



Veritas Preparatory Academy

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ACADEMY INFORMATION

School Code: 030583
Established Date: 2002
Enrollment: 325 students
Accreditation: Cognia

CLASS OF 2026 FACTS

# of Graduates	72
Unweighted GPA Range	1.83-4.00
Average Unweighted GPA	3.27
% attending 4-yr college	83%
% attending 2-yr college	11%
% attending out of state	40%
% accepted Honors program	43%
% taking gap year	5%
% enlisting in Military	0%
# attending Service Academy	1
% entering a STEM field	58%
% identify as students of color	23%
# first generation	10
# National Merit Finalist	1
# National Merit Commended	2
# National Scholars	13

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

H. Eng. 1-4	4.5 or 5.5 credits
(Humane Letters/Poetry/Rhetoric)	
H. History (Humane Letters)	4 credits
H. Science w/ lab	3 or 4 credits
H. Mathematics	4 or 5 credits
H. Economics	.5 credits
H. Foreign Language	3 or 4 credits
Fine Arts	4 credits
Senior Thesis	.25 credits
Total Credits Required	24.25

Veritas Preparatory Academy is a founding member of Great Hearts Academies, which is a non-profit network of charter schools and the largest “brick and mortar” provider of classical liberal arts education in the nation.

As a public charter, Great Hearts provides a tuition-free education for approximately 3,050 students enrolled in grades 9-12 across Arizona. Great Hearts adheres to all open enrollment laws. Our academies receive more applications for enrollment than seats available. If this is the case for any grade level at an academy, a lottery will be held. Students who are not admitted through the lottery process will be placed on a waitlist and may be offered admission during that year if a seat becomes available.

High School Curriculum

All students 9th-11th grade take a common, one-track, Honors curriculum, that introduces students to the tools of critical inquiry essential to each discipline and every field through a robust liberal arts education. The Great Books curriculum emphasizes the fundamentals of the arts, sciences, and humanities as students are in conversation with many of the most challenging, influential texts in the Western canon. This academic approach not only prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education, but it also instills in our students the belief that, as maintained by Plato, the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, no AP or electives are offered. All courses 10th-12th grade are eligible for Dual Enrollment credits.

9th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters I: The American Tradition
Honors Geometry
Honors Biology (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion (French I, Spanish I, Latin IV)
Music Theory III/Choir
Poetry

10th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters II: The Rise of Modern Europe
Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
Honors Chemistry (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion (French II, Spanish II, Latin V)
Honors Economics
Music Theory IV/Choir

11th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
Honors Calculus I
Honors Physics I (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion (French III, Spanish III, Greek I)
Drama I
Studio Art

12th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
Honors Calculus II*
Honors Physics II* (with lab)
Honors Foreign Language - Immersion* (French IV, Spanish IV, Greek II)
Honors Rhetoric*
Honors Logic and Computation*
Drama II
Studio Art
Senior Thesis and Defense

*Student must choose three out of five Honors options

Humane Letters

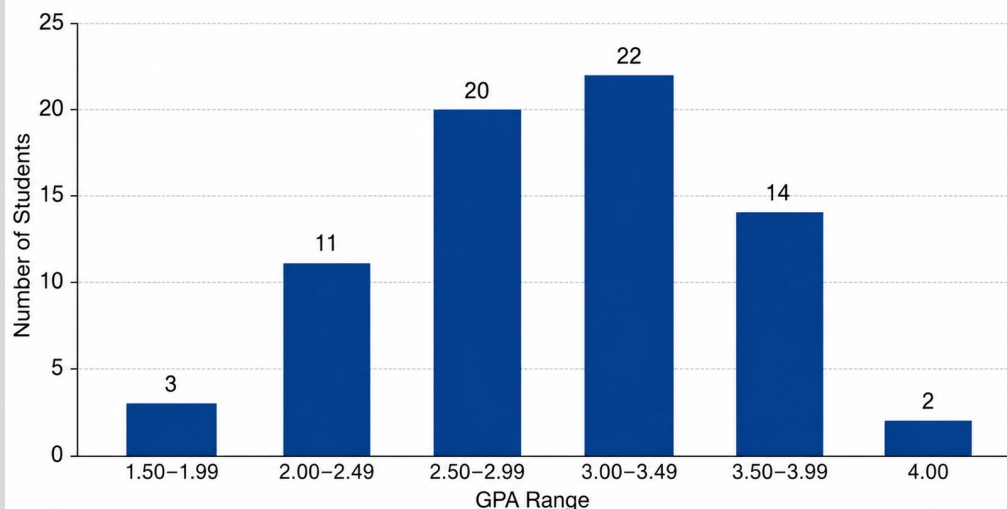
Humane Letters is a combined History and English course and is the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Veritas Prep for all 9th-12th grade students. Humane Letters is a two-hour daily seminar directed through the Socratic Method and revolves around readings from Western Civilization's best works in philosophy, drama, history, poetry, novels, and essays. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation and civil discourse, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers.

Senior Thesis and Defense

Each senior completes a year-long capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. The Senior Thesis is the culmination of the student's years at the academy. Under the supervision of a faculty advisor, the student explores a scholarly question of his/her choice through the close reading of three works from the Western Tradition. The final project illustrates a deep understanding of the topic through a 15-20 page paper and an oral defense of their work before faculty, family, and peers. Each student receives .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

Core Course Studies may be reflected on a student's transcript. Core Course Studies provide students with instruction and support to enable them to progress academically in core content areas. This instruction supplements but does not supplant any core-area course in which students are also enrolled.

Class of 2027 Grade Distribution 72 Students



TEST	Middle 50%	Mean	# Tested
ACT Class of 2026	19-27	23	66
SAT Class of 2026	1170-1415	1300	20

GRADING SCALE

HONORS	NON-HONORS
A (5.00) = 100-93	A (4.00) = 100-93
A- (4.67) = 92-90	A- (3.67) = 92-90
B+ (4.33) = 89-88	B+ (3.33) = 89-88
B (4.00) = 87-83	B (3.00) = 87-83
B- (3.67) = 82-80	B- (2.67) = 82-80
C+ (3.33) = 79-78	C+ (2.33) = 79-78
C (3.00) = 77-73	C (2.00) = 77-73
C- (2.67) = 72-70	C- (1.67) = 72-70
D+ (2.33) = 69-68	D+ (1.33) = 69-68
D (2.00) = 67-63	D (1.00) = 67-63
D- (1.67) = 62-60	D- (0.67) = 62-60
F (0.00) = 50-0	F (0.00) = 50-0

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Transcripts of students who attend a Great Hearts Academy in 8th grade will include level 8 Algebra with a P/F grade indicating a student's complete level of mathematical progression.
- The Arizona state requirement, one full credit, for U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters. The Arizona state requirement, one-half credit, for U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters.
- For the weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation.
- Students are not ranked.
- Transfer credits from outside Great Hearts are not included in GPA.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As opposed to an elected student council, our students are assembled into six houses in order to encourage a spirited and close-knit community. Within this house system, we provide the following leadership opportunities:

- House Consul and Proconsul: seniors-only leadership
- Veritas Mentor Program: student-led tutoring/mentorship
- Yearbook & 56th Street Journal: editorial positions
- Great Hearts Great Hands: grade-level leadership positions for community service
- Athletics: Student Athlete Leadership Team and Team Captains

EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Athletics: Member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association with 18 varsity sport teams
- Honor Chorale: audition only
- Women's and Men's Choirs
- Pep Band
- Annual Drama Performance
- Engineering Club
- 56th Street Journal: school newspaper
- Great Hearts Great Hands: community service organization
- Yearbook Design
- Geology Club
- Studio Art

SAMPLE OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Brigham Young University-Provo
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
California State Polytechnic University
California Lutheran University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Drexel University
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Kenyon College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Miami University of Ohio
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara University
Smith College
Sorbonne Universite
Texas A & M University-College Station
Texas Christian University
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Dallas
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Southern California
University of Westminster
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College