



# ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY

## 2019- 2020 SCHOOL PROFILE

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### History & Mission

Founded in 2014, Atlanta Classical Academy (ACA) is an open-enrollment, SACS/AdvancedED-accredited, K-12 public charter school for students who live in the Atlanta Public Schools district.

***The mission of Atlanta Classical Academy is to develop students in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.***

Atlanta Classical Academy's first graduating class, the Class of 2019, had a 100% college acceptance rate and received \$5.2 million in merit aid.

### National and State Honors

ACA was awarded the Salvatori Prize for Teaching in 2019.

ACA is a 2019 AP Honors School in Georgia.

The Class of 2019 included two National Merit SemiFinalists and one National Merit Commended Scholar.

### Faculty

The high school faculty of Atlanta Classical Academy has 30 members. Teachers are hired based on their mastery of academic disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences; certification is not required. 70% of the high-school faculty have a Master's degree or PhD, and 26% have taught at the college level.

### Enrollment

Upper School (7-12): 300 (36% students from diverse backgrounds)  
Elementary School (K-6): 379 (32% students from diverse backgrounds)  
Total: 679 (34% students from diverse backgrounds)  
Class of 2020: 46

### Grading & Grade Point Average

Grade point averages are computed using semester grades and the grading scale below. Atlanta Classical Academy strongly discourages grade inflation.

<b>A</b> 94-100 (4.0)	<b>A-</b> 90-93 (3.7)	<b>B+</b> 87-89 (3.3)
<b>B</b> 84-86 (3.0)	<b>B-</b> 80-83 (2.7)	<b>C+</b> 77-79 (2.3)
<b>C</b> 74-76 (2.0)	<b>C-</b> 70-73 (1.7)	<b>D+</b> 67-69 (1.3)
<b>D</b> 64-66 (1.0)	<b>D-</b> 60-63 (0.7)	<b>F</b> Below 60 (0.0)

Two GPAs are computed for grades 9-12: a cumulative overall GPA and a cumulative overall weighted GPA. The cumulative overall GPA is based on semester grades earned in all credited subjects graded A-F. The cumulative overall weighted GPA includes additional AP credits earned (+.5).

*Because of the rigorous nature of our program, our students' high standing on national norms, and the small size of our program, Atlanta Classical Academy does not calculate class rank.*

### 2019 SAT + PSAT Scores

#### SAT (Class of 2020):

Ranked at/above 90th percentile:	<b>18%</b>
Ranked at/above 75th percentile:	<b>43%</b>
ELA ranked at/above 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>32%</b>
ELA ranked at/above 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>59%</b>
Math ranked at/above 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>23%</b>
Math ranked at/above 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>32%</b>

#### PSAT 10 (Class of 2021):

Ranked at/above 90th percentile:	<b>12%</b>
Ranked at/above 75th percentile:	<b>30%</b>
ELA ranked at/above 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>12%</b>
ELA ranked at/above 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>38%</b>
Math ranked at/above 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>8%</b>
Math ranked at/above 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile:	<b>25%</b>

### Cumulative Unweighted GPAs:

Class of 2020		Class of 2021	
24%	3.75 and above	25%	3.75 and above
11%	3.5 to 3.75	10%	3.5 to 3.75
35%	3.0 to 3.5	25%	3.0 to 3.5
24%	2.5 to 3.0	22%	2.5 to 3.0
6%	Below 2.5	18%	Below 2.5

# 60%

*of students participate in Sports or Athletic Clubs*

# 53%

*of students participate in Fine Arts programs*

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*student-led Clubs*

## A CLASSICAL EDUCATION FOR MODERN TIMES

*A classical education is a liberal arts education intended to equip students for virtuous, knowledgeable, and happy lives. Our students will be engaged citizens and intellectually rigorous contributors, well qualified for future studies in law, medicine, business, engineering, technology, theology or any other professional or vocational pursuit.*

In the **humanities**, students engage in Socratic discussion, as teachers propose questions based on close readings of complete works. Freshmen read the *The Iliad* and *The Aeneid* and delve into the works of historians and philosophers such as Thucydides, Herodotus, Plato, and Plutarch. In their sophomore year, students read Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dickens, and Austen, while considering the religious and political contributions of Augustine through Adam Smith. Students discover America in their junior year, completing courses in American Literature, American History, and American Government. They read the founding documents as well as the influential Federalist papers and other writings of the founders, presidents, authors, and activists of the 19th century. Finally, the senior year focuses on modern times with works by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and George Orwell and a study of the presidencies, wars, politics, and theories that shaped the era.

**Mathematics** and **science** classes place an emphasis on the search for

### Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement coursework is available in 10th grade, with additional AP courses offered in following years, particularly in math, science, and Latin. Students enrolled in an AP course are expected to take the corresponding exam. Because all our high school courses are rigorous and follow a coherent trajectory, Atlanta Classical Academy offers AP courses only when they closely align with the curriculum. **Students must first complete the non-AP core course and may take optional follow-on AP courses only when this is recommended by their teachers.**

### The Class of 2019 was accepted into the following institutions:

Auburn University	DePauw University	Howard University	
Agnes Scott College	Emory University	Kenyon College	
Ave Maria University	Fisk University	Loyola University (Chicago)	University of Georgia
Babson University	Florida Southern College	Loyola University (New Orleans)	University of Notre Dame
Belmont University	Florida State University	Macalester College	University of Richmond
Berry College	Fordham University	Marquette University	University of South Carolina
Boston College	Furman University	Mercer University	University of St. Andrews
Brandeis University	George Washington University	Oglethorpe University	University of Pittsburgh
Bucknell University	Georgia College & State University	Rhodes College	University of West Virginia
Case Western University	Georgia Southern University	Samford University	Ursinus College
Cedarville University	Georgia State University	Sewanee: University of the South	Wake Forest University
Concordia University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University	Washington & Lee University
Connecticut College	High Point University	Texas Christian University	The College of William & Mary
Davidson College	Hillsdale College	Tufts University	Wingate University
Denison College	Hollins University	University of Alabama	Young Harris College

### Curriculum (24 credits required)

#### English (4.0 credits)

Classical Literature  
British Literature  
American Literature  
Modern European Literature

#### History (4.5 credits)

Western Civilization I (Classical)  
Western Civilization II (Medieval)  
American History (1.5 credits)  
Modern European History

#### Mathematics (4.0 credits)

Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
Pre-Calculus  
Calculus

#### Science (4.0 credits)

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics

#### Foreign Language (3.0 credits)

Latin I-V  
Spanish I-III  
Greek  
German

#### Additional Requirements (3.5 credits)

Composition, Moral Philosophy,  
American Government, Economics,  
Political Philosophy

#### Electives (2.5 credits)

Advanced Composition, Computer  
Science I, Leadership, Performance  
Ensemble I-IV, Studio Art I-III,  
Personal Fitness/Health, German

#### AP Offerings: Computer Science

Principles, Latin, Biology, Art History,  
Chemistry, Physics I, Physics C,  
Calculus BC,