

PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

CEEB CODE: 446684

STAFF: Headmaster: *Richard R. Halloran*
 Upper School Principal: *Carmen Watson*
 College Advisor: *Tonya Post*
 Athletic Director: *Anthony Davis*
 Administrative Assistant: *Aimee Froelich*

COMMUNITY DATA: Providence Classical School is located in a suburb 30 miles northwest of Houston in Spring, TX, and draws students from a 25-mile radius. The Houston community has a strong technology, energy, and manufacturing base. Resources include the Johnson Space Center, the Texas Medical Center, professional companies in all of the arts, and several major universities.

AFFILIATIONS: Association of Classical & Christian Schools (ACCS), Moscow, Idaho
 Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC)
 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

ACCREDITATION: ACCS, Initial: March 2006; Renewed: March 2008, March 2013, April 2018

STUDENT BODY: Pre-Kindergarten through High School 341
 Grammar School (PK-6) 187
 Upper School:
 Logic (grades 7-8) 57
 Rhetoric (grades 9-12) 97
 Upper School Student/Teacher ratio 8:1

CALENDAR: 36 weeks; 3-trimester grading system; seven 45-minute daily class periods in grades 7–12.

UPPER SCHOOL: 22 teachers (17 full-time, 5 part-time); 8 with advanced degrees.

GRADUATION: Class of 2021: 23.5 credits - one credit per year for courses that meet 5 days per week; ½ credit per year for courses that meet fewer than 5 days per week.

Core Courses:

English (includes Rhetoric²)..... 4 credits
 Humanities (history of ideas) ... 4 credits
 Mathematics 4 credits
 Science (lab courses)..... 3 credits
 Latin 2 credits
 Adv./Modern Language 2 credits
 Biblical Studies 4 credits

Academic Electives:

Applied Mathematics³ 1 credit
 Pre-Calculus³ 1 credit
 College Algebra..... 1 credit
 Statistics 1 credit
 Calculus 1 credit
 Anatomy or Physics II 1 credit
 Spanish III, French III, or Latin VI ... 1 credit
 Computer Science⁴ ½ credit
 Ecology⁴ ½ credit
 Economics ½ credit
 Engineer Your World⁴ 1 credit
 MS Office Suite⁴ ½ credit
 Science Olympiad⁴ ½ credit

Arts Electives¹:

Art ½ credit
 Advanced Art ½ credit
 Choir ½ credit
 Mock Trial ½ credit
 Speech/Debate ... ½ credit
 Worship Team.... ½ credit
 Yearbook ½ credit

¹ Students must take one year of an arts elective as part of their graduation requirements.

² Students take Rhetoric I and II in their junior and senior years. The senior thesis is memorized, delivered, and defended to the school community. See DINSTINCTIVES for further details.

³ Students must take one of these courses as a core math course.

⁴ These electives are offered intermittently.

DISTINCTIVES:

Providence Classical School is a classical Christian school, employing the centuries-proven methodology known as the *Trivium*, Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. At the high school level (spanning Logic and Rhetoric), Providence Classical School's humanities and English program focuses on an intensive study of the great writings, people, events, works, and ideas that have formed and reformed civilization as we know it. Special emphasis is given to the study of Western Culture. Classic works of our culture are studied within their historical settings and from a traditionally biblical perspective, which helps the students understand how these works and the people who wrote them were influenced by those historical settings. It also reveals the universal nature of the great works, which are classics precisely because they speak to all men through all ages. Emphasis is placed upon reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills. *All English, math, humanities, literature, and science courses are taught at the honors level.*

GRADING:

| Letter Grade | Grade Point Average | Numerical Average |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| A+ | 4.0 | 97-100 |
| A | 4.0 | 93-96 |
| A- | 3.7 | 90-92 |
| B+ | 3.3 | 87-89 |
| B | 3.0 | 83-86 |
| B- | 2.7 | 80-82 |
| C+ | 2.3 | 77-79 |
| C | 2.0 | 73-76 |
| C- | 1.7 | 70-72 |
| F | 0 | < 70 |

GPA COMPUTATION:

GPA is computed on all subjects receiving a letter grade, grades 9+, also including 8th grade Algebra I and Latin II.

CLASS RANK:

Due to small class sizes and selective admission, Providence Classical School does not rank students by GPA except to award salutatory and valedictory honors and to report the top 10%.

CUMULATIVE HONORS:

Summa Cum Laude = 3.9+
Magna Cum Laude = 3.75 – 3.89
Cum Laude = 3.5 – 3.74

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM:

Classes of 2004-2020
In addition to 5 National Merit finalists and 5 National Hispanic Honorable Mention students, 19 of our 165 graduates received letters of commendation.

TESTING SUMMARY:

| Classes of 2004-2016 (old SAT) | Class of 2020 |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Critical Reading Mean – 612 | Critical Reading Mean – 633 |
| Math Mean – 585 | Math Mean – 582 |
| Writing Mean – 604 (years '05 – '16) | |
| <i>Highest possible score: 800 per category</i> | |
| ACT Composite Mean – 24 | ACT Composite Mean – 25 |
| <i>Highest possible score: 36</i> | |