total Number of HCA Graduates: 358

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

High School Enrollment: 140

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: \$8102

\$200,000+ Annual Tuition Assistance

Membership and Accreditation

Association of Classical Christian Schools

Membership: May 1997

Accredited: June 2015

ACCS: <http://classicalchristian.org>

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, over simple memorization of facts.

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 year-long, receiving one credit. Electives are half credit, meeting for one semester. The school day begins at 8:00am and ends at 2:45pm.

HONORS and AP COURSES:

HCA awards honors credit to eighteen 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 GPAs are computed on the transcripts. Honors courses are weighted an additional 1.0 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.

ACT/SAT AVERAGE COMPOSITE TEST SCORES

	Top 25%	Top 50%	Top 75%	All
Class of 2018	28/1314	27/1284	26/1236	24/1191
Class of 2019	28/1310	27/1266	25/1223	23/1135
Class of 2020	30/1375	28 /1305	26/1230	24/1190
Class of 2021	29/1349	27/1286	25/1219	23/1154
Class of 2022	25/1210	25/1210	25/1200	24/1160
5 Year Average	28/1312	27/1270	25/1222	24/1166
HCA - 100% tested ACT Composite converted to SAT R+M *Class of 2022 scores are through July 2021				
2019/2020 ACT/SAT Average from NCDPI				Average
Hickory City –	ACT - given to all students excluding those with testing exceptions SAT (47.3% tested)			17.5 1059
Catawba County –	ACT - given to all students excluding those with testing exceptions SAT (31.9% tested)			19.1 1112
North Carolina –	ACT - given to all students excluding those with testing exceptions SAT (42.6% tested)			18.8 1089
United States –	ACT SAT			20.6 1030

CLASS OF 2022 WEIGHTED GPA

GRADES: AUG 2018 – JUNE 2021

4.250 – 4.429	15 students
4.000 – 4.249	10 students
3.750 – 3.999	8 students
3.500 – 3.749	4 students
3.250 – 3.499	2 students
3.000 – 3.249	1 student
TOTAL	40 students

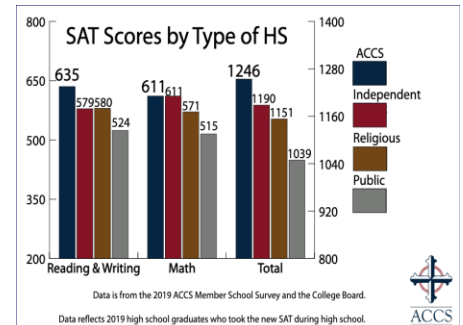
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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>Honors English I 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>Honors English II or English II</p> <p>Novels: <i>The Epic of Gilgamesh, The Odyssey, Hamilton's Mythology, Oedipus Cycle, Orestia, Julius Caesar, Pygmalion</i> Plus poems, numerous short stories and non-fiction essays</p> <p>Writing Instruction: <i>Master Classes: Journeymen Level, Applied Practice</i></p>	<p>AP English Language & Composition <i>Everything's an Argument, Lunsford</i> <i>Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide, Kirszner</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Honors English III or English III</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>AP English Literature & Composition <i>Bedford Intro. to Lit., Myer</i> <i>Writing About Lit., Roberts,</i> <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Foster</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Honors English IV or English IV</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>Honors Geometry <i>Geometry: An Integrated Approach, Larson</i></p>	<p>Honors Algebra II <i>Prentice Hall Mathematics Algebra II</i> Bellman, Bragg, Charles, etc.</p>	<p>Honors Precalculus <i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Honors Trigonometry <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> Paul A. Foerster</p>	<p>AP Calculus <i>Calculus for AP, Ragawski</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Honors Calculus <i>Calculus I, Larson</i></p>
<p>Algebra I <i>Algebra I</i> Smith</p>	<p>Geometry <i>Prentice Hall Mathematics Geometry</i> Brass, Charles, Johnson, etc.</p>	<p>Algebra II <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> Smith</p>	<p>Honors Precalculus <i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Advance Algebra & Trigonometry <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> Paul A. Foerster</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</i> <i>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>Honors Rhetoric II (year-long) <i>The Rhetoric & the Poetics of Aristotle, Johnson</i></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>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>Theology I (semester) <i>NASB Bible, The God Who is There, The Cross Centered Life</i></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Health & PE (semester)</p>	<p>Theology II (semester) <i>NASB Bible, Gospel of the Kingdom, The Gospel of the King</i></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Civics (semester) <i>Civics Today, Remy</i></p>	<p>Honors Spanish III <i>En Español III, McDougal Littell</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Honors Government</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Psychology <i>Intro to Psych & Counseling, Meier</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>CCP Courses/Dual Enrollment <i>Catawba Valley Community College</i></p>	<p>Honors Anatomy <i>The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, Wiles</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Honors Spanish IV <i>En Español IV,</i> Gahala and Carlin</p> <p>OR</p> <p>CCP Courses/Dual Enrollment <i>Catawba Valley Community College</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>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).</p> <p>*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 Baseball, Varsity Men's Soccer, Varsity Women's Soccer, JV Men's Basketball, Varsity Men's Basketball, Varsity Women's Basketball, Varsity Men's Baseball, Ski and Snowboarding Team, Varsity Women's Tennis, Varsity Men's Tennis, Varsity Men's Golf, Varsity Women's Golf, Varsity Men's and Women's Swimming, Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track

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, Excellence in Psychology, Excellence in Drafting

HICKORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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

*HCA Student attends, attended or graduated