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Admissions

Admission to Philadelphia Classical School is based on academic records, teacher recommendations, entrance exam scores, and parent and student interviews.

Philadelphia Classical School maintains a generous tuition assistance program to ensure socioeconomic diversity; approximately 60% of students receive financial aid.

Philadelphia Classical School

2026 - 2027 Profile

Philadelphia Classical School is excited to announce our fifth graduating class, the Class of 2027!

Philadelphia Classical School is an independent, co-educational school that serves children in grades K-12 from the Greater Philadelphia area. Since its founding in 2013 with only 20 students, Philadelphia Classical School has added one new grade each year.

Today, PCS is an established institution with 229 students that seeks to provide a classical education through rigorous liberal arts coursework with a Christian worldview.

Curricular & Pedagogical Distinctives:

- **All students complete the same core curriculum across six subject areas before graduation**, including seven honors-level courses. The core emphasizes classical language, the Great Books, mathematics, and natural sciences.
- **All students complete required capstone projects in each grade. Seniors complete a year-long thesis, which can be taken for college credit**, on a civic topic of their choosing as the culmination of the rhetoric curriculum.
- **Students study the humanities in 90-minute daily honors courses called Humane Letters.** These courses utilize Socratic seminars to discuss the Great Books, primary sources, theology, history, art, and philosophy of a time period.
- All science courses **incorporate laboratory experimentation and careful scientific argumentation** in lab reports and presentations.
- **Students study Latin from 3rd Grade through 10th Grade, with more advanced courses being offered after Latin IV.** Upper School students read and translate works by Cicero, Virgil, and others in the original Latin proficiently.
- **With an academic course load that is greater in both volume and rigor than course loads at peer schools**, students develop virtue and time-management skills to fulfill their responsibilities.

Co-Curricular Distinctives:

- **The House Leadership Program** provides students the opportunity to serve in a student government role by organizing events, developing strategic planning skills, and cultivating a healthy team culture with their peers. Weekly responsibilities for house leaders can rise above 6 hours per week.
- **All students participate in the House Program**, which is intentionally designed to foster community across grades 7-12. Students participate in a yearly Upper School retreat, academic and athletic competitions, and hands-on, student-led, community-building events.
- **All students are required to participate in the annual Spring Musical**, either as an actor or another contributing member of the tech team or live band.
- **All students are required to be in a musical ensemble starting in Kindergarten.** Featured Upper School ensembles include choirs (for both Rhetoric and Logic schools) and a string chamber ensemble. **All PCS students learn to play string instruments beginning in 1st Grade.**

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229 K-12 Students

Average High School Class
Size of 10

No. 2 School in the Nation for CLT10 Scores 2025

Class Rank

Due to smaller class sizes
and the caliber of
students, *PCS does not
create class rankings.*

Upper School Faculty

9:1 Student to Faculty Ratio
*92% of faculty hold or are
pursuing advanced degrees.*

Dual-Enrollment and Honors Courses

There are 11 honors-level
courses that students can
take. 4 of these courses may
be taken for college credit,
provided by Cairn University.

*PCS does not offer AP courses
by design. Our courses follow
a coherent, seminar-driven
curriculum that prioritizes
depth over breadth and
challenges students to pursue
truth, beauty, and goodness.*

Graduation Requirements

Humanities: 8 credits

Rhetoric: 5 credits
Includes 8th Grade Logic

Math: 3 credits

Science: 3 credits

Language: 2 credits

Fine Arts: 2 credits

Physical Education: 1 credit

Total Minimum: 24 credits

Upper School Courses

	Humanities	Rhetoric (English)	Math	Science	Foreign Language
9th	<i>*Humane Letters III</i>	<i>Writer's Rhetoric</i>	<i>Geometry</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Latin I OR Latin III</i>
10th	<i>*Humane Letters IV</i>	<i>Classical Rhetoric</i>	<i>Algebra II</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Latin II OR Latin IV</i>
11th	<i>*Humane Letters V</i>	<i>*†Summa Theologica (Junior Thesis)</i>	<i>Pre-Calculus</i>	<i>*†Anatomy & Physiology</i>	<i>*Advanced Latin</i>
12th	<i>*†Humane Letters VI</i>	<i>*†Summa Civitas (Senior Thesis)</i>	<i>*Calculus OR Statistics</i>	<i>*Physics</i>	<i>*Advanced Latin II</i>
Required Credits		8	5	3	3
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Selections from the Humane Letters Reading List

The Epic of Gilgamesh
The Iliad and The Odyssey, Homer
The Histories, Herodotus
Oedipus the King, Sophocles
The Republic, Plato
Nicomachean Ethics, Aristotle
The Aeneid, Virgil
On the Incarnation, Athanasius
The City of God, Augustine
The Consolation of Philosophy, Boethius
Summa Theologica, Aquinas
The Divine Comedy, Dante

Julius Caesar and Hamlet, Shakespeare
Meditations on First Philosophy, Descartes
Paradise Lost, Milton
Candide, Voltaire
The Social Contract, Rousseau
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
The Communist Manifesto, Marx
The Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne
The Brothers Karamazov, Dostoevsky
Beyond Good and Evil, Nietzsche
Animal Farm, Orwell
The Great Divorce, C. S. Lewis

Philadelphia Classical School Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Standard GPA	Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Standard GPA
A+	98-100	4.0	B-	80-82	2.67
A	93-97	4.0	C+	78-79	2.33
A-	90-92	4.0	C	73-77	2.0
B+	88-89	3.33	C-	70-72	1.67
B	83-87	3.0	D	60-69	1.0

Please note that any grade below a 60% is considered failing.

**Denotes honors, † denotes Dual Enrollment. All honors courses are weighted
on a 5.0 scale. Courses in italics are graduation requirements.*

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College Acceptances to Date

Anderson University	Drew University	Patrick Henry College
Baylor University	Eastern University	Penn State University
Cairn University	Georgia Tech	Rowan University
California Baptist University	Geneva College	Samford University
Calvin University	Gordon College	Temple University
Carson-Newman University	Grove City College	Texas A&M University
Cedarville University	Hillsdale College	Thomas Jefferson University
Clemson University	Lancaster Bible College	University of Pennsylvania
Covenant College	Lebanon Valley College	Villanova University
Denison University	Louisiana Tech University	Washington & Lee University
Drexel University	Messiah University	Wheaton College
	Northeastern University	