



Hickory Christian ACADEMY

2025-2026 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: 520

First Graduating Class: 2006

Total Number of HCA Graduates: 482

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

High School Enrollment: 121

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: \$9,939

\$200,000+ Annual Tuition Assistance

Membership and Accreditation

Association of Classical Christian Schools

Membership: May 1997

Accredited: June 2015

ACCS: <http://classicalchristian.org>

National Council for Private Schools Accreditation

Accredited: July 2022

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 block A/B day schedule. Each academic course includes two to three 90-minute classes per week. Most academic courses are year-long and receive one credit. Electives are half credit, meeting for one semester. The school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m.

HONORS and AP COURSES:

HCA awards honors credit to 30 classes and offers 2 in-person English Dual Enrollment/AP courses and 1 AP Calculus class. Students with the most demanding schedule will accrue a total of 16 HCA honors courses, plus 2 English Dual Enrollment/AP courses and AP Calculus. The English Dual Enrollment courses are taught as both Dual Enrollment and AP (in-person), giving students the option to choose.

CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CVCC) – IN PERSON:

HCA partners with CVCC to offer college-level English (ENG 111, ENG 112, ENG 241, ENG 242) in person, taught by Dr. Wheeler. These courses are taught as both college-level English classes and AP English courses.

CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CVCC) – 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 academic 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. CVCC classes taken during HCA block or elective class are given honors weight. CVCC courses taken outside of the HCA school day do not receive credit but are noted on transcripts.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

HCA transcripts include both weighted and unweighted GPAs. 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. After the completion of junior year, the maximum weighted GPA is 4.786.

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.

TEST SCORES:

ACT/SAT	AVERAGE COMPOSITE SCORES			
	Top 25%	Top 50%	Top 75%	All
HCA Class of 2022	25/1210	25/1210	25/1210	24/1180
HCA Class of 2023	27/1280	28/1310	26/1240	24/1180
HCA Class of 2024	30/1370	28/1310	25/1210	23/1140
HCA Class of 2025	27/1280	27/1280	28/1210	23/1140
HCA Class of 2026	27/1280	27/1280	25/1210	23/1140
5 Year Average	27/1280	28/1280	26/1240	23/1140
HCA - 100% tested ACT Composite converted to SAT R+M *Class of 2024 scores are through August 2023				

CLASS OF 2026

Weighted GPA

GRADES: AUG 2022 – AUG 2025

4.700 – 4.786	10 students
4.600 – 4.699	3 students
4.400 – 4.599	5 students
4.300 – 4.399	4 students
3.950 – 4.299	3 students
3.500 – 3.949	3 students
2.800 – 3.499	3 students
TOTAL	31 students

GRADUATION CREDIT Requirements

English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
Foreign Language	2
Theology	2.5
Rhetoric	1.5
Fine Arts	1
Health & PE	1
Electives	1.5
Total Credits Required	24

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

9 th GRADE	10 th GRADE	11 th GRADE	12 th GRADE
<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: Master Classes: <i>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, The Oresteia, Julius Caesar, Pygmalion</i> Plus poems, numerous short stories, and non-fiction essays</p> <p>Writing Instruction: Master Classes: <i>Journeyman Level, Applied Practice</i></p>	<p>Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) – CCP Dual Enrollment (in person) ENG 111 and ENG 112 English Composition I English Composition II OR AP English Language & Composition OR Honors English III or English III <i>Beowulf, Macbeth, Divine Comedy, Canterbury Tales, Hamlet</i> Plus poems, numerous short stories, and non-fiction essays Writing Instruction: Master Classes: <i>Craftsman Level, Applied Practice</i></p>	<p>Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) – CCP Dual Enrollment (in person) ENG 241 and ENG 242 British Literature I British Literature II OR AP English Literature & Composition OR Honors English IV or English IV <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 Writing Instruction: Master Classes: <i>Master Level, Applied Practice</i></p>
<p>Honors Geometry <i>Geometry</i> Pearson</p>	<p>Honors Algebra II <i>Algebra II</i> Pearson</p>	<p>AP Precalculus <i>Precalculus with Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i> OR Honors Trigonometry <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> Paul A. Foerster</p>	<p>AP Calculus <i>Calculus for AP, Ragawski</i> OR Honors Statistics <i>STATS IN YOUR WORLD, 3rd Edition, Bock, Craine, Mariano, Velleman, DeVaux</i> OR Honors Precalculus <i>Precalculus with Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i></p>
<p>Algebra I <i>Algebra I</i> Pearson</p>	<p>Geometry <i>Geometry</i> Pearson</p>	<p>Algebra II <i>Algebra II</i> Pearson</p>	<p>Honors Precalculus <i>Precalculus With Limits, 2nd Edition, Larson</i> OR Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry <i>Algebra and Trigonometry</i> Paul A. Foerster</p>
<p>Honors Biology <i>Exploring Creation with Biology</i> Wile & Durnell</p>	<p>Honors Chemistry <i>Exploring Creation with Chemistry</i> Plourde & Hughes</p>	<p>Environmental Science <i>Environmental Science</i> Holt OR Honors Physics <i>Exploring Creation with Physics</i> Wile</p>	<p>Honors Theology IV (year-long) <i>ESV Bible (focusing on Romans) Because He Loves Me</i> Fitzpatrick <i>The Reason for God</i> Keller</p>
<p>Honors US History <i>United States History</i> BJU Press</p>	<p>Honors Western Civilizations I <i>The Western Heritage</i> Kagan, Ozment, Turner</p>	<p>Honors Western Civilizations II <i>The Western Heritage</i> Kagan, Ozment, Turner</p>	<p>Honors Rhetoric II (year-long) W/ THESIS</p> <p>Rhetoric Alive! Senior Thesis Alyssan Barnes, Ph.D.</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>Avancemos I</i> Holt McDougal</p>	<p>Spanish II <i>Avancemos II</i> Holt McDougal</p>	<p>Honors Theology III (semester) <i>ESV Bible (Focusing on Acts)</i> AND Honors Rhetoric I (semester) Rhetoric Alive! Principles of Persuasion Alyssan Barnes, Ph.D.</p>	
<p>Honors Theology I (semester) <i>ESV Bible, The God Who is There, The Cross-Centered Life</i> AND Health & PE (semester)</p>	<p>Honors Theology II (semester) <i>ESV Bible, Justification and Regeneration</i> Leiter AND Honors Civics (semester) <i>Civics Today</i> Glencoe</p>	<p>Honors CVCC (CCP) Dual Enrollment OR Honors Spanish III <i>Avancemos III, Holt McDougal</i></p>	<p>Honors Anatomy <i>The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, Shannon & Yunis</i> OR Honors CVCC (CCP) Courses/Dual Enrollment <i>Catawba Valley Community College</i> OR Internship OR Electives</p>
<p>2 Electives (semester) Art I, Art II, Chorus, Music Theory, Literary Magazine, Journalism, Computer Apps, Practical Life Skills, Team Sports, Strength Training, Mock Trial</p>	<p>2 Electives (semester) Art I, Art II, Studio Art, Drama, Chorus, Music Theory, Literary Magazine, Journalism, Computer Apps, Practical Life Skills, Mock Trial, Team Sports, Strength Training, College/Career Prep, Yearbook (year-long, 2-3 years)</p>	<p>2 Electives (semester) Art I, Art II, Studio Art, Drama, Chorus, Music Theory, Literary Magazine, Journalism, Computer Apps, Practical Life Skills, Mock Trial, Team Sports, Strength Training, College/Career Prep, Yearbook (year-long, 2-3 years)</p>	<p>Art I, Art II, Studio Art (*H), Chorus, Music Theory, Drama (*H), Weight Training, Team Sports, Computer Apps, Mock Trial, Literary Magazine, Journalism, Life Skills, Leadership Development, Yearbook (*H). *H = Honors Positions by selection process (i.e., Drama, Yearbook Editorial Positions, Annual Featured Artists)</p>

HICKORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: EXTRACURRICULARS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

HCA CLUBS:

Art Club, Chess Club, Mock Trial, Drama Club, Spanish Club, Culture Club, Pickleball Club, National Beta Club, Praise Band

HCA ATHLETICS:

Varsity Women's Volleyball, JV Women's Volleyball, Varsity Men's Soccer, Varsity Women's Soccer, Varsity Men's Basketball, JV Men's Basketball, Varsity Women's Basketball, Varsity Men's Baseball, Varsity Ski & Snowboard Team, Varsity Women's Tennis, Varsity Men's Tennis, Varsity Men's Golf, Varsity Women's Golf, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track and Field

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, Excellence in Math, 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 Theology

HICKORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University	Guilford Technical Community College	Sewanee-University of the South
Anderson University*	Haywood Community College*	Texas Christian University*
Appalachian State University*	High Point University*	University of Alabama*
Auburn University*	Houston Baptist University*	University of Alabama-Birmingham*
Aveda Institute of Charlotte*	James Madison University	University of Arkansas
Baylor University*	Johnson and Whales University	University of California-LA
Belmont Abbey College	Kent State University*	University of Connecticut
Belmont University*	King University*	University of Florida
Berry College*	Lee University*	University of Georgia*
Boyce College*	Lenoir-Rhyne University*	University of Miami*
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 University*	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*	Palm Beach Atlantic University*	Wake Technical Community College*
Erskine College*	Penn State University-Altoona	West Point*
Fashion Institute Tech-NYC*	Pensacola Christian College*	Western Carolina University*
Florida State University*	Pfeiffer University*	Western Piedmont Community*
Fordham University	Pittsburg State University*	Wheaton College*
Furman University*	Presbyterian College*	William & Mary; St. Andrews Scotland
Gardner-Webb University*	Queens University of Charlotte*	Wingate University*
George Mason University*	Quinnipiac University	Winthrop University*
Georgia State University*	Radford University	Wofford College*
Georgia Tech	Regent University	World Race Gap Year*
Guilford College	Roanoke College*	
	Savannah School of Art and Design*	

*HCA student attends, attended, or graduated