



Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

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School Information

School Code - 030661
Established Date - 2007
Size (9-12th grade enrollment) - 349 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 17,000 students in 29 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 results of 474 students from the Class of 2018)

	Middle 50%	Mean
SAT		
SAT EB Reading and Writing	560-670	610
SAT Math	540-670	600
SAT Composite	1110-1320	1210
ACT	Middle 50%	Mean
English	23-32	27.1
Reading	23-32	26.9
Math	23-29	25.7
Science	22-28	25
Composite	23-30	26.3

National Merit Commended: 27 (5.7%)
National Merit Finalists: 9 (1.9%)
National Hispanic Finalists: 11 (2.32%)
Students immediately attending college: 453 (95.57%)
Students who took a gap year: 7 (1.48%)
Students who are attending a service academy: 5 (1.05%)
Students who are attending the military: 8 (1.69%)

Scottsdale Prep- Faculty Data

40 # of faculty members	26 # of faculty members with a Masters degree
9:1 Student/Teacher Ratio	3 # of faculty members with a PhD
22 Average Class Size	

High School Curriculum

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 III
- Poetry Composition I
- Music III (including composition and choral performance)

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 Modern Language II (French or Spanish) or Honors Latin IV
- Honors Economics
- Music IV (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 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 Modern Language IV (French or Spanish) or Honors Ancient Greek II
- Studio Art IV (including drawing, painting and sculpture)
- Drama II
- Senior Thesis & Defense

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 course load. The student, under the supervision of a faculty advisor, explores a scholarly question of his/her choice through the close reading of two works from the Western Intellectual Tradition. 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. Students receive .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

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 hour block) that includes four years of English, literature/philosophy and four years of social science. All students also enroll in four years of full immersion foreign language, and fine arts.

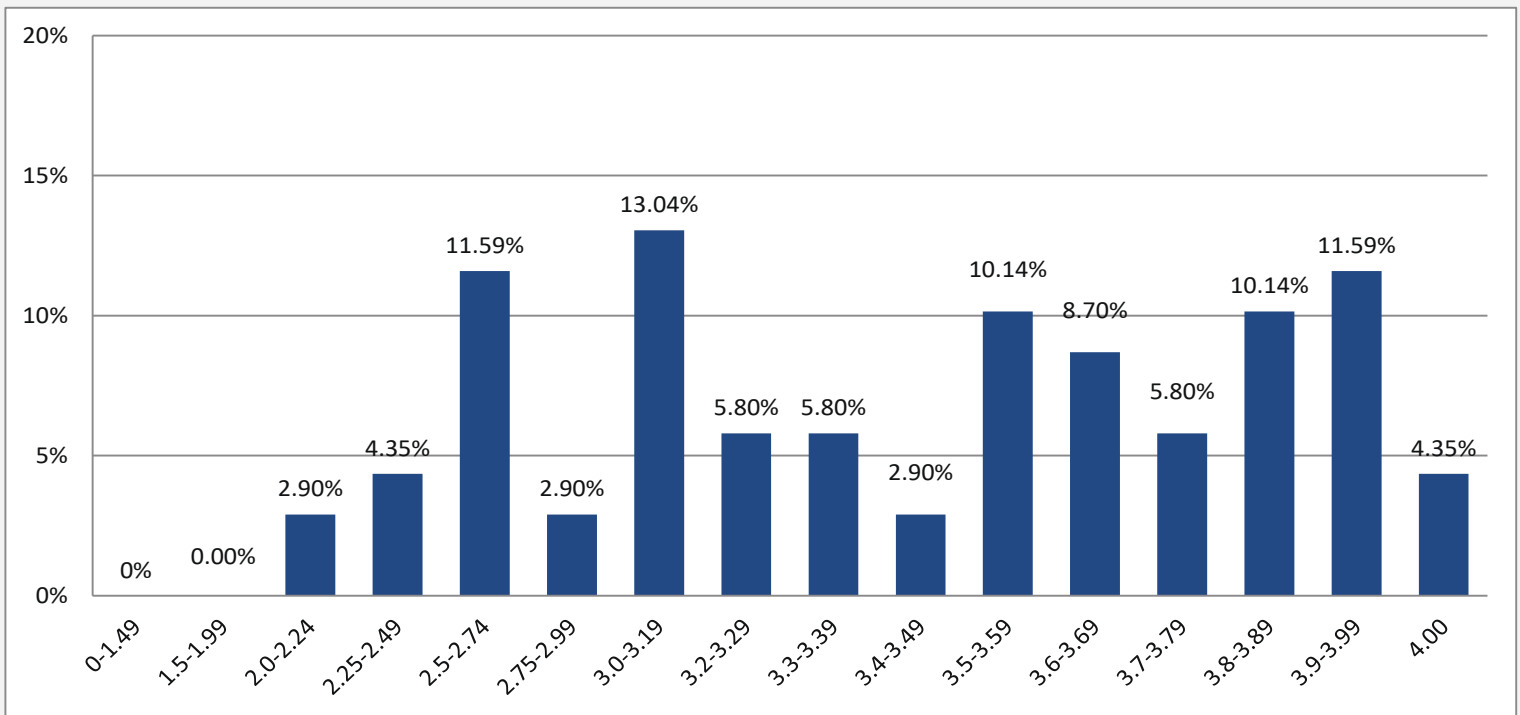
Humane Letters: Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Great Hearts is Humane Letters. The class is an exploration of the permanent questions that animate any truly human life through the history and literature of the Great Tradition of the West. What is a good man and 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.

*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 that students are also enrolled in.



Class of 2019 GPA Distribution - Scottsdale Prep



*Class of 2019 has 70 students

Scottsdale Prep Class of 2018 Facts

Number of graduates	71
Unweighted GPA Range	2.05-4.0
Average Unweighted GPA	3.342
% of graduates attending a 4-year college/university	89.2%
% of graduates attending a 2-year college	7.3%
National Merit Finalists	4.2%
National Merit Commended	9.8%
% of Self-identified students of color	19.7%

TEST	Middle 50%	Mean	# Tested
ACT	23-31	27.2	41
SAT CR & M	1200-1420	1310	67

Select Features

- 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 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

Network Sample College Acceptances and Matriculation 2015- 2018

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 Economicas	Lawrence University *	St. Mary's College of California *	University of San Diego *
Chapman University *	Lehigh University *	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of San Francisco *
Claremont McKenna College *	Lewis & Clark College *	St. Olaf College *	University of South Carolina (Honors)
Clemson University	Linfield College *	Stanford University	University of Southern California *
Colby College *	Louisiana Tech University	Swarthmore College *	University of Tampa
College of Charleston *	Loyola Marymount University (Honors) *	Syracuse University *	University of Texas, Austin *
College of Idaho *	Loyola University of Maryland *	Temple University	University of the Pacific *
College of the Atlantic	Loyola University of New Orleans *	Texas A & M University *	University of Toledo
College of the Holy Cross *	Loyola University, Chicago *	Texas Christian University *	University of Toronto
College of William and Mary	Macalester College *	Texas Tech University *	University of Utah (Honors) *
College of Wooster *	Manhattan College *	The New School - All Divisions *	University of Vermont
Colorado Christian University	Manhattanville College	Thomas Aquinas College *	University of Virginia *
Colorado College *	Marquette University	Towson University	University of Washington *
Colorado School of Mines *	Marymount University (Honors)	Trinity College *	University of Wisconsin *
Colorado State University *	Massachusetts Institute of Technology *	Trinity University *	Valparaiso University
Colorado State University, Pueblo	Master's College and Seminary	Tulane University *	Vanderbilt University *
Columbia University *	Mills College	Tufts University *	Vassar College *
Concordia University	Montana State University (Honors)	Union College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Connecticut College	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	United States Air Force Academy *	Wabash College *
Cooper Union *	New York University *	United States Merchant Marine Academy *	Wartburg College *
Cornell University *	Northeastern University (Honors) *	United States Military Academy *	Washington and Lee University *
Creighton University *	Northern Arizona University *	University College Dublin	Washington State University
Dartmouth College *	Northwest Christian University *	University of Alabama (Honors) *	Washington University in St. Louis *
Davidson College *	Northwestern University *	University of Alberta	Wellesley College *
DePaul University *	Notre Dame of Maryland	University of Arizona (Honors) *	Wesleyan University *
Dordt College *	Nova Southeastern University	University of Arkansas *	Westminster College
Drexel University *	Oberlin College *	University of British Columbia *	Westmont College *
Duke University *	Oberlin Conservatory of Music *	University of California, Berkeley *	Wheaton College *
Duquesne University *	Occidental College *	University of California, Davis *	Whitman College *
Earlham College	Ohio University *	University of California, Los Angeles *	Whittier College *
Eastern University (Templeton Honors) *	Pace University, New York *	University of California, San Diego *	Whitworth University *
Eckerd College (Honors)	Patrick Henry College	University of California, Santa Barbara *	Willamette University *
Elon University *	Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University *	University of California, Santa Cruz *	Williams College *
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University *	Pennsylvania State University *	University of Central Missouri	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Emerson College (Honors) *	Pepperdine University *	University of Chicago *	Xavier University
Emory University *		University of Cincinnati *	Yale University *
		University of Colorado, Boulder *	

* Denotes attendance