



Cicero Preparatory Academy

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Cicero's First Senior Class and Inaugural Graduating Class: The Class of 2020

School Information

School Code - 030073
Established Date - 2014
Size (9-12th grade enrollment) - 227 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 19,000 students in 28 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 2019 - 495 students)

| SAT | Middle 50% | Mean |
|------------------------|------------|--------|
| EB Reading and Writing | 565-680 | 622.6 |
| Mathematics | 559-675 | 616.2 |
| Composite | 1135-1349 | 1238.6 |

| ACT | Middle 50% | Mean |
|---------|-------------|------|
| English | 22.8 - 32.0 | 27.2 |
| Reading | 22.5 - 32.0 | 27.6 |
| Math | 21.8 - 28.3 | 25.4 |
| Science | 21.9 - 28.1 | 25.4 |

- National Merit Commended: 27 (5.5%)
- National Merit Finalists: 5 (1.0%)
- National Hispanic Finalists: 11 (2.2%)
- Students immediately attending college: 480 (97.0%)
- Students who took a gap year: 6 (1.2%)
- Students who are attending a service academy: 2 (0.4%)
- Students who are attending the military: 3 (0.6%)
- Students attending an honors college/program: 134 (27.1%)
- Students entering a STEM field: 222 (44.8%)

Great Hearts Student Academic Record

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.

High School Curriculum- Cicero Preparatory Academy

Great Hearts Curriculum Refinement

In the spirit of continuous improvement, rising seniors will continue to study Humane Letters, Mathematics, and Fine Arts; however, students will have the opportunity to select three courses out of the five honors level offerings: 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 formal logic from Aristotle through its modern incarnation as computer coding.

9th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters I: American Tradition
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Biology (with lab)
- Honors Modern Language I (French or Spanish) or Honors Latin III
- Poetry Composition
- Music (including theory, composition, and choral performance)

10th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters II: Modern Europe
- Honors Algebra II/ Pre-Calculus
- Honors Chemistry (with lab)
- Music (including theory, composition and choral performance)
- Honors Modern Language II (French or Spanish) or Honors Latin IV
- Honors Economics

11th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
- Honors Calculus I
- Honors Physics I

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

12th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
- Honors Calculus II
- Honors Modern Language IV* (French or Spanish) or Ancient Greek II
- Honors Physics II *

- Honors Rhetoric *
- Honors Logic and Computation*
- Senior Thesis & Defense
- Drama II
- Studio Art II (including drawing, painting and sculpture)

*Student must choose three out of the 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 course load. In this project, students work closely with an advisor from the faculty to read and discuss two to three 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

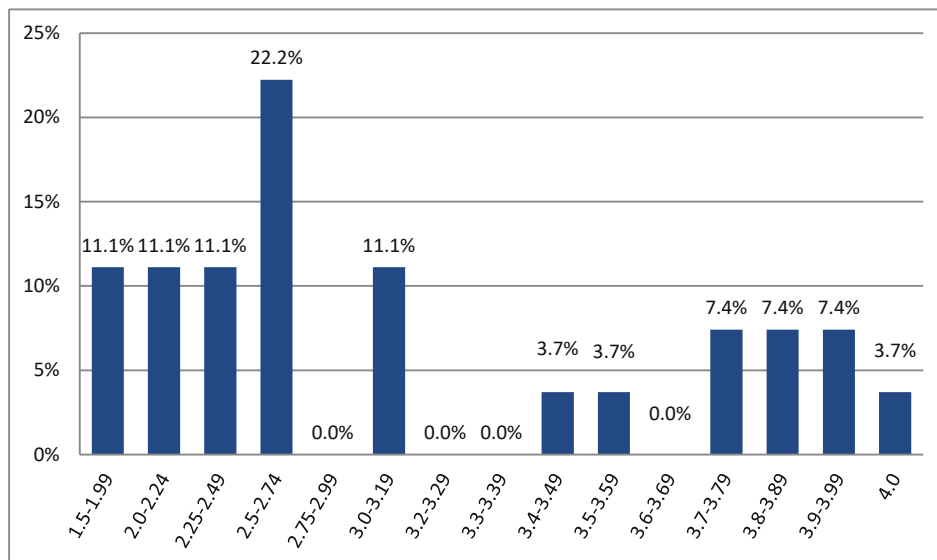
Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Great Hearts is Humane Letters. In the 9th through 12th grades, English and History are combined in the Humane Letters courses: these are 2-hour long, daily seminars, directed Socratically and revolving around readings from Western 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.

Cicero Preparatory Academy: Class of 2020 Inaugural Graduating Class

Class of 2020 GPA Distribution



Number of graduates 26
 Unweighted GPA Range 1.85-4.0
 Average Unweighted GPA 2.89

Collaboration and Leadership

Houses are small communities of middle school students, high school students, and faculty. The purpose of the house is to have multi-age communities built around ideals (Courage, Leadership, Integrity, Inquiry, Wisdom, or Creativity). The faculty mentor the older students, and the older students mentor younger students. House is an intentional word. The word house represents a close, safe place where different ages exist, work together, and bond. : House competitions happen throughout the year on large and small scales. These competitions encourage competition not over something arbitrary, but over virtues. Who can discover the greatest truths who can do the greatest good, who can discover/create/admire greater beauty?

| SAT Summary | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------|
| Section | Middle 50% | Mean |
| Evidence Based Reading and Writing | 520 - 675 | 597 |
| Mathematics | 530 - 700 | 609 |
| Total | 1055 - 1375 | 1206 |
| Students Tested | | 29 |

| ACT Summary | | |
|------------------------|------------|------|
| Section | Middle 50% | Mean |
| ELA | 29 - 29 | 29 |
| English | 34 - 34 | 34 |
| Math | 29 - 29 | 29 |
| Reading | 33 - 33 | 33 |
| Science | 24 - 24 | 24 |
| STEM | 27 - 27 | 27 |
| Composite | 30 - 30 | 30 |
| Students Tested | | 5 |

Athletics

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| Track | Golf |
| Tennis | Swimming |
| Baseball | Volleyball/Beach Volleyball |
| Basketball | Cross-Country |
| Soccer | |

Extra Curricular Clubs

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| Student Mentors | Speech and Debate |
| Hiking Club | Drama Club |
| Rock Climbing | Spirit Club |
| Choir | Classics Club |

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
- We do not offer AP, IB or dual-enrollment credit.
- 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.
- Transfer students may have a different curricular sequence
- Letter grades are de-emphasized; students receive extensive narrative evaluations quarterly, and participate in formal student-led academic reviews with goal-setting each semester.
- All classes except fine arts are taught at the Honors level with a rigorous adherence to primary texts (ex. Geometry is taught through Euclid; Spanish through Don Quixote).

Network Sample College Acceptances and Matriculation 2015- 2019

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| 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 | |