



Hickory Christian ACADEMY

2026-2027 High School Profile

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School Facts

High School Code: 341814

PS – 12th Grade Enrollment: 556

First Graduating Class: 2006

Total Number of HCA Graduates: 514

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: \$10,933

\$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

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, 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 meets for three 90-minute classes one week and two 90-minute classes the next, alternating throughout the year. 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 offers honors credit in 30 classes, along with Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment opportunities. AP Precalculus and AP Calculus are offered, along with college-level English courses that count as both Dual Enrollment and AP. Because these English courses are taught as both Dual Enrollment/AP sections, students choose which credit (DE, AP, or both) they want to receive.

A student taking the most demanding schedule possible would complete:

- 17 HCA honors courses
- 2 AP math courses (AP Precalculus and AP Calculus)
- 4 Dual Enrollment English courses/2 AP English courses (in-person)

CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CVCC) – IN PERSON:

HCA partners with CVCC to offer college-level English in person, taught by HCA teacher Dr. Wheeler. Juniors take ENG 111/112, which is taught as both college-level English and AP Language/Composition. Seniors take ENG 241/242, which is taught as both college-level English and AP Literature/Composition. Students choose which credit (DE, AP, or both) they want to receive.

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 enroll in 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/In-person Dual Enrollment ENG 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 4.833.

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 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
HCA Class of 2027	29/1340	28/1310	26/1240	25/1210
5 Year Average	28/1310	28/1310	26/1240	24/1180
HCA - 100% tested ACT Composite (superscore) converted to SAT R+M				
*Class of 2027 scores are through July 2026				

CLASS OF 2027

Weighted GPA

GRADES: AUG 2022 – AUG 2025

4.800 – 4.833	6 students
4.700 – 4.799	4 students
4.450 – 4.699	4 students
4.200 – 4.449	3 students
4.000 – 4.199	3 students
3.490 – 3.999	2 students
2.988 – 3.489	1 student
TOTAL	23 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

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

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
Anderson University*
Appalachian State University*
Auburn University*
Aveda Institute of Charlotte*
Baylor University*
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University*
Berry College*
Boyce College*
Caldwell Community College*
Campbell University*
Cape Fear Community College*
Catawba College*
Catawba Valley Community College*
Charleston Southern University*
Citadel Military College of SC*
Clemson University*
College of Charleston*
College of William and Mary
Columbia International University*
Cornell University
Covenant College
Davidson College*
Drexel University
East Carolina University*
Elon University*
Erskine College*
Fashion Institute Tech-NYC*
Florida State University*
Fordham University
Furman University*
Gardner-Webb University*
George Mason University*
Georgia State University*
Georgia Tech
Guilford College

Guilford Technical Community College
Haywood Community College*
High Point University*
Houston Baptist University*
James Madison University
Johnson and Whales University
Kent State University*
King University*
Lee University*
Lenoir-Rhyne University*
Liberty University*
Lipscomb University*
Louisiana State University
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania*
Mars Hill University*
Meredith College
Montana State University*
Montreat College*
New York University*
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University*
North Greenville University*
Oakland University*
Ohio State University
One Life Gap Year SWU*
Pace University*
Palm Beach Atlantic University*
Penn State University-Altoona
Pensacola Christian College*
Pfeiffer University*
Pittsburg State University*
Presbyterian College*
Queens University of Charlotte*
Quinnipiac University
Radford University
Regent University
Roanoke College*
Savannah School of Art and Design*

Sewanee-University of the South
Texas Christian University*
University of Alabama*
University of Alabama-Birmingham*
University of Arkansas
University of California-LA
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Georgia*
University of Miami*
University of Mississippi*
University of Mobile*
University of NC-Asheville*
University of NC-Chapel Hill*
University of NC-Charlotte*
University of NC-Greensboro*
University of NC-Pembroke*
University of NC-Wilmington*
University of Notre Dame*
University of South Carolina*
University of Tennessee*
University of Virginia*
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech*
Wake Forest University*
Wake Technical Community College*
West Point*
Western Carolina University*
Western Piedmont Community*
Wheaton College*
William & Mary; St. Andrews Scotland
Wingate University*
Winthrop University*
Wofford College*
World Race Gap Year*

**HCA student attends, attended, or graduated*