



## 2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

### About The Classical Academy

The Classical Academy (TCA) is a PreK-12 independent school located in Sarasota, Florida. TCA was founded in 2014 by Mr. Josh and Mrs. Harmony Longenecker and is based on the classical philosophy of education and modeled on Hillsdale College's Classical Education pedagogy. TCA offers its students the opportunity to study and learn following a classical, time-honored approach, an education steeped in the best of Western Canon. We are a classical liberal arts school and often use primary texts and sources from the great thinkers (Homer, Plato, Virgil, Socrates, Descartes, theologians, philosophers, and political thought leaders). TCA is a school immersed in virtue, training students in the habits that will build their character.

### Mission

The Mission of The Classical Academy of Sarasota is to develop the academic potential of each student through a rigorous, content-rich, classical liberal arts education while building in them a virtuous character. Thus, the following character traits are taught and embedded throughout a student's TCA tenure: Prudence, Temperance, Justice, and Fortitude. Our purpose is to develop graduates who are logical thinkers, coherent writers, eloquent speakers, thought leaders, and responsible virtuous citizens.

### Delivery of Content

Classical education rests on the concept of the Trivium, Latin for "the three ways" of learning. The Trivium comprises three stages:

#### Stage 1: Grammar

(Knowledge- Grades K-4): This stage lays the foundation for all future areas of study. During this phase, students are trained to absorb large amounts of material, whether math facts, rules of phonics, events and dates in history, facts in science, or declensions in Latin.

#### Stage 2: Logic

(Analysis- Grades 5-8): With a firm foundation of knowledge, students at this stage organically begin asking questions. They are ready to begin logically reasoning and analyzing information. Students are challenged to look at cause and effect, make logical connections, and question, examine, and organize the facts they have learned.

#### Stage 3: Rhetoric

(Expression- Grades 9-12): Students are ready to form conclusions and express themselves with eloquence and confidence. Students are taught to communicate their judgment based on facts, research, and the connections made earlier. They can articulate their arguments in writing and public speaking, enabling them to take their place as scholars and citizens.

### Leadership | College Counseling

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### The College Counseling Program

We sense that families desire college counseling and college admissions information earlier so they can make a more informed decision. We discuss college counseling-related content in grades 9-10 (curriculum, course sequencing, degree of rigor, grade stratification, testing, interest inventory, extracurricular involvements, leadership development, and family financial status). We then move to college admissions-related content in grades 11-12 (identifying appropriate colleges, completing applications, creating a college resume, essay development, gap year options, Bright Futures application, merit scholarship identification, completing all financial aid forms, interview process, college visit protocol, teacher recommendation requests, and outcomes). It is paramount to educate and empower all TCA families to be informed as they navigate these important decisions.

### Enrollment/Faculty Data (2023-24)

<b>Total: PreK-12</b>	<b>925</b>
Class of 2024:	17
Class of 2025:	24
Class of 2026:	45
Class of 2027:	56

**Total Upper School Enrollment: 98**

**Upper School Student-Faculty Ratio: 6:1**

**Percent of Upper School Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 60%**

*Class Ranking, Grade Scale, Graduation Requirements, Curriculum, and Class of 2023 GPA Distribution Information*

#### Class Rank

Due to the competitive nature and the high number of minimum course requirements to graduate, The Classical Academy currently does not rank students numerically.



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### TCA Grading Scale

Letter	Percent	Grade Point Value (unweighted/weighted)
A+	97-100	4.00/ 4.50
A	93-96	4.00/ 4.50
A-	90-92	3.67/ 4.17
B+	87-89	3.33/ 3.83
B	83-86	3.00/ 3.50
B-	80-82	2.67/ 3.17
C+	77-79	2.33/ 2.83
C	73-76	2.00/ 2.50
C-	70-72	1.67/ 2.17
D+	67-69	1.33/ 1.83
D	63-66	1.00/ 1.50
D-	60-62	0.67/ 1.17
F	< 60	0.00/ 0.00

### Graduation Requirements

History (incl. Constitution & Economics)	5.0 credits
English	4.0 credits
Math	4.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Foreign Language (including one year of Latin)	3.0 credits
Rhetoric	1.0 credits
Moral Philosophy	0.5 credits
Constitution	0.5 credits
Economics	0.5 credits
Survival	0.5 credits
Electives	4.0 credits
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>26 credits</b>
Community Service	100 hours

### 2023-24 Curriculum (9-12)

**Math:** Algebra 1, Geometry, H Geometry, Algebra II, H Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, H Calculus, Math for College Readiness

**Science:** Biology, H Biology, Chemistry, H Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, H Anatomy and Physiology, H Marine Science

**English Language:** Literature 9, H Literature 9, Literature 10, H Literature 10, Literature 11, H Literature 11, Literature 12, H Literature 12

**History:** History 9, H History 9, History 10, H History 10, History 11, H History 11, History 12, H History 12, Economics, H Economics, Constitution, H Constitution

**Foreign Language:** Spanish I, Spanish II, H Spanish III, H Spanish IV, Latin I, Latin II, H Latin III, H Latin IV

**Electives:** Rhetoric, H Moral Philosophy, Executive Internship (11-12), Mock Trial I/II, Military Studies, Introduction to Constitutional Law, Advanced Art, Photography, Introduction to Graphic Design, Music (Choir I, Men's Choir, Drumline), Theater, Set Design, Physical Education, Nutrition, Wilderness and Survival, Jiu-Jitsu, Culinary Arts, HOPE, Archery

### Athletic Program

The Classical Academy competes in the FHSAA (Florida High School Athletic Association) and is classified in Division 2A (District 11). TCA competes in the SSAC (Sunshine State Athletic Conference) for varsity football only.

#### Men

- Varsity Football (8-man)\*
- Varsity Cross-Country
- Varsity Basketball
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Track and Field

\*2022 will be the first year for Varsity Football.

#### Women

- Varsity Cross-Country
- Varsity Volleyball
- Varsity Beach Volleyball
- Varsity Track and Field

#### Co-Ed Athletic Programs:

- Varsity Soccer
- Varsity Golf

**Honor Societies/Club/s Activities:** National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon Team, Student Council/Government, Mock Trial, Latin Club, Spanish Club, Theater, Latin Forum, Theater/Drama

### College Admission

**Note:** TCA's enrollment has organically expanded from a significant K-8 population to an emerging upper school presence (see Enrollment Data). However, there have only been 42 upper school graduates since the 2014 school year, thus college acceptance and standardized testing averages are developing as the upper school population increases.

The Classical Academy holds membership in the following professional organizations:

- SACAC (Southern Association for College Admission Counseling)
- College Board
- ACT
- Society for Classical Learning

### Colleges

Students from The Classical Academy have been accepted to the following colleges and universities (2004-2024)

Belmont University  
Catholic University of America  
Charleston Southern  
University of Dallas  
Colorado Christian University  
Duquesne University  
Flagler College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida Polytechnic University  
Florida Southern College  
Florida State University  
Furman University  
Galen College of Nursing

Gannon University  
Georgia Southern  
University  
Grove City College  
Hillsdale College  
Liberty University  
Lynn University  
Palm Beach Atlantic  
University  
Quinnipiac University  
Radford University  
Rollins College  
Samford University  
Southeastern University  
St. Johns College

Stetson University  
Suncoast Technical College  
University of Alabama  
University of Central Florida  
University of Columbia  
University of Florida  
University of Hawaii  
University of Jacksonville  
University of Miami  
University of North Florida  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Florida  
University of Tampa