



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

2025 - 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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School Information

School Code - 030661

Established Date - 2007

Size (9-12th) - 352 students

Accreditation - Cognia

Class of 2025 Information

of Graduates - 78

Unweighted GPA Range - 2.0 - 4.0

Average Unweighted GPA - 3.4

% Attending 4-year college - 96%

% Attending 2-year college - 4%

Enlisting in ROTC Military - 1

% Entering STEM Field - 47%

% Attending Honors Program - 28%

of National Merit Finalists - 2

of National Merit Commended - 9

Senior Thesis & Defense

Each senior completes a capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. This is a culmination of the student's years at the academy. It is a year long project completed in addition to the normal honors course load. The student, under the supervision of a faculty advisor explores a scholarly question of their 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 oral defense of their work before a faculty, family, and peers. Each student receives .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

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 K-12th grade students across 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 current enrollment for 9-12th grade across Arizona and Texas is 3,940 students.

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.

*Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic Seminar, **no AP or elective courses are offered**. Students are prescribed to our set curriculum in 9th-11th grade and can choose one of two tracks in 12th grade.*

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)
- Music Theory III/Choir
- Honors Poetry

10TH GRADE CURRICULUM

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

11TH GRADE CURRICULUM

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

12TH GRADE CURRICULUM

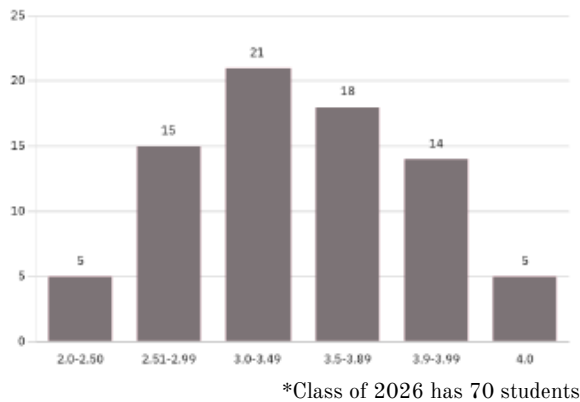
- Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
- Drama II
- Studio Art II
- Senior Thesis & Defense
- Honors Logic & Computation*
- Honors Calculus II*
- Honors Physics II with Lab*
- Honors Foreign Language (French IV, Spanish IV, or Greek II)*
- Honors Rhetoric*

*Students may choose 3 out of 5 of the * offerings

Humane Letters Curriculum

Humane Letters is a combined History and English course and is the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Lincoln Prep for all 9th - 12th grade students. Humane Letters is a two hour, daily seminar, directed Socratically and revolves around readings from the 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.

CLASS OF 2025 GPA DISTRIBUTION



GRADING SCALE

Honors

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

Non Honors

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

Extracurricular Enrichment

These offerings are operated by SPA and not required of students. We do not permit student-led groups, as we believe the host of options crafted and executed by us allows for the best opportunity for student involvement and success. Enrichment courses are additional opportunities for students to receive instruction from our faculty outside of the school day. The menu of courses that we can offer come from a fixed list that our network can best support, supervise and continually improve. Courses have attendance requirements and culminate with a final project at the end of the semester.

Below are the offerings for the 2025-2025 school year.

- Concert Choir
- Chamber Singers
- Bella Voce, Man Choir, Carollers
- Social Chess Club
- Western Tea Ceremony
- Laughaletes
- Drama
- Negotium Elit (Business)
- Spartan Sweet Treats
- Robotics
- Engineering/Rocketry
- Coding
- Strum and Pluck
- Historical Mock Trial
- Yearbook
- Blue Crew
- Social Committee
- Community Service
- Spartan Advanced Chemistry
- PreMed
- Speech and Debate
- Athletics

TEST DATA (Class of 2025)

Middle 50%

Mean

Tested

ACT

24-30

26.6

79

SAT
CR&M

1265-1450

1341

53

Leadership Opportunities for Students

There is no formal student counsel, rather our students are assembled into 6 houses to create spirit and close-knit school culture which just launched in the 2025-2026 school year. Below are our only leadership positions:

- House Prefects are chosen to lead their houses. These positions are only held by 2 seniors and 2 Juniors.
- Diakanos is our school's leadership council competitively approved by faculty and staff.
- Scottsdale Mentors Program assists new students through tutoring and mentoring to acclimate to the academic and social culture of the school. They also help at school functions and events.
- Athletic teams have Captains who mentor younger athletes and assist in coaching when needed.

Special Features

- Transcripts of students who attend a Great Hearts Academy in 8th grade will include Advanced Algebra/ Algebra I with a P/F grade indicating a student's complete high school level of mathematical progression.
- The Arizona state requirement of one full credit of U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters. The Arizona state requirements of one half credit of 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 calculations.
- Core Course Studies may be reflected on a transcript. This class provides students with instruction and support to enable them to progress academically in core content areas. The instruction supplements but not supplant any core-area course in which students are enrolled.