

PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

CEEB CODE: 446684

STAFF: **Headmaster:** *Richard R. Halloran*
Upper School Assistant Principals: *Jennifer White*
Dean of Academics: *Dawn Ontiveros* **Dean of Student Life:** *Jason Connor*
College Advisors: *Tonya Post, Bethany Scott* **Athletic Director:** *Melvin Roberts*
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, April 2023

STUDENT BODY: Pre-Kindergarten through High School 415
Grammar School (PK-6) 231

Upper School:
Logic (grades 7-8) 54
Rhetoric (grades 9-12) 130
Upper School Student/Teacher ratio 8:1

CALENDAR: 36 weeks; trimester grading system; 4 70-min./1 50-min. daily class periods for 7th–12th.

UPPER SCHOOL: 22 teachers (18 full-time, 4 part-time); 8 with advanced degrees.

GRADUATION: Class of 2026: 23.5 credits - one credit per year for courses that meet 4 times over 7 day cycle; ½ credit per year for courses that meet fewer days per cycle.

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:

Spanish III, French III, or Latin VI ... 1 credit
Pre-Calculus³ 1 credit
College Algebra³ (DC) 1 credit
Statistics³ (DC) 1 credit
Calculus 1 credit
Anatomy or Physics II 1 credit
Global Energy..... ½ credit
Computer Science..... ½ credit
Ecology..... ½ credit
Economics ½ credit
Shakespeare..... ½ credit
Greek ½ credit
Classroom Assistant ½ credit
Inductive Scripture Study..... ½ credit
World Religions..... ½ credit

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
Recorder ½ credit
Strings ½ credit
Drama ½ credit
Strength/Cond. .. ½ credit
Handbells ½ credit
Art History..... ½ credit
Theory of Bball.. ½ credit
Aide..... 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. These courses culminate with a junior research paper and senior thesis.

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

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.***

SENIOR THESIS: The senior thesis involves a 20-page research paper over a topic selected by the student and is required to graduate. This persuasive thesis is memorized, delivered, and defended to the school community and an academic panel.

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+. 8th grade Algebra I and Latin II received P/F high school credit only.

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 2004-2025**
In addition to 8 National Merit finalists and 4 National Hispanic Honorable Mention students, 25 of our PCS graduates received letters of commendation.

TESTING SUMMARY (Mean scores for SAT/ACT by graduating class):

CLASS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
English	675	672	658	633	659	658	648	675	633
Math	651	619	630	582	644	623	632	652	588
ACT	30.5	28	27	25	27	28.5	27	27	27