



Cicero Preparatory Academy

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School Information

School Code - 030073
Established Date - 2014
Size (9-12th grade enrollment) - 223 students
Accreditation - American Academy of Liberal Education (AALE)
& Cognition

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 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 is 3,050 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.

Network Averages:

Testing and data results from the Class of 2024 - 580 graduates in Great Hearts Arizona.

ACT Summary		
578 students tested across Great Hearts Arizona		
Section	Middle 50%	Mean
English	19-28	23.8
Math	19 - 27	23.5
Reading	20 - 30	24.4
Science	20 - 26	22.6
Composite	19-27	23.7

SAT Summary		
177 students tested across Great Heart Arizona		
Section	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	580 - 690	634
Mathematics	560 - 680	625
Total	1160 - 1370	1259

% of graduates attending college	93%
% of graduates with alternative post-secondary plans	5%
% of graduates pursuing Honors college or program	28%
% of graduates who received merit-aid	79%
% of graduates attending service academy or service branch	2%
% of graduates pursuing STEM degrees	45%
# of National Merit Finalists	10
# of National Merit Commended Scholars	14
# of National Scholars- including Hispanic Scholars, African American Scholars, National Indigenous, and National Rural & Small-Town Recognition	18

Great Hearts Student Academic Record (Transcript) Updates:

2nd Semester Grading Policy for Prep Schools (6-12th grade) for Spring 2020

- Students' Quarter 4 remote learning coursework was graded on a simple "Pass/Fail" basis; Semester 2 courses were letter graded.
- Students who earned a "Pass" in Quarter 4 received a letter grade for Semester 2 that is no lower than the letter grade earned for the same course in Quarter 3; distinguished coursework in Quarter 4 may have resulted in a Semester 2 letter grade that is higher than the Quarter 3 grade.
- Any courses taken only in Quarter 4 were graded according to an A-F letter grade scale.
- If a student earned a "Fail" for Quarter 4 coursework, the letter grade for that course may be lower than the Quarter 3 grade, including the possibility of an "F" for the semester and no credits earned.

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 presented through the lens of classical rhetorical principles.

Honors Logic and Computation: a formal study of 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.

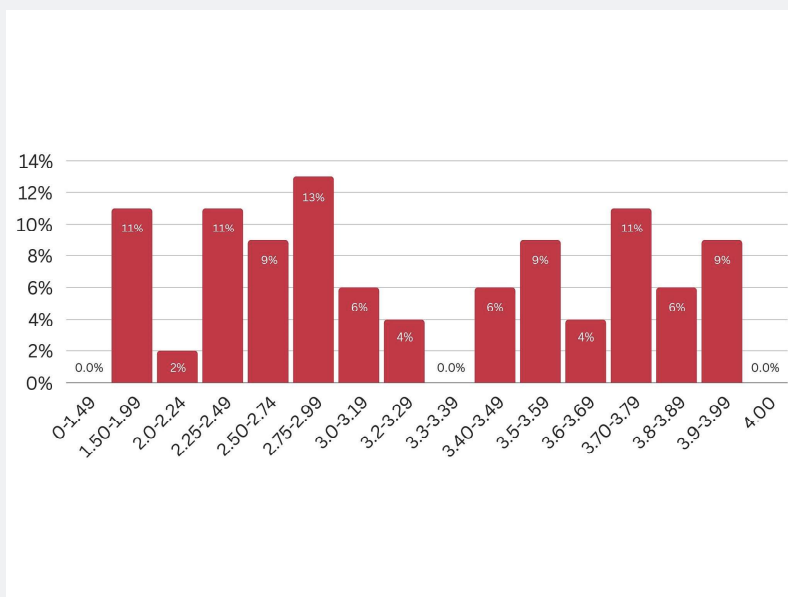
Humane Letters

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.

Class of 2025 GPA Distribution - Cicero Prep



*Class of 2025 has 47 students

Cicero Prep Class of 2024 Facts

Number of graduates	32
Unweighted GPA Range	1.7- 3.97
Average Unweighted GPA	3.25
Average Weighted GPA	4.09

% of graduates attending 4-year college	71%
% of graduates attending 2-year college	25%
% of graduates pursuing work or alternative studies	3.12%
% of graduates attending Honors college/program	21.87%
% of graduates pursuing STEM	50%

ACT Summary - 32 students tested		
Section	Middle 50%	Mean
English	20 - 26	23.6
Math	19 - 27	23.2
Reading	20 - 30	25.5
Science	18 - 26	23.2
Composite	20-27	23.9

SAT Summary - 4 students tested		
Section	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	590 - 685	638
Mathematics	490 - 640	565
Total	1090-1315	1203

Select Features

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. This course will only be listed on the transcript if completed at a Great Hearts academy.

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 poetry, performing and 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.

The GPA presented on transcripts only includes classes taken at a Great Hearts Academy.