

Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

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School Information

School Code - 030661
Established Date - 2007
Size (9-12th grade enrollment) - 353 students
Accreditation - American Academy of Liberal Education (AALE)

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 21,000 students in 30 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.

Network Averages:

Testing and data results from the Class of 2020 - 555 students

	Middle 50%	Mean	Middle 50%	Mean
ACT English	25 - 34	28.9	SAT EBRW	570 - 670
ACT Reading	24 - 33	28.6	SAT Math	550 - 670
ACT Math	24 - 30	26.4	SAT Composite	1130 - 1340
ACT Science	22 - 30	26.1		
ACT Composite	24 - 31	28.0		

Percentage of students immediately attending a college/university	97%
Percentage of students pursuing STEM degrees	52%
Percentage of students who were offered merit-based scholarships (including athletic scholarships)	75%
National Merit Finalists	10
National Merit Commended (including National Hispanic)	17
Number of students attending an honors college/program	149
Number of students headed into the Military	10

Great Hearts Student Academic Record (Transcript) Updates:

2nd Semester Grading Policy for Prep Schools (6-12th grade) for Spring 2020

– Students' Quarter 4 remote learning coursework was graded on a simple "Pass/Fail" basis; Semester 2 courses were letter graded.

– Students who earned a "Pass" in Q4 received a letter grade for Semester 2 that is no lower than the letter grade earned for the same course in Quarter 3; distinguished coursework in Q4 may have resulted in a Semester 2 letter grade that is higher than the Q3 grade.

– Any courses taken only in Quarter 4 were graded according to an A-F letter grade scale.

– If a student earned a "Fail" for Q4 coursework, the letter grade for that course may be lower than the Quarter 3 grade, including the possibility of an "F" for the semester and no credits earned.

High School Curriculum - Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

Great Hearts Curriculum Refinement

In the spirit of continuous improvement, rising seniors will continue to study Humane Letters and Fine Arts; however, students will have the opportunity to select three courses out of the five honors level offerings: Honors Calculus II, Honors Physics II, a fourth year of Honors Foreign Language and two new courses.

Honors Rhetoric: an in-depth study of American speeches, debates and persuasive writing present through the lens of classical rhetorical principles.

Honors Logic and Computation: a study of formal logic from Aristotle through its modern incarnation as computer coding.

9th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters I: The American Tradition
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Biology (with lab)

- Honors Foreign Language: French I, Spanish I, or Latin IV
- Poetry Composition I
- Music Theory III/Choir

10th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters II: The Rise of Modern Europe
- Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry or Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Chemistry (with lab)

- Honors Foreign Language: French II, Spanish II, or Latin V
- Honors Economics
- Music Theory IV/Choir

11th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
- Honors Calculus I
- Honors Physics I: Mechanics (with lab)

- Honors Foreign Language: French III, Spanish III, or Ancient Greek I
- Drama I
- Studio Art III (including drawing, painting and sculpture)

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 Foreign Language: French III, Spanish III, or Ancient Greek II
- Honors Rhetoric *
- Honors Logic and Computation*
- Studio Art IV (including drawing, painting and sculpture)
- Drama II
- Senior Thesis & Defense

*Student must choose three out of five Honors options.

Senior Thesis and Defense:

Each graduate completes a capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. The Senior Thesis is the culmination of the student's years at the academy. It is a year-long project completed in addition to the normal courseload. In this project, students work closely with an advisor from the faculty to read and discuss two significant great books in one-on-one meetings during the first and second quarter. By the end of the third quarter, the student will have produced a 15-20 page thesis that synthetically brings forth their own answer to a major philosophical question. Finally, during the fourth quarter, each student will participate in an hour-long oral defense of their work before a panel of teachers and a substantial audience. Students receive .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

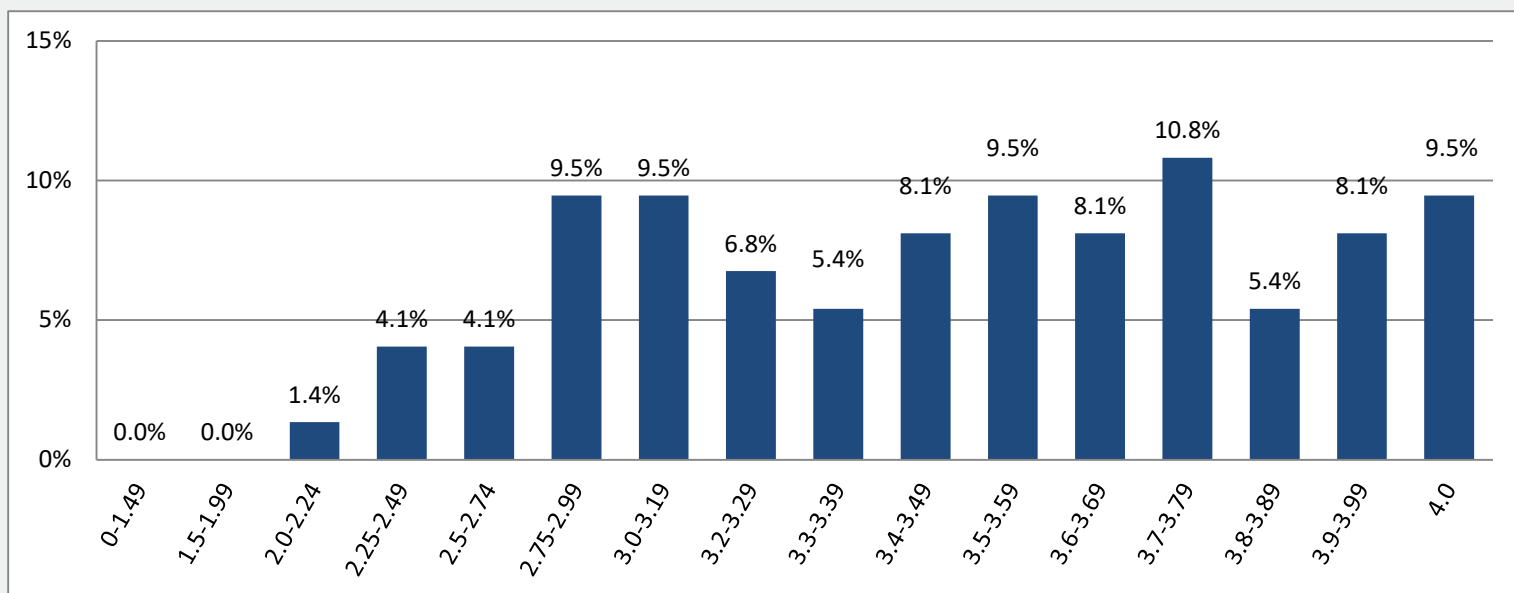
Humane Letters

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Great Hearts is Humane Letters. In the 9th through 12th grades, English and History are combined in the Humane Letters courses: these are 2-hour long, daily seminars, directed Socratically and revolving around readings from Western Civilization's best works in philosophy, drama, history, autobiography, poetry, novels and essays. 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. 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.

- Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, no AP classes or electives are offered.

-- Core Course Studies may be reflected on a student's transcript. 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 in which students are also enrolled.

Class of 2021 GPA Distribution - Scottsdale Prep



*Class of 2021 has 74 students

Scottsdale Prep Class of 2020 Facts

Number of graduates	78
Unweighted GPA Range	1.848 – 4.0
Average Unweighted GPA	3.344
% of graduates attending a 4-year college/university	98.7 %
% of graduates attending a 2-year college	1.3 %
% of graduates that self-identify as students of color	29.5 %
% of graduates attending an honors college/program	30.7 %
% of graduates entering STEM majors	51 %
# of National Merit Finalists	5
# of National Merit Commended	5

TEST	Middle 50%	Mean	# Tested
ACT	26 - 32	28.8	34
SAT CR & M	1200-1420	1233	78

Select Features

Beginning Fall 2019, all student transcripts will include level 8 Algebra with P/F (pass/fail) grade to indicate 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.

The highest course level in all subjects, with the exception of Poetry, performing and 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.

The GPA presented on transcripts only includes classes taken at a Great Hearts Academy.

Scottsdale COVID Statement:

Due to the health crisis, Great Hearts made an intentional effort to offer a quality remote learning experience for students in the 4th Quarter of 2020. Students began remote learning with one week of paper packet instruction, and then pivoted to a mix of synchronous and asynchronous remote instruction via Google Classroom and Zoom. Those without device access were provided with devices by Scottsdale Prep. Faculty members provided feedback weekly and offered Zoom tutoring sessions regularly.

Graduation and promotion requirements remained the same as in previous years. Students received letter grades for the semester with significant weight given to the 3rd quarter. Seniors held their Thesis Defense presentations in a Zoom format with faculty panelists, student peers, and families in attendance.

Network Sample College Acceptances and Matriculation 2015- 2020

Allegheny College	Evergreen State College	Pitzer College	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
American Academy of Dramatic Arts/West	Fordham University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Colorado, Denver
American University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Portland State University	University of Dallas
Amherst College	Franklin and Marshall College	Princeton University	University of Delaware
Arizona State University	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	Providence College	University of Denver
ASU (Barrett Honors College)	George Fox College (Honors)	Purdue University (Honors)	University of Essex
Auburn University	Georgetown University	Reed College	University of Florida
Azusa Pacific University	George Washington University	Regent University	University of Glasgow
Barnard College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Regis University	University of Great Falls, Montana
Bates College	Gettysburg College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)	University of Hawaii
Baylor University (Honors)	Gonzaga University	Rhodes College	University of Idaho
Belmont Abbey College	Grinnell College	Rice University	University of Illinois
Belmont University	Grove City College	Roanoke College	University of Iowa
Beloit College	Gustavus Adolphus College	Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)	University of Kansas
Benedictine College	Hamilton College	Roger Williams University	University of Kentucky
Biola University (Torrey Honors)	Hampshire College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Limerick
Boise State University	Harvard College	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	University of Maine (Honors)
Boston University	Harvey Mudd College	Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama	University of Mary
Bradley University	Haverford College	Rutgers University	University of Massachusetts
Brandeis University	Hendrix College	Saint Louis University	University of Miami
Briar Cliff University	High Point University	Saint Xavier University	University of Michigan
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Hillsdale College	Samford University (Honors)	University of Minnesota
Brigham Young University, Provo	Hofstra University	San Francisco State University	University of Mississippi
Brigham Young University, Hawaii	Humboldt State University	San Jose State University	University of Missouri
Brown University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Santa Clara University	University of Montana
Bryn Mawr College	Illinois Wesleyan College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Nebraska
Bucknell University	Indiana University	Scripps College	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Cal Polytechnic Institute	Indiana Wesleyan University	Seattle University	University of New Mexico
California Institute of Technology	Iowa State University	Seton Hall University	University of Notre Dame
California Lutheran University	Ithaca College	Smith College	University of Oregon (Honors)
California Maritime	Jacksonville University	Soka University	University of Pennsylvania
Carleton College	James Madison University	Southern Utah University	University of Portland
Carnegie Mellon University	Johns Hopkins University	Southern Methodist University (Honors)	University of Puget Sound
Carroll University	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	St. Catherine University	University of Redlands
Case Western Reserve University	Kenyon College	St. John's College	University of Rhode Island
Catholic University of America	King's College	St. John's University	University of Richmond
Central College	Lake Forest College	St. Lawrence University	University of Rochester
Centro De Investigacion Y Docencia	Lawrence University	St. Mary's College of California	University of San Diego
Economicas	Lehigh University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of San Francisco
Chapman University	Lewis & Clark College	St. Olaf College	University of South Carolina (Honors)
Claremont McKenna College	Linfield College	Stanford University	University of Southern California
Clemson University	Louisiana Tech University	Swarthmore College	University of Tampa
Colby College	Loyola Marymount University (Honors)	Syracuse University	University of Texas, Austin
College of Charleston	Loyola University of Maryland	Temple University	University of the Pacific
College of Idaho	Loyola University of New Orleans	Texas A & M University	University of Toledo
College of the Atlantic	Loyola University, Chicago	Texas Christian University	University of Toronto
College of the Holy Cross	Macalester College	Texas Tech University	University of Utah (Honors)
College of William and Mary	Manhattan College	The New School - All Divisions	University of Vermont
College of Wooster	Manhattanville College	Thomas Aquinas College	University of Virginia
Colorado Christian University	Marquette University	Towson University	University of Washington
Colorado College	Marymount University (Honors)	Trinity College	University of Wisconsin
Colorado School of Mines	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Trinity University	Valparaiso University
Colorado State University	Master's College and Seminary	Tulane University	Vanderbilt University
Colorado State University, Pueblo	Mills College	Tufts University	Vassar College
Columbia University	Montana State University (Honors)	Union College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Concordia University	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	United States Air Force Academy	Wabash College
Connecticut College	New York University	United States Merchant Marine Academy	Wartburg College
Cooper Union	Northeastern University (Honors)	United States Military Academy	Washington and Lee University
Cornell University	Northern Arizona University	University College Dublin	Washington State University
Creighton University	Northwest Christian University	University of Alabama (Honors)	Washington University in St. Louis
Dartmouth College	Northwestern University	University of Alberta	Wellesley College
Davidson College	Notre Dame of Maryland	University of Arizona (Honors)	Wesleyan University
DePaul University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Arkansas	Westminster College
Dordt College	Oberlin College	University of British Columbia	Westmont College
Drexel University	Oberlin Conservatory of Music	University of California, Berkeley	Wheaton College
Duke University	Occidental College	University of California, Davis	Whitman College
Duquesne University	Ohio University	University of California, Los Angeles	Whittier College
Earlham College	Pace University, New York	University of California, San Diego	Whitworth University
Eastern University (Templeton Honors)	Patrick Henry College	University of California, Santa Barbara	Willamette University
Eckerd College (Honors)	Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Santa Cruz	Williams College
Elon University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Central Missouri	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Pepperdine University	University of Chicago	Xavier University
Emerson College (Honors)		University of Cincinnati	Yale University
Emory University		University of Colorado, Boulder	