High School Curriculum

Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, no AP classes or electives are offered; instead, all students take a common sequence of honors level classes. The core curriculum is four years of college-prep math, four years of laboratory science, four years of Humane Letters (a two credit class) that includes four years of literature/philosophy and four years of social science. All students also enroll in four years of full immersion foreign language, and fine arts.

The Core Course Studies class provides 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 that students are also enrolled in.

Humane Letters: Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Great Hearts is Humane Letters. The class is an exploration of the permanent questions that animate any truly human life through the history and literature of the Great Tradition of the West. What is a good man and good citizen, what are the qualities of a true friend, what kinds of virtue are necessary for a flourishing political and moral life are just a few of the important questions that are addressed with uncommon subtlety and profundity in the books that we read together. Meeting daily for nearly two hours affords an opportunity for serious discussion among students guided by a skilled teacher who assists them to read more deeply, exploring difficulties and puzzles, and ever striving for greater clarity. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers.

9th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters I: The American Tradition
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Biology (with lab)
- Honors Modern Language I (French or Spanish) or Honors Latin IV
- Poetry Composition
- Music III (including composition and choral performance)

11th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
- Honors Calculus I
- Honors Physics I: Mechanics (with lab)
- Honors Modern Language III (French or Spanish) or Honors Ancient Greek I
- Drama I
- Studio Art III (including drawing, painting, and

10th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters II: The Rise of Modern Europe
- Honors Pre-calculus
- Honors Chemistry (with lab)
- Honors Modern Language II (French or Spanish) or Honors Latin V
- Honors Economics
- Music IV (including composition and choral performance)

12th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters IV: Western Thought from Middle Ages to Modernity
- Honors Calculus II
- Honors Physics II: Electromagnetism / Optics Wave Motion (with lab)
- Honors Modern Language IV (French or Spanish) or Honors Ancient Greek II

- Drama II
- Studio Art IV (including) drawing, painting, and sculpture)
- Senior Thesis & Defense

Senior Thesis and Defense: Each graduate completes a Capstone Project. The two semester project, with a faculty thesis advisor, focuses on

a scholarly question of the student's choice. The final project illustrates a deep understanding of the topic through a 15-20 page paper and a thesis defense, a public presentation and oral examination with a faculty panel.

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School Information

School Code - 030661 Established Date - 2007 Size (enrollment) - 850 students Accreditation - AdvancED

Our Prep Schools



GreatHearts

Great Hearts Academies 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, we provide a tuition-free education for approximately 14,000 students in 28 academies in Arizona and Texas. Great Hearts is subject to open enrollment laws. Typically, our academies receive more applications for enrollment than there are 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.

Our Core curriculum is a robust liberal arts education that introduces students to the tools of critical inquiry essential to each discipline and every walk of life. 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 prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education as well as agreeing with Plato, that the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

Testing Results

(Network Averages of 335 Students from the Class of 2016)

| TEST | Middle 50% | Mean |
|----------------------|------------|------|
| SAT Critical Reading | 540-670 | 607 |
| SAT Math | 540-670 | 603 |
| ACT | Middle 50% | Mean |
| English | 23-31 | 27 |
| Reading | 23-31 | 27 |
| Math | 23-28 | 26 |
| Science | 22-27 | 25 |
| Composite | 23-29 | 26 |
| | | |

National Merit Commended: 15%

National Merit Finalists: 7%

Students accepted to more or most selective colleges and universities: 68% Students immediately attending college: 98% (* 2% gap year or military)

Faculty Data

65 # of faculty members

36 # of faculty members with a Masters degree

13:1 Student/Teacher Ratio

4 # of faculty members with a PhD

Sample College Acceptances 2013 - 2016

Allegheny College American Academy of Dramatic Arts/West American University Arizona State University ASU (Barrett Honors College) Auburn University Azusa Pacific University Barnard College Bates College Baylor University (Honors) Belhaven University Belmont Abbey College Belmont University Beloit College Benedictine College Bentley University Berry College Bethany College Binghamton University Biola University (Torrey Honors) Boise State University Boston University Bradley University Brandeis University Briar Cliff University Brigham Young University, Idaho Brigham Young University, Provo Bryn Mawr College **Bucknell University Butler University** Cal Polytechnic Institute California Institute of Technology California Lutheran University California Maritime Carleton College Carnegie Mellon University Carroll University Carthage College Case Western Reserve University Catholic University of America Central College Centro De Investigacion Y Docencia Economicas (cide) Chapman University Claremont McKenna College Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Coe College Colby College College of Charleston College of Idaho College of the Atlantic College of the Holy Cross College of William and Mary College of Wooster

Lipscomb University Louisiana Tech University Loyola University of Maryland Loyola University, Chicago Macalester College MacEwan University Manhattan College Manhattanville College Colorado Christian University Marquette University Marymount University (Honors) Colorado School of Mines Master's College and Seminary Colorado State University Mercer University Colorado State University, Pueblo Messiah College Columbia University Midwestern State University Concordia University

Dartmouth College Davidson College DePaul University Dordt College Dowling College Drexel University Duke University Duquesne University Farlham College

Connecticut College

Cooper Union

Cornell University Creighton University

Eastern University (Templeton Honors) Eckerd College (Honors) Flon University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University **Emory University**

Evergreen State College Fordham University Fort Lewis College

Franciscan University of Steubenville Franklin and Marshall College Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering George Fox College (Honors)

George Washington University Georgia Institute of Technology Gettysburg College Gonzaga University Gordon College

Grand Canyon University Grinnell College Grove City College Gustavus Adolphus College

Hamilton College Hamline University Hampshire College

Harvard Harvey Mudd College Haverford College Hendrix College High Point University Hillsdale College Hofstra University Humboldt State University

Illinois Institute of Technology Illinois Weslevan College Indiana University

Indiana Wesleyan University Iowa State University Ithaca College

James Madison University John Brown University (Honors) John Cabot University

Johns Hopkins University Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Kina's College Lake Forest College Lawrence University Lehigh University Lewis & Clark College Liberty University Linfield College

Lovola Marymount University (Honors)

Loyola University of New Orleans

Mills College

Montana State University (Honors) New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology New York University

Northeastern University (Honors) Northern Arizona University Northwest Christian University Northwestern University

Notre Dame of Maryland Nova Southeastern University Oberlin College

Oberlin Conservatory of Music Occidental College Ohio University Pace University, New York

Patrick Henry College Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University Pennsylvania State University Pepperdine University

Portland State University

Philadelphia University

Pitzer College

Presentation College

Principia College Providence College Purdue University (Honors) Queen Margaret University Reed College

Regent University Regis University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)

Rhodes College Rice University

Roanoke College Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Roger Williams University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama **Rutgers University**

Saint Louis University Saint Xavier University Sam Houston State University Samford University (Honors) San Diego Christian College San Francisco State University San Jose State University

Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Scripps College Seattle University

Simpson College Smith College South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Southern Methodist University (Honors) St. Catherine University St. John's College

St. John's University St. Lawrence University St. Mary's College of California St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Olaf College

Stanford University State University of New York, Buffalo Stockton University Suffolk University Swarthmore College Syracuse University Taylor University Temple University Texas A & M University Texas Christian University Texas Tech University The New School - All Divisions

Thomas Aguinas College Towson University Trinity College Trinity University

Tulane University Union College United States Air Force Academy United States Merchant Marine Academy United States Naval Academy University College Dublin University of Alabama (Honors) University of Alberta

University of Arizona (Honors) University of Arkansas University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis University of California, Los Angeles University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz University of Central Missouri University of Chicago University of Cincinnat University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

University of Colorado, Denver

University of Dallas University of Delaware University of Denver

University of Essex University of Florida University of Glasgow

University of Great Falls, Montana University of Hawaii

University of Idaho University of Illinois University of Iowa University of Kansas

University of Kentucky University of LaVerne University of Lethbridge University of Limerick University of Maine (Honors)

University of Mary University of Mary Hardin-Baylor University of Massachusetts, Boston

University of Miami University of Michigan University of Minnesota

University of Mississippi University of Missouri University of Montana University of Nebraska

University of Nevada, Las Vegas University of New Mexico University of Notre Dame University of Oregon (Honors)

University of Pennsylvania University of Portland University of Puget Sound University of Redlands University of Rhode Island

University of Richmond University of Rochester University of San Diego University of San Francisco

University of South Carolina (Honors) University of Southern California

University of Tampa University of Texas, Austin University of the Pacific University of Toledo

University of Toronto University of Utah (Honors) University of Vermont University of Virginia

University of Washington University of Wisconsin Valparaiso University Vanderbilt University

Vassar College Virginia Polytechnic Institute Wabash College Walsh University Warner Pacific College

Wartburg College Washington and Lee University Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis

Wellesley College Wentworth Institute of Technology Wesleyan University

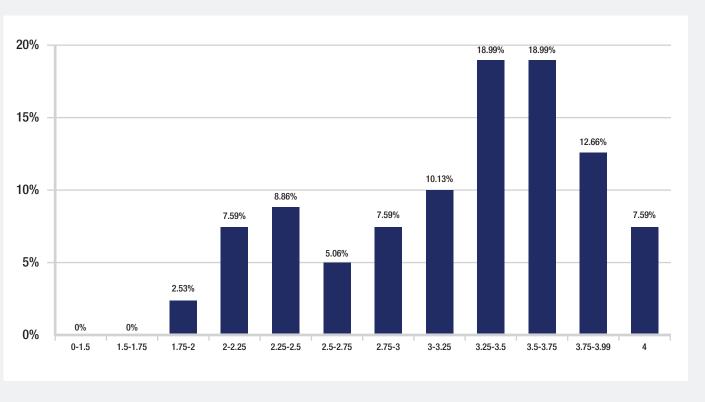
Western New England University Western Washington University Westminster College

Westmont College Wheaton College Whitman College Whittier College Whitworth University Willamette University Williams College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Xavier University Yale University







Scottsdale Prep Class of 2016 Facts

71 Number of graduates

1.235-4.0 Unweighted GPA Range

3.2 Average Unweighted GPA

| TEST | Middle 50% | Mean | # Tested |
|-----------|------------|------|----------|
| ACT | 23-27 | 26 | 54 |
| SAT CR& M | 1140-1370 | 1249 | 65 |

Select Features

- The Arizona state requirement, one full credit, for US History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters
- The Arizona state requirement, one-half credit, for US Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters
- The highest course level in all subjects, with the exception of fine arts, is Honors.
- For the weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation
- We believe in the growth of leaders through accomplishments; we do not have class officers or NHS.
- We do not rank our students, and letter grades and competition among students are de-emphasized
- Transfer students may have a different curricular sequence







