



SCHOOL PROFILE

TALL OAKS CLASSICAL SCHOOL

2018-2019

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Tall Oaks Classical School is accredited through the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS).

Founded in 1994, Tall Oaks Classical School employs a rigorous classical and Christian curriculum taught by a highly-qualified faculty that see themselves not as conveyors of information, but as cultivators of minds and hearts. We emphasize our students' abilities to interpret a text, reason soundly, and express themselves clearly and winsomely both in writing and orally. We seek to foster virtue and mature character in our students in addition to a well-rounded competence which is applicable to all facets of life.

HALLMARKS

Engaging Great Ideas Our students engage the great ideas of history via Socratic discussions through literature, poetry, theology, art, music, and science. Students study original texts which include *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, the *Bible*, *The Republic*, *The Brothers Karamazov*, *Beowulf*, *Agamemnon*, *Nicomachean Ethics*, and *The Canterbury Tales*.

House Participation Each student is assigned membership in one of four school Houses. The House program fosters leadership opportunities through academic and athletic competition, mentoring of younger students, and community service, all of which creates a vibrant school community.

Rhetoric A hallmark of Tall Oaks is the emphasis placed on written and oral communication. Tall Oaks students can winsomely persuade others. As the culmination of their educations, students research and write an original 20+ page paper on an issue of theological, cultural, or political import and defend it before a panel of judges.

Educating the Whole Person The mission of Tall Oaks is to assist parents in preparing their children to excel in every duty and calling God has for them throughout their lives by providing a classical and Christ-centered curriculum designed to equip our graduates with the tools to acquire, process, express, and defend knowledge from a Biblical worldview.

Students and School

Total Enrolled: 229
School founded in 1994
Average Class Size: 16
Class of 2019: 18
Diversity: Students represent a variety of racial, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds.
Tall Oaks accepts F-1 visa international students

Grading and Transcripts

Quarter system;
All *core* courses in grades 9 – 12 are taught at an honors level;
Honors courses at the 10th grade level are weighted with an additional half of a grade point;
Honors courses at the 11th and 12th grade levels are weighted with one additional grade point;
Course levels and weights are indicated on the transcript;
Weighted and unweighted cumulative GPA's are reported;
Tall Oaks does not calculate or report class rank.

Latin Honors

(based on the unweighted GPA)

4.0	Summa cum Laude
3.7 - 3.99	Magna cum Laude
3.5 - 3.69	Cum Laude

Faculty

9 Core Upper School Teaching Faculty
100% have undergraduate degrees;
89% have graduate degrees; and
44% have earned PhD's.

Grading Scale

The following is the grading scale for core courses:

Percentage	Grade	GPA (unweighted)
98 – 100	A+	4
94 – 97	A	4
91 - 93	A-	4
88 - 90	B+	3
84 – 87	B	3
81 – 83	B-	3
78 - 80	C+	2
74 - 77	C	2
70 - 73	C-	2
< 70	F	0

Class of 2018 SAT Scores Averages

Total Tested	14
Composite	1287
Critical Reading/Writing	666
Math	621

DUAL-ENROLLMENT COURSES

(Tall Oaks does not offer AP Courses)

Tall Oaks Classical School offers dual-enrollment courses through a partnership with Cairn University. For the 2018-2019 school year, dual-enrollment courses include:

- Spanish I, II, and III
- U.S. History I
- Calculus
- Economics
- Rhetoric I and II
- Advanced Literature
- Civics
- Chemistry, Biology, and Physics (including Labs)
- Greek
- Systematic Theology
- Hermeneutics and Spiritual Disciplines

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Science	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Language	4 credits
Bible	4 credits
History	3 credits
Rhetoric	2 credits
Debate	1 credit
Literature	4 credits
Chorus	1 credits
Art	1.5 credits
Music	2 credits
Physical Education	<u>1 credit</u>

31.5 Credits

CURRICULUM

Science	Languages	Math	Literature	Bible	Rhetoric	Fine Arts/ Electives
Physical Science	Latin I	Pre-Algebra	Classical Literature	Systematic Theology	Logic	Chorus
Biology	Greek I	Algebra I	American Literature	O.T. Theology	Debate	Choral Ensemble
Chemistry	Spanish I	Algebra II	British Literature	N.T. Theology	Rhetoric I	Art
Physics	Spanish II	Geometry	Advanced Literature	Aesthetics	Rhetoric II	Computers
	Spanish III	Pre-calculus		Hermeneutics		Personal Finance
		Calculus		Apologetics		College Prep

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS *(Class of 2018 Matriculations in Bold)*

Belhaven University	Liberty University	The Citadel
Boston University	Marine Reserve Officers Training Corps	The King's College
Ballet Magnificat!	Marshall University	Trinity College
Bob Jones University	McDaniel College	Union University
Cairn University	Messiah College	University of California-Davis
Campbell University	Mississippi College	University of Delaware
Cedarville University	Moravian College	University of Florida
Cornell University	New Saint Andrews College	University of Hartford
Cottey College	Nyack College	University of Idaho
Covenant College	Oxford University, UK	University of Maryland Baltimore County
Delaware State	Peabody Institute-John's Hopkins University	University of Mexico
Delaware Technical and Community College	Penn State University	University of Notre Dame
Durham University, UK	Philadelphia University	University of Pittsburgh
Franklin & Marshall	Providence College	University of Sussex, UK
Geneva College	Purdue University	US Air Force Academy
Gordon College	Regent University	US Military Academy at West Point
Grand Canyon University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	US Naval Academy
Grove City College	Rutgers University	Villanova University
Harding University	Salisbury University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Hillsdale College	Samford University	Washington College
Hofstra University	St. John's University	West Chester University
Houghton College	Stanford University	Westminster Choir College
LeTourneau University	Syracuse University	West Virginia University
Lebanon Valley College	Temple University	Wheaton College
		Wilmington University